

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS



STATE	ARE NURSE ANESTHETISTS REQUIRED TO BE CERTIFIED?	IF YES, WHAT IS THE CERTIFYING BODY?
Alabama	Yes	National Board on Certification & Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists, or other certifying body approved by the Board of Nursing. [Alabama Board of Nursing Admin. Code, §610-X-9-.01(1)(d)]
Alaska	Yes	A national certification body recognized by the board. [Professional Regulations, Board of Nursing, 12 AAC 44.400]
Arizona	Yes	The National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists or another national certifying body recognized by the board of nursing. [Arizona Rev. Stat. Ann., vol. 10, Title 32, ch. 15, sec. 32-1634.03(A)(3)]
Arkansas	Yes	A national certifying body recognized by the board of nursing. [Arkansas Code Ann., §17-87-302(a)(2)(B)]
California	Yes	<p>The California Board of Registered Nursing shall consider the standards of the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists and the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists. [California Nurse Anesthetists Act, Art. 7, §2826(a)]</p> <p>The "Application to Use the Title of Nurse Anesthetist" issued by the Board of Registered Nursing states that a copy of the nurse's certificate from the Council on Certification or the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists must be returned with the application.</p>
Colorado	Yes	The Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists. [Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, ch. XIV, § II, subsec. 2.4.2]

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Connecticut	Yes	The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, their successors or other appropriate national certifying bodies approved by the Board of Examiners for Nursing. [Conn. Gen. Stat., ch 378, §20-94a(a)(2)]
Delaware	Yes	Current certification by a national certifying body in the appropriate APRN role and at least one population focus. [24 Del. Code, subsection 1902(c)] The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or other nationally recognized, Board of Nursing approved certifying agency. [Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, sec. 8.4]
District of Columbia	Yes	An applicant must receive a passing score on "the national certification examination by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or any other nationally recognized certifying body accepted by the Board." [DCMR, Title 17, ch. 57, §5705.1]
Florida	Yes	An appropriate specialty board, including but not limited to the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists, or its predecessor. [Florida Statutes, section 464.012 (1)(b), Rules of the Florida Department of Health, Board of Nursing, Sections 64B9-4.002(2) and 64B9-4.002(3)(a)]
Georgia	Yes	The National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists. [Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Board of Nursing, sec. 410-11-.04(3)(b)(4)]

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Hawaii	Yes	<p>Requirements for recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse include "[a] current, unencumbered certification of having passed a national certification examination that measures role and population-focused competencies and is recognized by the board..." [Hawaii Rev. Stat., ch. 457, §457-8.5(5)]</p> <p>The National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists. The board of nursing may recognize other national certifying bodies accredited by the ABNS or the NCCA, which provide competency-based certification examinations reflective of APRN knowledge of and expertise in their nursing specialties. [Hawaii Administrative Rules, sec. 16-89-85(b)]</p>
Idaho	Yes	An organization recognized by the Board of Nursing for the specified APRN role. [Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing, IDAPA §23.01.01, sec. 285.03]
Illinois	Yes	Council on Certification of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. [68 Ill. Adm. Code 1305, sec. 1305.20(a)(2)(C)(i)]
Indiana	Yes	A "certified registered nurse anesthetist" is defined as being "properly certified by successfully completing the certification examination administered by the AANA's Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or its predecessor...." [Indiana Code Ann., §25-23-1-1.4]
Iowa	Yes	A national professional nursing certifying body approved by the board; includes the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists. [Iowa Admin. Code §655-7.1(152)]

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Kansas	Yes	"[T]o obtain authorization from the board of nursing to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist an individual shall . . . successfully [have] completed an examination approved by the board or [have] been certified by a national organization whose certifying standards are approved by the board as equal to or greater than the corresponding standards established under this act for obtaining authorization to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist." [Kansas Stat. Ann. §65-1152(a)(3)]
Kentucky	Yes	The National Board on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists. [Kentucky Board of Nursing Administrative Regulations, 201 KAR 20:056, sec. 3(2)(c)]
Louisiana	Yes ¹	A nationally recognized certifying body such as the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists. [La. Rev. Stat. 37 §913(1)(b)]
Maine	Yes	The Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists. [Rules and Regulations of the Maine State Board of Nursing, Chapter 8, §4(1)(B)]

