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STATE	CURRENTLY REQUIRES ADVANCED DEGREE?	PERTINENT STATUTORY/REGULATORY INFORMATION
Alabama	Yes	<p>“The applicant for approval to practice as a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall have . . . [e]arned at least a master’s degree, or post-master’s certificate in advanced practice nursing from an accredited graduate program in nurse anesthesia recognized by the Board [of Nursing].... The applicant for approval as a certified registered nurse anesthetist who graduated from an accredited school of nurse anesthesia prior to December 31, 2003, is exempt from the master’s degree requirement.” [Alabama Board of Nursing rules, sec. 610-X-9-.01(1)(c) and (2)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Alaska	No	
Arizona	No	
Arkansas	Yes	<p>“Effective January 1, 2003, all applicants for advanced practice licensure by examination shall have completed a graduate level advanced practice nursing education program. Applicants for advanced practice licensure by endorsement shall have met the educational and certification requirements set forth in Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations at the time of their initial licensure as an advanced practice nurse in another jurisdiction.” [Arkansas State Board of Nursing Regulations, Chapter Four, Section II]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
California	No	

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Colorado	No	<p>"On and after July 1, 2008, the requirements for inclusion in the advanced practice registry [includes CRNAs] shall include successful completion of a graduate degree in the appropriate specialty; except that individuals who are included in the registry as of June 30, 2008, but have not successfully completed such degree, may thereafter continue to be included in the registry and to use the appropriate title and designation." [Colorado Rev. Stat., art. 38, title 12, sec. 12-38-111.5(4)(c)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: Per the Colorado Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the Colorado Board of Nursing has indicated that it does not intend to grandfather out-of-state applicants who do not have master's degrees after July 1, 2008.</p>
Connecticut	Yes	<p>"The department of public health and addiction services may issue an advanced practice registered nurse license . . . to an applicant who satisfies the following requirements . . . if first certified by one of the foregoing certifying bodies [including the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists] after December 31, 1994, holds a masters degree in nursing or in a related field recognized for certification as either a nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse specialist, or a nurse anesthetist by one of the foregoing certifying bodies." [Conn. Gen. Stat., ch. 378, sec. 20-94a(a)(4)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Delaware	No (Optional)	<p>"<u>Advanced Practice Nurse</u> means an individual . . . who is currently licensed as a registered nurse and has a Master's degree or a post-basic program certificate in a clinical nursing specialty. . . ." [Delaware Code, Title 24, ch. 19, sec. 1902(d)(1)]</p>

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District of Columbia	No	
Florida	Yes	<p>An applicant for recognition as a nurse anesthetist must either (1) complete a "formal postbasic educational program of at least one academic year, the primary purpose of which is to prepare nurses for advanced or specialized practice;" or (2) graduate from "a program leading to a master's degree in a nursing clinical specialty area with preparation in specialized practitioner skills. . . . For applicants graduating on or after October 1, 2001, graduation from a master's degree program shall be required for initial certification as a registered nurse anesthetist" [Florida Statutes, ch. 464, sec. 464.012 (1)(a) and (c)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Georgia	Yes	<p>" 'Advanced practice registered nurse' means a registered professional nurse licensed under this chapter who is recognized by the board as having met the requirements established by the board to engage in advanced nursing practice and who holds a master's degree or other graduate degree approved by the board and national board certification in his or her area of specialty, or a person who was recognized as an advanced practice registered nurse by the board on or before June 30, 2006. This paragraph shall not be construed to require a certified registered nurse anesthetist who graduated from an approved nurse anesthetist educational program prior to January 1, 1999, to hold a master's degree or other graduate degree." [Official Code of Georgia Annotated, sec. 43-26-3(1.1)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>

