



Healthcare Certification

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Competency Standards for Nurse Anesthesia

1. Abilities to observe and communicate. Nurse anesthetists must be able to observe, hear, and understand evidence about a patient's status quickly and accurately as well as communicate rapidly and clearly with patients, members of the healthcare team and others.
2. Physical capabilities and motor skills. Nurse Anesthetists are required to move, transfer, and position patients and to locate and arrange equipment as needed; to be sufficiently mobile to provide care to several patients at a time and to have sufficient dexterity, hand eye coordination and stamina to operate complicated instruments and perform procedures for prolonged periods as medically necessary.
3. Cognitive skills and intellectual capacities. Nurse anesthetists are able to understand complex medical information related to patient needs and care; to transcribe and communicate that information quickly and accurately; and to distinguish standard from nonstandard patterns of patient behaviors and responses.
4. Decision making skills. Nurse anesthetists are expected to demonstrate the capacity to gather, organize, assess, prioritize, make decisions, and then act on information appropriately so as to facilitate the prompt and timely delivery of patient care.
5. Ability to complete above competencies in the work environment: The operating room environment (including all anesthetizing areas) is loud and often chaotic. A nurse anesthesia provider, both CRNA and student, must be able to block out the confusion and maintain his or her patients' safety. This requires the nurse anesthesia provider to remain focused on the tasks at hand, evaluate and act in a timely fashion and communicate effectively with the other operating room personnel.

Student's Printed Name: _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

PROVIDER'S CERTIFICATION

____ Student **IS** in good mental and physical health and able to assume the physical competency standards of a nurse anesthetist.

Stamp/Print Provider's name & address:

Name _____
Address _____

Provider's Signature _____ Date _____