

# LEADERSHIP EXCEL AND ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (LEAP), GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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**Credential:** Graduate Certificate

**Field of Study:** Leadership Excel and Achievement

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## Program Overview

Leadership Excel and Achievement Program (LEAP) is a program designed to optimize the Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA) workforce by engaging a wider student pool. LEAP is ideal for two types of students: a student who has been previously rejected from an accredited CRNA doctoral program or a student who knows their current skills and qualifications do not meet current program standards and want to become more competitive applicants. The curriculum focuses on three targeted areas to increase student aptitude and competitiveness: science, scholarship and testing, and mentorship and professional socialization.

The Nurse Anesthesia DNP program at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University has worked with other Nurse Anesthesia DNP affiliate institutions to offer this program.

The Leadership Excel and Achievement Program (LEAP), a post-baccalaureate certificate program, is one year in length and 16 credit hours. LEAP prepares students for the rigors and in-depth curriculum of Nurse Anesthesiology Doctoral programs. The focus is on science, scholarly writing, and anesthesia specialty courses. The coalition of Nurse Anesthesiology programs builds quality students to continue their education seamlessly.

**The design of the program is for two types of students:**

- Academic enhancer – applicants who need to improve their undergraduate GPAs and their knowledge in the biological sciences.
- Primary program rejections – applicants denied an interview or admission to a currently accredited Nurse Anesthesiology doctoral program.

**Key Features:**

- Successful completion gains admission into one of the coalition programs
- Multi-year mentoring plan
- Professional socialization into the Nurse Anesthesiology profession