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Hawaii	No (Optional)	<p>"The board shall grant recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse [includes the nurse anesthetist] provided the nurse has . . . [a] master's degree in nursing as specified in rules adopted by the board or a current certification for specialized and advanced nursing practice from a national certifying body recognized by the board" [Hawaii Rev. Stat., ch. 457, sec. 8.5(a)(3)]</p> <p>An applicant for recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse must send certain information to the board of nursing, including: "An official complete transcript of the master's degree in clinical nursing or nursing science sent directly from the school, or evidence of current certification in the nursing specialty sent directly from the recognized national certifying body. . . ." [Hawaii Administrative Rules, sec. 16-89-83(3)]</p>
Idaho	No	
Illinois	Yes	<p>Qualifications for licensure as an advanced practice nurse include obtaining "a graduate degree appropriate for national certification in a clinical advanced practice nursing specialty or a graduate degree or post-master's certificate from a graduate level program in a clinical advanced practice nursing specialty." [225 ILCS 65/65-5(b)(4)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: Per the Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Illinois does not intend to grandfather out-of-state applicants who do not have master's degrees after December 31, 2006.</p>
Indiana	No	
Iowa	No (Optional)	<p>"The general educational and clinical requirements necessary for recognition by the board as a specialty area of nursing practice [which includes nurse anesthesia practice] are as follows:</p> <p>(1) Graduation from a program leading to a master's degree in a nursing clinical specialty area with preparation in specialized practitioner skills as</p>

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		<p>approved by the board; or</p> <p>(2) Satisfactory completion of a formal advanced practice educational program of study in a nursing specialty area approved by the board and appropriate clinical experience as approved by the board." [Iowa Admin. Code sec. 655-7.2(3), subsec. (a)]</p>
Kansas	Yes	<p>"Qualifications of advanced registered nurse practitioners. (a) To be certified as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in any of the categories of advanced practice . . . each applicant shall meet at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Complete a formal, post-basic nursing education program located or offered in Kansas that has been approved by the board and prepares the nurse to function in the advanced role for which application is made; (2) complete a formal, post-basic nursing education program that is not located or offered in Kansas but is determined by the board to meet the standards for program approval established by [board of nursing regulations]; (3) have completed a formal, post-basic nursing education program that may be no longer in existence but is determined by the board to meet standards at least as stringent as those required for program approval by the board at the time of graduation; (4) hold a current certificate of authority to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in the category for which application is made and that meets the following criteria: (A) Was issued by another board of nursing; and (B) required completion of a program meeting standards equal to or greater than those established by [board of nursing regulations]; (5) complete a formal educational program of post-basic study and clinical experience that can be demonstrated by the applicant to have sufficiently prepared the applicant for practice in the category of advanced practice for

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		<p>which application is made....</p> <p>(c) Each applicant for certification as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in the category of anesthesia shall meet one of the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) Meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) of this regulation before July 1, 2002; or</p> <p>(2) if none of the requirements in subsection (a) of this regulation are met before July 1, 2002, meet one of the requirements of subsection (a) of this regulation and hold a master's degree." [Kansas State Board of Nursing, Administrative Regulations, sec. 60-11-103 (a) and (c)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> Included in above provision.</p>
Kentucky	Yes	<p>"If the applicant for registration as an advanced registered nurse practitioner completes a postbasic program of study after January 1, 2005, then the applicant shall hold a master's degree or postmaster's certificate related to the advanced registered nurse practitioner designation." [Kentucky Board of Nursing Administrative Regulations, 201 KAR 20:056, sec. 2(10)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Louisiana	Yes	<p>"Advanced practice registered nursing' means nursing by a certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner which is based on knowledge and skills acquired in a basic nursing education program, licensure as a registered nurse, and a minimum of a master's degree with a concentration in the respective advanced practice nursing specialty . . ." [Louisiana Rev. Stat. sec. 913, para. (3)(a)]</p>

