

Nursing – Nurse Anesthetist

Nature of the Profession

Nurse anesthetists are registered nurses who have completed additional specialized education and training in administering anesthetics. Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) are anesthesia specialists who provide anesthetics to patients in collaboration with surgeons, anesthesiologists, dentists, podiatrists and other qualified health care professionals.

APTITUDES

- Ability to learn advanced sciences necessary to nursing
- Good numerical abilities
- Good verbal ability for speaking, reading, and writing.
- Ability to work with people, to make decisions based on data, observations, and experience, and to work under stress
- Good space and form perception and manual dexterity and sufficient strength to do moderate lifting
- Ability to make accurate observations, keep records, and work within precise standards

EDUCATION

Education and experience required to become a CRNA include:

- A Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or other appropriate baccalaureate degree.
- A current license as a registered nurse.
- At least one year's experience in an acute care nursing setting.
- Graduation from an accredited school of nurse anesthesia educational program ranging from 24-36 months, depending on university requirements. These programs offer a graduate degree and include clinical training in university-based or large community hospitals.
- Passing a national certification examination following graduation.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN NEBRASKA

- BryanLGH Medical Center – Lincoln (M)

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

An applicant for licensure in the State of Nebraska must have a license as a registered nurse in the State of Nebraska, and have national certification. Certification is issued by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, a national body that administers the certification exam. CRNAs are licensed by the State of Nebraska as Advanced Nurse Practitioners (Anesthetist).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Web Address: www.aana.com

Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists

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