¹ "No registered professional nurse licensed in the state of Louisiana who has been employed to administer anesthetics for six months prior to October 1, 1976, shall be required to meet the requirements set forth in Paragraphs (1) [educational requirement] and (2) [certification requirement] of Subsection A herein, and such registered professional nurse may continue to administer anesthetics provided that such employment is continuous in the state of Louisiana and is not broken for a period of more than one year. However, any registered professional nurse licensed in this state who is employed to administer anesthetics after October 1, 1976, shall be required to meet the requirements of this Section." La. Rev. Stat. 37, §930(B)(1).

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Maryland	Yes	The Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or from another national certifying body recognized by the Board. [Regulations Governing the Practice of the Nurse Anesthetist, 10.27.06, sec.02(A)(3)]
Massachusetts	Yes	A Board of Nursing recognized certifying organization. [244 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 4.05(1)(a)(4)]
Michigan	No	An applicant must possess "current certification from the National Board on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA), or a successor organization" to be granted specialty certification in Michigan. [Board of Nursing Admin. Rules, R 338.10404(c)] "Specialty certification" is not required to practice, but does entitle a provider to use the title "nurse anesthetist." [Board of Nursing Admin. Rules, R 338.10403] Therefore, according to the Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists (MANA), while you are not <u>required</u> to obtain specialty certification, you could not use any title that included "nurse anesthetist" without specialty certification. Practically speaking, the MANA indicates that hospitals would be reluctant to employ perpetually uncertified anesthetists due to increased liability and reimbursement problems.
Minnesota	Yes	A national certifying body recognized by the board in the APRN role and population foci appropriate to educational preparation. [Minnesota Statutes, sec. 148.211(1a)(c)(4)]
Mississippi	Yes	A national certification organization recognized by the Board. [Rules and Regulations of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, Title 30, Part 2840, Rule 1.2(A)(8); NPA 73-15-20(1)(b)]

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Missouri	Yes	The “Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists ... or other nationally recognized certifying body approved by the board of nursing....” [RSMo, sec. 335.016(8)]
Montana	Yes	Current national certification in APRN role and population focus, congruent with education preparation. [Montana Board of Nursing Rules, sec. 24.159.1412(5)] "Certifying body" means a board-recognized national certifying organization that uses psychometrically sound and legally defensible examinations for certification in APRN roles and population focus. [Montana Board of Nursing Rules, sec. 24.159.301(4)]
Nebraska	Yes	“An applicant for a license under the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practice Act to practice as a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall: ... Submit evidence of current certification by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists. “[Neb. Rev. Stat., 38-707(1)]
Nevada	Yes	A nationally organized group recognized by the Nevada Board of Nursing. [Regulations of the Board of Nursing, §632.515(1)(d)]

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New Hampshire	Yes	<p>An applicant for a license to practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (includes nurse anesthetists) must "[b]e currently certified by a board-recognized national certifying body in the specialty for which the applicant was educated" [New Hampshire Revised Statutes, §326-B:18(l)(c)]</p> <p>An applicant for an initial license to practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse must "Hold current certification from a national certifying body, recognized by the by National Council of State Boards of Nursing, that specializes in the APRN area of practice." [New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Nur. 302.04(a)(5)]</p>
New Jersey	Yes	<p>"An applicant for certification as an advanced practice nurse [which includes CRNAs] shall complete a course of study and successfully complete an examination in an advanced practice nursing specialty credentialed by a national certifying agency, that is accredited by the American Board of Nursing Specialties and/or the National Commission for Certifying Agencies." [N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.1(b)]</p> <p>"Each applicant for certification as an advanced practice nurse shall submit ... [p]roof that the applicant is currently certified by a national certifying agency that is accredited by the American Board of Nursing Specialties and/or the National Commission for Certifying Agencies." [N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.1(d)(4)]</p>
New Mexico	Yes	National board on certification & recertification of nurse anesthetists. [NMAC sec. 16.12.2.14(A)(4)]

