

Vanderbilt University Medical Center 2026 Advanced Practice Provider Critical Care Boot Camp

September 2nd 08:00-15:30 Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt University

September 3rd 08:00-15:30 Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt University

- Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Advanced Practice Provider Critical Care Boot Camp is a multi-specialty critical care conference for practicing critical care nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Now in its fourteenth year, this lecture-based, interactive course is designed to educate **new providers** with relevant evidence based clinical information; *and* challenge **experienced providers** with new research, updated best practice guidelines and thought-provoking discussions. The diverse conference faculty includes physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants who are leaders in their disciplines from across the country. This year's topics include (but are not limited to):
 - ICU Ed and Todd-Cast
 - Top Papers in Critical Care Medicine
 - Post-Cardiac Arrest Brain Care: Neuroprognostication & Brain Death
 - Challenging Sedation Cases
 - Updates and Controversies in Acute PE Management
 - Pro/Con Panel: Should New Grad APPs Be Required to Complete Fellowship Training in Critical Care?

Learners will have the opportunity to engage in pro-con panel discussions and moderator led roundtable sessions covering topics such as critical care leadership structures, onboarding critical care APPs, and ICU triage.

Target Audience: This course is designed for nurse practitioners and physician assistants working in critical care.

Location: Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt University 2555 West End Ave

A light breakfast and lunch will be offered on September 2nd & 3rd and are included in the conference registration price. A complimentary networking event and wine reception will take place on September 2nd from 15:30-17:00

We are excited to offer several additional hands-on learning opportunities!

- Critical Care Ultrasound Training
- Airway Management Cadaver Lab
- Management of ECMO for Respiratory Failure for Non-ECMO Specialists
- ICU Procedure Workshop

Airway and Critical Care Procedures Cadaver Lab

September 1st 08:00-11:00 Vanderbilt University (max learners 12)

For providers interested in receiving procedural training, an optional hands-on cadaver lab is available. This hands-on lab will focus on airway management, intubation, surgical airways, need decompression, finger thoracostomy, chest tube insertion, and intraosseous insertion. Learners can expect a 4:1 student to instructor ratio. Over the 3-hour course learners will have the opportunity to practice direct and video laryngoscopy on at least 2 cadavers followed by a rotation of skills taught by highly trained APP lab faculty. All learners **must wear scrubs**. The Critical Care ACNP/PA Cadaver Lab is located at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. For questions regarding the session, please contact Dan Ford, AGACNP-BC (daniel.j.ford@vumc.org)

Management of ECMO for Respiratory Failure for Non-ECMO Specialists

September 1st 12:00-15:00 Vanderbilt University (max learners 12)

This course is designed for clinicians caring for adult ECMO patients and offers a practical, up-to-date review of ECMO care for both cardiac and respiratory failure. Participants will review patient selection, indications, circuit physiology, cannulation strategies, common ECMO configurations, and management considerations for key clinical scenarios including cardiogenic shock, ARDS, pulmonary hypertension, lung transplantation, ECP, left ventricular venting, and liberation from VA ECMO. The course includes didactic instruction from institutional experts, followed by hands-on interactive simulation aimed at strengthening bedside recognition, clinical decision-making, and management of ECMO-supported patients. For questions regarding this session, please contact Wren Adkisson, MSN, AG-ACNP (wren.s.adkisson@vumc.org)

Hands-On Point of Care Ultrasound Training

September 4th 07:30-17:00 Vanderbilt University (max learners 32)

The ultrasound training course will help you learn essentials in point of care ultrasound with an emphasis on image acquisition and interpretation. This course is taught by APPs and physicians and includes both didactic and hands-on sessions. Learners will have the opportunity to practice cardiac, lung, and abdominal ultrasound on live models. The Critical Care ACNP/PA Ultrasound course is located at Vanderbilt University Center for Experiential Learning and Assessment (2213 Garland Ave). Boxed lunch will be provided.

For questions regarding this session, please contact Brooke Bailey
(brooke.a.bailey.2@vumc.org).

Conference Pricing

Event	Before June 1, 2026	After June 1, 2026	CME Credits
APP Critical Care Boot Camp	\$700	\$800	
Ultrasound Training	\$700	\$800	
Cadaver Lab	\$500	\$550	
ECMO for Respiratory Failure	\$600	\$650	
Procedural Skills with High-Fidelity Mannequins and Cadavers	\$600	\$650	

Accommodations

For your convenience, a room block has been reserved at Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt University, (2555 West End Avenue) at a discounted rate for the nights of September 1st to 4th. The price is discounted for conference attendees.

Credits Offered

This event offers CME credits to attendees' differential to the event you choose.

Additional Information

Registration is limited and you are encouraged to register early. If you have any questions regarding course content or learning objectives, please contact Sarah Bloom at sarah.l.bloom@vumc.org.

For questions regarding registration and logistics, please contact Jaylen Palmer at jaylen.palmer@vumc.org.