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		<p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: "The board may by endorsement issue a license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse if the applicant has practiced as an advanced practice registered nurse under the laws of another state and, in the opinion of the board, has met the requirements of Paragraph (A)(2)" [Louisiana Rev. Stat. sec. 920, para (B)(2)]</p> <p>Paragraph (A)(2) requires APRNs who "completed or enrolled in a formalized post-basic education program" prior to December 31, 1995, (1) to have completed a "formal education program preparing graduates to practice specialized and advanced nursing practice," and (2) to hold current certification. Applicants who enrolled in an APRN program after January 1, 1996, are required to have "a minimum of a master's degree with a concentration in the respective advanced practice nursing specialty. . . ." [Louisiana Rev. Stat. sec. 920, para (A)(2)]</p>
Maine	Yes	<p>"As of January 1, 2006, an applicant for initial approval as an advanced practice registered nurse [includes CRNAs] in Maine must hold a master's degree with preparation in the specialty area for which application is made." [Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing, ch. 8, sec. 1(2)(C)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: "As of January 1, 2006, an applicant from another U.S. jurisdiction seeking approval by endorsement as an advanced practice registered nurse in Maine must have met requirements comparable to what was current Maine law at the time of graduation." [Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing, ch. 8, sec. 1(2)(D)]</p>
Maryland	Yes	<p>"If the applicant's nurse anesthetist program was completed after January 1, 2008, the applicant for certification as a CRNA shall also provide to the Board verification of completion of a nurse anesthetist program with a master's degree or higher." [COMAR 10.27.06.02]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provision, however,</p>

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		appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.
Massachusetts	No	
Michigan	No	
Minnesota	No	
Mississippi	Yes	<p>“Nurse practitioner [includes CRNAs] applicants graduating from a nurse practitioner program after December 31, 1998, will be required to submit official evidence of graduation from a graduate program with a concentration in the applicant’s respective advanced practice nursing specialty.” [Rules and Regulations of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, ch. IV, sec. 2.1(a)(4)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Missouri	Yes	<p>Certified registered nurse anesthetists must “[p]rovide evidence of having successfully completed an advanced nursing education program” [20 CSR 2200-4.100, subsec. (3)(B)(2)]</p> <p>"Advanced nursing education program" is defined as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prior to July 1, 1998, completion of a formal postbasic educational program . . . leading to a graduate degree or certificate with a concentration in an advanced practice nursing clinical specialty area. 2. From and after July 1, 1998, completion of a graduate degree from an accredited college or university with a concentration in an advanced practice nursing clinical specialty area, which includes advanced nursing theory and clinical nursing practice." [20 CSR 2200-4.100, subsec. (1)(B)]

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		<p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: ". . . [R]egistered professional nurses seeking licensure by endorsement and recognition as advanced practice nurses in Missouri may receive such recognition . . . if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prior to July 1, 1998, they had completed a formal postbasic education program from or formally affiliated with an accredited college, university, or hospital, of at least one (1) academic year, which included advanced nursing theory and clinical nursing practice, leading to a graduate degree or a certificate with a concentration in an advanced practice nursing clinical specialty area, and 2. Prior to July 1, 1998, they were certified by a nationally recognized certifying body . . . and have continuously maintained active, up-to-date recertification status." [20 CSR 2200-4.100, subsec. (7)(C)]
Montana	Yes	<p>"Applicants for recognition [as a] . . . Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist shall possess the following educational and certification qualifications . . . [f]or original recognition after June 30, 1995, a master's degree from an accredited nursing education program, as defined in (1)(a), which prepares the nurse for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse recognition applied for; and individual certification from a board-approved certifying body. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who completed an accredited advanced practice registered nurse program and obtained national certification prior to June 30, 1995, may be recognized in Montana." [Montana Board of Nursing Rules, ch. 32, subch. 3, rule 8.32.305, subsec. (1)(b)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Nebraska	No	<p>Requirements for initial licensure as an APRN include completion of "a graduate-level advanced practice registered nurse program in a clinical specialty area of certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist,</p>