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New York	Yes	The Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or other certifying examination which the commissioner finds to be substantially equivalent. [New York State Hospital Code 10 NYCRR § 700.2]
North Carolina	Yes	The Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists. [North Carolina Admin. Code T21:36 §.0226(b)(1)]
North Dakota	Yes	A national nursing organization meeting criteria as established by the board. [North Dakota Century Code §43-12.1-09(2)(c)(2)]
Ohio	Yes	<p>Applicants must ... “[s]ubmit documentation satisfactory to the board of having passed the certification examination of a national certifying organization approved by the board under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code to examine and certify, as applicable, nurse-midwives, registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, or nurse practitioners....” [Ohio Revised Code, sec. 4723.41(A)(3)]</p> <p>“The board of nursing shall establish a list of national certifying organizations approved by the board to examine and certify registered nurses to practice nursing specialties.” [Ohio Revised Code, sec. 4723.46(A)]</p>
Oklahoma	Yes	National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists. [Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act 567.3a(10)(a)(1)]
Oregon	Yes	An approved certifying body. [Oregon State Board of Nursing Rules, OAR sec. 851-052-0020(1)(d)]

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Pennsylvania	Yes	The Council on Certification or on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. [Rules and Regulations for Registered Nurses, §21.17(2)]
Puerto Rico	No	
Rhode Island	Yes	The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists, or its predecessors or successors. [Rhode Island Nurse Practice Act, §5-34.2-3(c)]
South Carolina	Yes	A board-approved credentialing organization. [Code of Laws of South Carolina, sec. 40-33-34(2)]
South Dakota	Yes	A national certifying body recognized by the board. [South Dakota Codified Laws, Registered and Practical Nurses, §36-9-30.1(3)]
Tennessee	Yes	" '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." [Tenn. Code Ann., Title 63, Chapter 7, sec. 63-7-126 (a)]

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Texas	Yes	<p>“Applicants who completed their advanced practice nursing educational programs on or after January 1, 1996 must submit evidence of current certification in an advanced practice role and population focus area recognized by the Board that is congruent with the advanced practice nursing educational preparation.</p> <p>The certification examination shall be recognized by the Board for the role and population-focus area.” [Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas Rules and Regulations §221.4(b)]</p>
Utah	Yes	<p>“Applicants for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse” (which includes CRNAs) must “be currently certified by a program approved by the division in collaboration with the board...”[Utah Code, § 58-31b-302 (4)(i)]</p> <p>A certification body approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the National Commission for Certifying Agencies; or (ii) the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification. <p>[Utah Administrative Code, § R156-31b-301c(1)(c)]</p>
Vermont	Yes	<p>A national APRN specialty certifying organization. [Board of Nursing Administrative Rules, Chapter 4, Part 8]</p>

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Virginia	Yes	National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists. Other certifying agencies that meet criteria set forth in rules may be accepted by the board on the recommendation of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine. [Nurse Practitioner Regulations, 18 VAC 90-30-90(A)(3)]
Washington	Yes	The National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists. [Washington Admin. Code 246-840-302(2)]
West Virginia	Yes	A national certifying body recognized by the Board of Nursing. [Board of Nursing rules sec. 19-7-2.2]
Wisconsin	Yes, under certain circumstances	<p>Nurse anesthetists are required to be “currently certified by a national certifying body approved by the board [of nursing]” to use the title “advanced practice nurse” or to be an “advanced practice nurse prescriber.” [Wisconsin Admin. Code, ch. N8, sec. N 8.02(1)(b) and N 8.03(2)]</p> <p>According to the Wisconsin Association of Nurse Anesthetists (WANA), legal counsel for the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensure/Board of Nursing has indicated that a nurse anesthetist is not required to be an “advanced practice nurse” or an “advanced practice nurse prescriber.” An uncertified nurse anesthetist could not use the title “advanced practice nurse” and would not be eligible to become an advanced practice nurse prescriber. Bear in mind, however, that many facilities may not be willing to utilize perpetually uncertified nurse anesthetists.</p>

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Wyoming	Yes	An advanced practice registered nurse is required to take and pass a “national certification examination.” [Wyoming Statutes, sec. 33-21-120(a)(i)(D)]

TOTALS: 49 states and the District of Columbia require certification.

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