BOOST CRNA

NursingCAS Application Checklist

Every universal step of the CRNA application, in order — a printable checklist to work through.

These are the standard steps for an application that runs through NursingCAS — which is fewer programs than most applicants expect. Of the 154 we list, 67 use NursingCAS and 86 take applications on their own portal instead. Confirm the route for every school on your list before you build a plan around this page.

Before you start

- [ ] Create your NursingCAS account
  Start early — verification can take weeks, not days.
- [ ] Confirm how each program on your list actually takes applications
  More than half the programs we list do not use NursingCAS. Check each one rather than assuming.
- [ ] Record each program's deadline and requirements
  Deadlines and prerequisites vary by school.
- [ ] Budget for application, transcript and score fees

Academic history

- [ ] Add every college and university you have attended
- [ ] Request official transcripts sent to NursingCAS
- [ ] Enter coursework if course-by-course entry is required
- [ ] Send standardized test scores if a program requires them
  Of the 154 programs we list, 29 require the GRE and 12 require it only in certain cases — most often a GPA below a stated line.

Supporting information

- [ ] Add your RN license or licenses
- [ ] Add your certifications
  The CCRN is required by 82 of the 154 programs we list and preferred by 29 more. ACLS, PALS and similar belong here too.
- [ ] Add critical-care (ICU) work experience and hours
- [ ] Add shadowing, leadership and volunteer experience

- [ ] Request letters of recommendation and evaluations
  Give recommenders plenty of lead time.

Program materials

- [ ] Write and upload your personal statement and essays
- [ ] Upload your resume or CV if required
- [ ] Complete any program-specific questions or supplemental applications

Review and submit

- [ ] Review every section for accuracy
- [ ] Pay the application fees
- [ ] Submit your applications
- [ ] Confirm each shows Complete or Verified, and clear any holds
- [ ] Track interview invitations and respond promptly

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This is the snapshot. The live program directory, your candidacy score, the planning tools and scored mock interviews with Ana are in the Pre-Op app, where your deadlines update themselves.

General guidance, not program-specific advice. Counts describe the 154 programs listed in the Boost CRNA directory on 2026-10-03, not every program that exists. Requirements change between cycles — confirm with each program and with NursingCAS.