

MEET YOUR CRNA

Florida has more than 6,400 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs)

EDUCATION

CRNAs are highly educated APRNs with a minimum of 7-8.5 years of training, specific to nursing and anesthesiology, before being licensed to practice. They have an **average of 3 years of critical care experience** prior to being admitted to anesthesia school. Upon graduation, they will have obtained approximately 10,000 hours in the clinical setting. All CRNA programs in Florida are at the doctoral level. **CRNAs are the only independent anesthesia provider 100% nationally board certified** to safely provide every type of anesthesia or chronic pain management service.



PRACTICE SETTINGS

CRNAs practice in every setting requiring anesthesia including hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs), medical and dental offices, pain management facilities, the U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and the U.S. Armed Forces, at home and abroad.

MAINTAIN SAFETY

CRNAs deliver anesthesia to patients in exactly the same ways, for the same type of procedures, and just as safely as physician anesthesiologists. **CRNAs have the same scope of practice as their physician anesthesiologist colleagues.** In fact, **CRNA malpractice premiums have gone down by 36% since 1988** (down 71% when trended for inflation). There is **NO** case a physician can perform that a CRNA cannot.



MILITARY

CRNAs often **serve as the primary anesthesia providers in the military and in rural and under-served areas.** CRNAs provide anesthesia independently, without supervision, on the battlefield, in austere environments, supporting the needs of the forward surgical teams.

INCREASED ACCESS TO CARE

CRNAs are well prepared to practice as independent anesthesia providers, working with surgeons on the operating team. They are qualified to make independent judgments based on their education, licensure, and certification.

By allowing CRNAs to be utilized to their full scope of practice, **we can increase access to care here in Florida,** WITHOUT changing scope and providing facility CHOICE.



HOW CAN WE HELP? COMMUNITY RESOURCE

CRNAs are ready to help in their communities from our own task forces such as our Opioid Crisis Task Force and Maternal and Infant Health Task Force - to helping by giving back during emergencies, natural or otherwise. **We stand ready to give back to the communities we love.**

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