

**APPLICATION**

**FOR NURSE - & NON-PHYSICIAN**

**ANESTHESIA PROGRAM**

**REGISTRATION**

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**Introduction**

The International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists (IFNA) is a global organization representing the specialty of nurse anesthetists. IFNA has developed a program approval process with three categories of approval. Programs are to apply for only one category. This application serves as the Eligibility Application and the Application for **IFNA Registration;** and includes a pledge for the program to comply with the IFNA *Educational Standards for Preparing Nurse Anesthetists* to the best of its ability. The pledge includes the signature of the anesthesia program director and the highest institutional official. The program is also required to submit its curriculum. The program’s identity, title of award, and curriculum will be posted on IFNA’s website with a statement that IFNA has not approved the curriculum but it is being posted for information only. Title of certificate awarded: IFNA Anesthesia Education Program Registration.

**Instructions**

A copy of *IFNA’s Educational Standards for Preparing Nurse Anesthetists (2016) and IFNA’s Anesthesia Program Approval Process (APAP) Operational Policies and Procedures* are available on IFNA’s website at http://ifna.site/ifna-accreditation-program/approval-process-for-nurse-anesthesia-programs/. It is strongly recommended that the Educational Standards and policies and procedures be reviewed prior to the completion of this form.

Anesthesia programs applying for Registration by IFNA are to complete this form. When submitting the form to the IFNA Executive Office, it should be accompanied by appropriate documentation to support what is said about the program in the application. For example, copies of course descriptions are to be submitted in support of a written description of the curriculum. The application form requires the name of the Program Director who will be the contact for IFNA in the processing of the application.

It is requested that the completed “IFNA Eligibility Application for Nurse & Non-Physician Anesthesia Program Registration” form be submitted by e-mail to the IFNA Executive Office at IFNA Executive Office at [ifna.rod@wanadoo.fr](mailto:ifna.rod@wanadoo.fr). The following items are to be submitted to apply for IFNA Registration status:

1. A completed IFNA Eligibility Application form.
2. Information about the program’s curriculum as follows:
   1. Admission requirements
   2. Course Titles
   3. Length of Program
   4. Degree or certificate awarded to graduates
3. Please submit all the items on this list to IFNA Executive Office at [ifna.rod@wanadoo.fr](mailto:ifna.rod@wanadoo.fr).

**Note to Programs applying for IFNA Registration**

You will be notified if your program is, or is not, eligible for IFNA Registration or if additional information is needed.

**IFNA ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION FOR**

# NURSE & NON-PHYSCIAN ANESTHESIA PROGRAM REGISTRATION

**Official Name of Applicant Anesthesia Program:**

## Information about the Program Director:

Name:

Title:

Street Address (or P.O. Box):

City:

Code:

Country

Telephone: (Country Code, City Code and number)

Home:

Work:

Fax:

Email:

If there is no telephone or fax number, please list a name and number of an alternate contact (include Country Code, City Code and number)

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

1. **IFNA Educational Standards and Program Approval Policies**
   1. The goal of IFNA’s approval process is to encourage anesthesia programs to comply with *IFNA’s Educational Standards for Preparing Nurse Anesthetists* through an approval process that takes cultural differences into consideration. Please review the *IFNA Educational Standards for Preparing Nurse Anesthetists* (2016) and the *IFNA Anesthesia Program Approval Process (APAP) Operational Policies and Procedures* Manual prior to submitting this application to determine if your program is eligible for registration and willing to meet the requirements.
   2. Does your anesthesia program (the applicant program) meet requirements to be considered for registration?
      1. Does the anesthesia program only educate non-physicians?
         1. Yes\_\_\_\_
         2. No\_\_\_
      2. How many nurses and other types of students are enrolled in your program?
         1. Nurses (#)\_\_\_\_\_
         2. Others (#) \_\_\_\_\_
      3. Does the anesthesia program have admission requirements that include an education in nursing or another scientific background that prepares a student to succeed in the anesthesia program?
         1. Yes\_\_\_\_
         2. No\_\_\_

iv. Does your anesthesia program pledge to meet IFNA’s Educational Standards and

program approval policies to the best of its ability?

1. Yes\_\_\_\_
2. No\_\_\_

v. Has the program been denied registration, recognition, or accreditation by a

governmental or nongovernmental recognition or quality assurance entity at any

time?

