

## ACCREDITATION STATUS

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, Illinois, 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456.

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is registered as a private institution with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

The Nurse Anesthesia Program at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA), 222 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068; (847) 655-1160, (<http://home.coa.us.com>). The program's next review by the COA is scheduled for May/October 2020.

**Specific academic program information:** To review a complete description of the program including curriculum design, academic and clinical course descriptions and objectives, and policies and procedures please refer to the following link: [Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia Program Handbook and Administrative Manual](#)

**Attrition for the most recent graduating classes:** Class of 2018: 33 admitted and 33 graduated; Class of 2017: 33 admitted and 33 graduated; Class of 2016: 32 admitted and 32 graduated.

**Employment of graduates within six months of graduation:** 100% of our graduates have been employed upon graduation. This has been true for the past 10 years

**Certification examination pass rate for first time takers:** Class of 2017: 70%; Class of 2016: 80%; Class of 2015: 80% pass; Class of 2014: 88%.

### **Transition of the Master of Science Program to a Practice-Oriented Doctoral Degree Program**

Currently, the graduate program is recruiting for a Master of Science degree program starting in May 2019. This program will transition into an entry-level doctoral program before the accreditation deadline of January 1, 2021. Potential students will be informed of the exact transition date. Any student enrolled in the Master of Science program during the transition period will be allowed to complete the Master of Science.