

Including Ultrasound in Anesthesia

DUSON Nurse Anesthesia students Alex Arno (near) and Stephan Bodnar (far) are practicing performing an ultrasound-guided right supraclavicular block on a standardized patient as part of their regional anesthesia training.

Since coming to Duke, Assistant Professor **Christian R. Falyar, DNAP, CRNA**, has expanded the Nurse Anesthesia Program's curriculum to include more than 50 hours of supervised ultrasound training during

students' first three semesters. In addition to peripheral nerve blocks, students receive training on ultrasound-guided vascular access, neuraxial imaging and point-of-care examinations (airway, cardiac, gastric, pulmonary assessments).

The Nurse Anesthesia Program also holds weekly open ultrasound labs where students can practice and review specific techniques prior to clinical rotations.

