



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	United States of America
Language requirement	Yes, individual State's Board of Nursing, https://www.ncsbn.org/171.htm Commission for Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) Telephone: +1(215) 349-8767 E-mail: info@cgfns.org Web site: www.cgfns.org http://www.cgfns.org/support/resources/
Education requirements to become a nurse	Associates degree, nursing degree, Bachelor's degree (A bachelor's degree is required to gain admission to a nurse anesthesia program).
Education requirements to become a nurse anesthetist	Master's degree, Doctoral degree (Doctoral degree required as of January 1, 2025)
Legal authority that must recognize your education to practice as a nurse	Commission for Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools, www.cgfns.org , E-mail: info@cgfns.org ; Telephone: +1(215) 349-8767
Legal authority that must recognize your education to practice as a nurse anesthetist	Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, home.coa.us.com , E-mail: accreditation@coa.us.com ; Telephone: +1(847) 655-1160
Required process to document competency to practice as a nurse anesthetist*, for example, certification	National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists, www.nbcna.com , E-mail: certification@nbcna.com ; Telephone +1(708) 667-0111
Visa requirements	Yes. The VisaScreen® Service is a comprehensive screening program for health care professionals who are not U.S. citizens and are seeking an occupational visa to work in the United States. http://www.cgfns.org/services/visascreen/
Others	May be required by the individual state's Board of Nursing. For further information, contact the state's Board of Nursing or go to http://www.cgfns.org/support/resources/