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		<p>certified nurse midwife, or nurse practitioner, which program is accredited by a national accrediting body.” [Neb. Rev. Stat., LB 256, sec. 42(1)(b)]</p> <p>“A person ... certified as a certified registered nurse anesthetist ... in this state on the operative date of this section shall be issued a license by the department as an advanced practice registered nurse on such date.” [Neb. Rev. Stat., LB 256, sec. 42(3)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> “The department may issue a license as an advanced practice registered nurse by endorsement to an applicant who holds a credential equivalent to a certified registered nurse anesthetist issued by another jurisdiction if such applicant meets the requirements of subdivision (4) of section 71-1730 as such subdivision existed on December 31, 1998.” [Neb. Rev. Stat., LB 256, sec. 42(2)(c)]</p> <p>“Subdivision (4) of section 71-1730 as such subdivision existed on December 31, 1998” required successful completion of a “course of study in anesthesia in a school of nurse anesthesia accredited or approved by or under the auspices of the [Nebraska] department [of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure] or the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia and [sic] Educational Programs.”</p>
Nevada	Yes	<p>"An applicant for initial approval as a certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . [after] (a) June 1, 1988, must submit evidence that he has received a baccalaureate degree in nursing; or (b) June 1, 2005, must submit evidence that he has received a master's degree in nursing or anesthetic care." [Nevada Admin. Code (NAC), sec. 632.515, subsec. 2]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> "Any person seeking to be approved as a certified registered nurse anesthetist in this state and who is approved as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, or its equivalent, in another jurisdiction must comply with all the requirements set forth in NAC 632.500 to 632.550 [board of</p>

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		nursing regulations regarding CRNAs], inclusive." [Nevada Admin. Code (NAC), sec. 632.520]
New Hampshire	Yes	<p>"An applicant for initial ARNP [advanced registered nurse practitioner, which includes CRNAs] licensure shall ... [h]ave graduated with a graduate degree earned in an accredited advanced registered nurse practitioner education program or have graduated before July 1, 2004 from an ARNP education program accredited by a national accrediting body... ." [N.H. Rev. Stat., sec. 326-B:18(I)(b)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
New Jersey	No	
New Mexico	Yes	<p>"The board [of nursing] may license for advanced practice as a certified registered nurse anesthetist an applicant who . . . has successfully completed a nurse anesthesia education program accredited by the council on accreditation of nurse anesthesia education programs; provided that if the applicant is initially licensed by the board or a board in another jurisdiction after January 1, 2001, the program shall be at a master's level or higher. . . ." [New Mexico Stat. Ann. sec. 61-3-23.3, subsec. (A)(2)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: Included in above provision.</p>
New York	No	
North Carolina	No	
North Dakota	Yes	<p>Applicants for advanced practice registered nurse licensure "must have a graduate degree with a nursing focus or must have completed the educational requirements in effect when the applicant was initially licensed."</p>

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		<p>[North Dakota Century Code, ch. 43-12.1-09(2)(c)(2)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> "An applicant for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse who completed an advanced nursing education program and was licensed or certified in advanced practice by another state before January 1, 2001 . . . may apply for and receive an advanced practice license if that applicant meets the requirements that were in place in this state at the time the applicant qualified for initial advanced practice licensure in that state." [North Dakota Century Code, ch. 43-12.1-09(2)(d)]</p>
Ohio	Yes	<p>An applicant to practice as a certified registered nurse anesthetist must, "[e]xcept as provided in divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section . . . [s]ubmit documentation satisfactory to the board that the applicant has earned a graduate degree with a major in a nursing specialty or in a related field that qualifies the applicant to sit for the certification examination of a national certifying organization" [Ohio Rev. Code, sec. 4723.41, div. (A)(2)]</p> <p>"On or before December 31, 2000, the board shall issue to an applicant a certificate of authority to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . if the applicant complies with all requirements of this section, other than the requirement that the applicant has earned a graduate degree with a major in a nursing specialty or in a related field that qualifies the applicant to sit for the certification examination of a national certifying organization" [Ohio Rev. Code, sec. 4723.41, div. (B)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> "A certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . who is practicing as such in another jurisdiction may apply for a certificate of authority to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . in this state if the nurse meets the requirements for a certificate of authority set forth in this section The application shall include evidence that the applicant . . . holds a license or certificate to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse</p>

