

# MEET YOUR CRNA

**South Carolina has nearly 2,000  
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs)**

## EDUCATION



CRNAs are highly educated Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) with a minimum of **7-8.5 years of education and clinical training**, specific to nursing and anesthesiology, before being licensed to practice.

This does not include the **average of 3.5 years of critical care experience** prior to being admitted to anesthesia school. Upon graduation, CRNAs will have approximately 10,000 hours in a clinical setting and dedicated at least **10.5 years total** towards their degree. .

By 2025, all CRNAs will be doctorally prepared. CRNAs are the only independent anesthesia providers 100% nationally board certified to safely provide every type of anesthesia.

## PRACTICE SETTINGS

**CRNAs practice in every setting** requiring anesthesia including:

- Hospitals
- Ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs)
- Medical and dental offices
- Pain management facilities
- U.S. Public Health Service Department of Veterans Affairs facilities
- 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, with the same safety measures and outcomes as other anesthesia providers.

CRNAs have been safely administering anesthesia in all 50 states for over 100 years.

In fact, **CRNA malpractice premiums have gone down by 36% since 1988** (down 71% when trended for inflation).



## MILITARY

**CRNAs often serve as primary anesthesia providers in the military** and in rural and under-served areas.

CRNAs provide anesthesia independently in the U.S. Armed Forces, **without supervision**, on the battlefield, in austere environments, supporting the needs of the forward surgical teams.



## INCREASE ACCESS

**CRNAs are well prepared to practice as sole anesthesia providers** working with all members of the healthcare 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 in South Carolina** without changing scope and providing facilities a choice in their anesthesia delivery model.

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

**CRNAs are ready to help** in our communities whether it is healthcare in nature or simply community service.

CRNAs are invested in their community, be it in the OR or serving on school boards, engaging in volunteer or neighborhood groups.

Should you have initiatives important to you, please reach out.



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