

CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST

Average Salary: \$242,930 | \$117 per hour

Employment | 158 are licensed in Nevada,
including 114 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 307 are needed in Nevada to
meet national per capita rates



Overview

Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses with specialized education in anesthesia care. They safely provide anesthesia and pain management before, during, and after surgeries and medical procedures. CRNAs work in hospitals, surgery centers, and outpatient clinics. In some settings they may serve as the primary anesthesia provider.

Certified registered nurse anesthetists care for and monitor patients throughout surgical procedures. Because people react differently under anesthesia, patients must be closely observed. CRNAs make sure patients' breathing, temperature, heartbeat, and fluid levels remain stable. They examine a patients' skin color, pulse, blood pressure, and respiration. They also meet with patients to obtain and review medical histories, develop anesthesia care plans, and prepare patients for surgery.

In some situations, emergencies may arise, and CRNAs must act fast. They may need to open a patient's airway, infuse fluids, or administer necessary drugs. After a procedure, CRNAs monitor the patient's recovery and give additional medications to reduce side effects, such as nausea.

Certified registered nurse anesthetists work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, outpatient surgery centers, and clinics. Many CRNAs work in rural health care settings where they may be the sole provider of anesthesia services for rural communities.

At-a-Glance

- Certified registered nurse anesthetists administer and monitor anesthesia during surgical procedures
- Prescribe medications and administer local, intravenous, spinal, or other anesthetics
- Must have a doctoral degree and complete training to be certified as a CRNA
- Need licensure from the Nevada State Board of Nursing
- Salary ranges from \$218,500 to \$310,500

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Roseman University of Health Sciences (Henderson)
 - Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Doctorate