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		anesthetist . . . in good standing in another jurisdiction If the applicant is a certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . who, on or before December 31, 2000, met the requirements of this section to practice as such and has maintained certification in the applicant's nursing specialty with a national certifying organization. . . [then] division (B) of this section [see above] shall apply." [Ohio Rev. Code, sec. 4723.41, div. (E)]
Oklahoma	No	
Oregon	Yes	"Applicants who graduate from an approved anesthesia educational program on or after January 1, 2001 shall be required to hold a Master's degree in anesthesia practice, or in a related practice area approved by the board. " [Oregon State Board of Nursing Rules, OAR sec. 851-052-0020(4)] <u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.
Pennsylvania	No	
Puerto Rico	Yes	The definition of "specialized female/male nurse," (the nursing practice category which includes nurse anesthetists) is "[A] person with a Masters degree in nursing from an institution of higher learning accredited or recognized by the Council on Higher Education of Puerto Rico." [Act No. 9 of October 11, 1987, sec. 2, subsec. (e)(1)] <u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> "The Board may issue a license without an examination to those nurses who hold a license issued by the government of any state, possession or territory of the United States of America if, in the Board's judgment, these candidates meet Puerto Rico's requirements to practice nursing or those of the states or territories of the United States of America with which the

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		Board has established reciprocity." [Act No. 9 of October 11, 1987, sec. 14]
Rhode Island	No	
South Carolina	Yes	<p>“An advanced practice registered nurse applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant . . . has earned a master’s degree from an accredited college or university, except for those applicants who . . . graduated before December 31, 2003, from an advanced, organized formal education program for nurse anesthetists accredited by the national accrediting organization of that specialty. CRNAs who graduate after December 31, 2003, must graduate with a master’s degree from a formal CRNA education program for nurse anesthetists accredited by the national accreditation organization of the CRNA specialty.” [Code of Laws of South Carolina, sec. 40-33-34(A)(3)(b)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> “An applicant for a license who holds a current authorization to practice in another state or jurisdiction in this country or territory or dependency of the United States may be licensed by the board by endorsement, without examination, if the applicant . . . has completed all requirements for graduation from a nursing education program approved by the state or jurisdiction in this country or territory or dependency of the United States in which the program is located, as evidenced by a graduation transcript or other proof of education satisfactorily demonstrating graduation as determined by the board. The applicant’s education must be equivalent to that required in this State at the time of the applicant’s initial licensure in the other jurisdiction. An applicant shall comply with these educational requirements for basic RN licensure and satisfy the requirements of Section 40-33-34.” [Code of Laws of South Carolina, sec. 40-33-35(7)]</p>
South Dakota	No	

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Tennessee	Yes	<p>" 'Advanced practice nurse' means a registered nurse with a Master's degree or higher in a nursing specialty and national specialty certification as a nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, or clinical nurse specialist."</p> <p>An advanced practice nurse "who holds a Tennessee registered nurse license in good standing and current national specialty certification in the advanced practice specialty shall be eligible for a certificate to practice as an advanced practice nurse upon passage of this act, and shall be exempt from the requirement of a Master's degree or higher in the nursing specialty if licensed in Tennessee and holding national specialty certification prior to July 1, 2005." [Tenn. Code Ann., Title 63, Chapter 7, sec. 63-7-126 (a) and (d)]</p> <p><u>Out-of State Applicants:</u> Per the Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the Tennessee Board of Nursing has indicated that it does not intend to grandfather out-of-state applicants who do not have master's degrees after July 1, 2005.</p>
Texas	Yes	<p>"Beginning January 1, 2003, a master's degree in the advanced practice role and specialty will be required for recognition as an Advanced Practice Nurse." [Board of Nurse Examiners Rules and Regulations § 221.1(2)] The Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists has confirmed with the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) that the BNE will grandfather both in-state and out-of-state CRNAs without master's degrees after the implementation date.</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> No explicit reference. However, the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists has confirmed with the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) that the BNE will grandfather both in-state and out-of-state CRNAs without master's degrees after the implementation date.</p>
Utah	No (Optional)	<p>"Applicants for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse shall: ... (i) have earned a graduate degree in: (A) an advanced practice registered nurse nursing education program; or (B) a related area of specialized knowledge as</p>

