Working Abroad

For IFNA, a nurse anesthetist is a person who has completed a program of basic nursing education and basic nurse anesthesia education and is qualified and authorized in his/her country to practice nurse anesthesia. Nurse Anesthetist is a general title for nurses working in anesthesia with a specific education. The title could be: Nurse Specialized (or Specialist) in Anesthesia or Anesthetic Nurse.

IFNA Country	Switzerland
Language requirement	Yes, Schweizerische Interessengemeinschaft für Anästhesiepflege - Fédération Suisse des Infirmiers Anesthésistes (SIGA-FSIA), http://www.siga-fsia.ch
	4 official languages, but mainly only used German, French and Italian, depending on the regional area in the country.
	The be associated to the SIGA-FSIA is not mandatory but it's recognized by the SGAR (Swiss Association for Medical Anesthesia Doctor), who just approved the IFNA Internationals standard for Nurses Anesthetist.
	The SIGA-IFNA organize yearly a congress in April in Lucerne, and a second official congress in November during the SGAR congress. Several others officials congresses in different areas of Switzerland during the year are organized by the SIGA-FSIA or GIAL (Groupe of Latins Nurses Anesthetist)
Education requirements to become a nurse	Bachelor's degree
Education requirements to become a nurse anesthetist	Bachelor's degree
Legal authority that must recognize your education to practice as a nurse	Schweizerisches Rotes Kreuz
	Anerkennung Ausbildungsabschlüsse
	Werkstrasse 18, 3084 Wabern
	registry@redcross.ch
	Hotline: +41 58 400 44 84.
	Internet link: https://www.redcross.ch/de/thema/anerkennung-auslaendischer-ausbildungsabschluesse-0
Legal authority that must recognize your education to practice as a nurse anesthetist	Apply for accreditation by contacting a Swiss nurse anesthesia program (https://siga-fsia.ch/beruf/bildungsanbieter.html)
	https://www.odasante.ch/fileadmin/odasante.ch/docs

	/Hoehere_NDS_HF_AIN_auslaendische_Diplome_D.pdf
Required process to document competency to practice as a nurse anesthetist*, for example, certification	Anaesthesia care, intensive care and emergency care graduate with the certificate of competence: the so called "postgraduate study of higher degree". Anaesthesia departments recruit students from Nurses, who will graduate to "Expert in Anaesthesia Care with College of Postgraduate Education and Training Post-Degree" after the two-year training, as part of the national strategy an Advanced Federal PET Diploma Examination, that it is actually discussed for implementation.

https://www.odasante.ch/fileadmin/odasante.ch/docs/Hoehere_NDS_HF_AIN_auslaendische_Diplome_D.pdf |
| Visa requirements | Depending on the country of origin of the nurses: inside European zone a nurse should get the recognition of the nursing diploma or bachelor first from:

See: https://www.ch.ch/en/work-switzerland-foreign-national/ |
| Others | Nurse Anesthetists with foreign titles have to complete the final exam and diploma thesis. |