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CRNA Education

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Spreading misinformation about the education of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) is a favorite scare tactic of physician special-interest groups. It's time to take a look at the real story about anesthesia provider education.

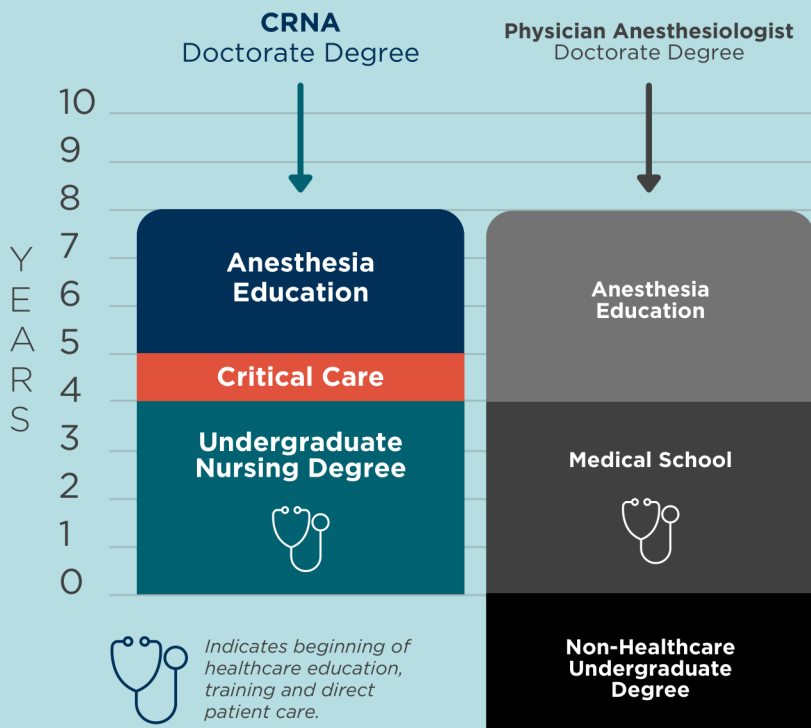
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As sought-after anesthesia care providers, CRNAs are highly educated and expertly trained with years of education and experience before entering into practice.

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Because of their rigorous academic and clinical requirements for recertification, CRNAs are astute about the latest advancements to ensure that patients receive the best, safest care possible.

CRNA Education & Training



CRNA Advantages

- Baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses with an average of 4.5 years in critical care nursing (one year of critical nursing required) when they enter their nurse anesthesia education*
- On average, have nearly 10,000 hours of clinical experience when they become a CRNA*
- Unlike physician anesthesiologists, CRNAs are required to have critical care experience before they begin their anesthesia education
- Pursue additional years of education in their specialty through fellowships

CRNAs fill crucial leadership roles by providing direct care for patients where anesthesia is delivered — from traditional hospital surgical suites to critical access hospitals; from ambulatory surgical centers to the offices of dentists, podiatrists, pain management specialists, and more.

CRNAs are central to a high-value anesthesia care delivery approach where quality and safety are emphasized, and costs are reduced.

*According to the NBCRNA 2022 Testing Demographics Report