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		determined appropriate by the division in collaboration with the board; or (ii) have completed a nurse anesthesia program ... which is approved by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.” [Utah Code Section 58-31b-302(4)]
Vermont	No	
Virginia	Yes	<p>“An applicant for initial licensure as a nurse practitioner [includes CRNAs] shall ... [s]ubmit evidence of a graduate degree in nursing or in the appropriate nurse practitioner specialty from an educational program designed to prepare nurse practitioners that is an approved program as defined in [these regulations].” [Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners, 18 VAC 90-30-80(A)(2)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> “An applicant for licensure by endorsement as a nurse practitioner shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide verification of licensure as a nurse practitioner or advanced practice nurse in another U.S. jurisdiction with a license in good standing, or, if lapsed, eligible for reinstatement; 2. Submit evidence of professional certification that is consistent with the specialty area of the applicant’s educational preparation issued by an agency accepted by the boards as identified in [these regulations]; and 3. Submit the required application and fee as prescribed in [these regulations].” <p>[Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners, 18 VAC 90-30-85]</p>
Virgin Islands	No	
Washington	Yes	After January 1, 1995, an applicant for licensure as an ARNP, which is necessary to practice as a nurse anesthetist, must have completed a program

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		<p>with " . . . content that culminates in a graduate degree with a concentration in advanced nursing practice." [Washington Admin. Code (WAC), sec. 246-840-305, subsec. (5)(d)]</p> <p>"Persons not meeting the[se] educational requirements . . . may be licensed if:</p> <p>(a) Certified prior to December 31, 1994, by a national certifying organization recognized by the board at the time certification was granted; and</p> <p>(b) Recognized as an advanced registered nurse practitioner by another jurisdiction prior to December 31, 1994; and</p> <p>(c) Completed an advanced registered nurse practitioner program equivalent to one academic year." [Washington Admin. Code (WAC), sec. 246-840-340, subsec. (5)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants:</u> Included in above provision.</p>
West Virginia	No (Optional)	<p>"On or after the effective date of this rule [July 1, 1991] a licensee may announce advanced practice if he or she has a current license as a registered nurse in West Virginia; and . . . [c]urrent National Certification in an area recognized by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses On or after December 31, 1998 a licensee may announce advanced practice if he or she has . . . [a] master's degree in nursing." [Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses Legislative Rules, title 19, series 7, sec. 3.1]</p> <p>The WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses has reportedly indicated that "announcing" advanced practice will not be required to practice as a nurse anesthetist.</p>
Wisconsin	Yes	<p>"Advanced practice nurse' means a registered nurse who possesses the following qualifications . . . For applicants who receive national certification as a . . . certified registered nurse anesthetist . . . after July 1, 1998, the registered</p>

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		<p>nurse holds a master's degree in nursing or a related health field granted by a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency approved by the board of education in the state in which the college or university is located." [Wisconsin Admin. Code, ch. N 8, sec. N 8.02 (1)(c)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>
Wyoming	Yes	<p>" 'Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)' means a nurse who ... [h]as a master's degree in nursing, or an advanced practice registered nurse specialty or has completed an accredited advanced practice registered nurse educational program prior to January 1, 1999 ..." [Wyoming Statutes, sec. 33-21-120(a)(1)(C)]</p> <p><u>Out-of-State Applicants</u>: No explicit reference; the above provision, however, appears to implicitly apply to out-of-state applicants who meet the stated requirements.</p>

ADVANCED EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

SUMMARY TABLE: MASTER'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

States that have adopted a master's degree requirement:

Alabama	Nebraska
Arkansas	Nevada
Colorado*	New Hampshire
Connecticut	New Mexico
Florida	North Dakota
Georgia	Ohio
Illinois*	Oregon
Kansas	South Carolina
Kentucky	Tennessee*
Louisiana	Texas
Maine	Virginia
Maryland	Washington
Mississippi	Wisconsin
Missouri	Wyoming
Montana	

*States with an application deadline for grandfathering eligibility; see chart for deadline date.

Total: 29 states have adopted master's degree requirements