Master of Science in Anesthesia Program
General Suggestions for Strengthening an Application

1. Improve your academics

   o Take any missing prerequisite courses, retake any prerequisites in which you received a grade lower than a B-, and retake any prerequisites that do not meet our time requirements.
   o Consider retaking the MCAT if your score is lower than 493. 502 is a competitive score for the program.
   o If you took the GRE, the 60th percentile in all three sections is a competitive score for the program. Consider retaking the GRE if your scores are much lower.
   o Review our prerequisites and admission requirements.
   o Prerequisite courses must continue to be taken **in person**. We will only accept prerequisite courses taken during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years that were meant to be taught in person, but were temporarily moved online due to COVID.

2. Improve your interviewing skills

   o If your application is competitive, you will be invited for an interview. The interview is 50% of how we rank an applicant. Everyone should brush up on their interviewing skills.

3. Continue to shadow and investigate the profession. The MSA program strongly recommends shadowing a CAA in the operating room environment. If you are in an area where CAAs are not prevalent, then shadowing an anesthesiologist or nurse anesthetist practicing within the anesthesia care team model is suggested.

4. Review a basic text on anesthesia to become more familiar with the subject. Basics of Anesthesia, by RD Miller and M Pardo is one good text.

5. Any type of healthcare experience would be beneficial in preparing for the program, from volunteering in a hospital to working in a healthcare job (ex. medical scribe, EMT, CNA, etc.).

If you decide to reapply, the admissions committee will want to know the ways you have strengthened your application over the past year.

You can take advantage of the re-applicant feature in CASAA to carry over completed sections of last year's application to your new one.