Looking to enroll in a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA) program? The Leadership Excel and Achievement Program (LEAP) at Case Western Reserve University is designed to help you do just that. Whether you’ve applied to a CRNA program previously and not been accepted, or you’re hoping to improve your skills to become a more competitive applicant before applying, the LEAP Certificate Pathway—offered by Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing in partnership with affiliate institutions—will help you develop your leadership skills while strengthening your qualifications.

Program Overview
Throughout this one-year, 16-credit-hour certificate program, you will concentrate on core science requirements and the professional responsibilities of a CRNA. Should you earn an 80% or higher in your LEAP courses, you’ll be guaranteed automatic enrollment in a doctoral-level CRNA program at one of our affiliate institutions. Program directors will determine enrollment locations.
Program Structure

The LEAP Certificate Pathway is offered remotely with clinical observations and lab simulations on campus at one of the affiliate institutions during your final semester.

Our curriculum focuses on three targeted areas to increase your aptitude and competitiveness as a CRNA candidate. These include:

- Science,
- Scholarship and testing, and
- Professional socialization.

As a student, you’ll also benefit from additional support, including:

- One-on-one mentoring,
- Study groups, and
- Attendance at professional CRNA organization meetings.

Application Information

To apply to the LEAP Certificate Pathway, you will need to provide the following:

- Completed online application
- Written essay
- Recommendations from three nurses who know your clinical work
- Resume/CV
- Transcripts (minimum 2.7 GPA for both nursing and science courses)

Tuition for the three-semester program is by credit hour. Scholarships and program sponsors are available.

Ready to learn more?
Connect with us directly at LEAPinfo@case.edu or visit case.edu/nursing/leap.