1. Yes\_\_\_\_
2. No\_\_\_
3. **General Information about Education requirements for Entry into Basic Nursing Education and Practice in your country.**
   1. Briefly describe the educational and other requirements for entry into basic nursing education in your country.
   2. What is the minimum age for entry into a basic nursing educational program? \_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. What are the number of years (or months) required to successfully complete the basic nursing education?
      1. 2 years\_\_\_\_\_or months\_\_\_\_\_\_
      2. 3 years\_\_\_\_\_or months\_\_\_\_\_\_
      3. 4 years\_\_\_\_\_or months\_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. Is licensure required to practice as a professional nurse?
      1. Yes\_\_\_\_
      2. No\_\_\_\_\_
      3. If yes, is this by examination?
         1. Yes\_\_\_\_
         2. No\_\_\_\_
      4. If no, how is the nurse recognized as a professional? (Please check (X) all that apply).
         1. The Ministry of Health\_\_\_\_
         2. The Ministry of Education\_\_\_
         3. Other\_\_\_\_
4. **General information about Non-Physician Anesthesia Educational Programs and Requirements in your country.**
   1. Are there other non-physician anesthesia education programs in your country?
      1. Yes\_\_\_\_
      2. No\_\_\_\_
      3. If yes, what is the number of schools? \_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Are the non-physician programs all recognized?
      1. National\_\_\_\_
      2. Local\_\_\_\_\_
      3. Regional\_\_\_\_\_
      4. Private\_\_\_\_
   3. Are the non-physician programs (schools) approved?
      1. Yes\_\_
      2. No\_\_\_
      3. If yes, by whom are they approved?
   4. Is the non-physician anesthesia educational program’s curriculum standardized throughout the country?
      1. Yes\_\_\_
      2. No\_\_\_

## National Association

## Is there a national non-physician anesthesia organization in your country?

## Yes\_\_\_\_\_

## No\_\_\_\_\_

## Official contact person for national association:

Name:

Title

Street Address (or P.O. Box)

City:

Code:

Country:

Telephone: (Country Code, City Code and number)

Home:

Work:

Fax: (please indicate if number is home or work)

E-mail address:

If there is no telephone or fax number, please list a name and number of an alternate contact (include Country Code, City Code and number)

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

1. **Information about your Non-Physician** **Anesthesia Program that is applying for IFNA Registration (Applicant Program)**
   1. Briefly describe the educational and other requirements for entry into your anesthesia educational program. This should include: years of nursing or other health professional experience, type of nursing or other experience required, pre-entry evaluations, testing, dossier, etc. (Please list all of the requirements.)
   2. What is the length of your anesthesia educational program?

# Months

* 1. Who establishes the standards and educational requirements for your anesthesia educational program?
  2. Describe the content of your anesthesia educational program, including the amount of theory and clinical experience. Please include an example of the curriculum including a list of course titles for posting on IFNA’s website. You can find a sample curriculum in Appendix A of this document.

e. Please explain any differences in the curriculum for nurse and non-nurse students.

1. **Credentials**
   1. What type of credential is offered upon successful completion of the anesthesia educational program?
      1. Certificate\_\_\_\_\_
      2. Diploma\_\_\_\_\_
      3. Degree\_\_\_\_\_
      4. Other\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Is this credential
      1. Local\_\_\_\_\_\_
      2. Regional\_\_\_\_\_
      3. National\_\_\_\_\_
   3. Is this credential recognized
      1. Yes\_\_\_\_
      2. No\_\_\_\_
      3. If yes, by whom is it recognized?
   4. Is there a continuing education requirement following completion of the non-physician anesthesia educational program?
      1. Yes\_\_\_\_
      2. No\_\_\_\_
      3. If yes, briefly explain:
2. **General information about the scope of practice of your graduates in your country.**
3. Do graduates of your program prepare and check anesthesia machines, monitors, drugs, materials, and equipment for all anesthesia procedures?

O \*independently

O \*under indirect supervision

O \*under direct supervision

1. Do graduates of your program maintain the airway (do you insert masks, LMAs, endotracheal tubes)?

O Independently

O Under indirect supervision

O Under direct supervision

1. Do graduates of your program administer and/or participate in the administration of general and regional anesthesia to all ages and categories of patients and surgical procedures?

O independently

O under indirect supervision

O under direct supervision

1. Do graduates of your program emerge patients from anesthesia?

O independently

O under indirect supervision

O under direct supervision

1. Are your graduates familiar with the management of a broad variety of anesthesia techniques, anesthetic agents, adjunctive and accessory drugs, as well as with pain management and safe sedation procedures?

O yes

O no

1. Do your graduates understand and actively practice the effective analysis and utilization of invasive and noninvasive monitoring data?

O independently

O under indirect supervision

O under direct supervision

1. Do your graduates recognize and take appropriate action when complications occur and immediately consult with appropriate others if patient safety requires it or if the incidence exceeds your scope of practice?

O independently

O under indirect supervision

O under direct supervision

1. Do your graduates serve as resource persons in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, respiratory care, and other acute care needs?

O independently

O under indirect supervision

O under direct supervision

\*Independently: you are allowed to work without supervision of an anesthesiologist

\*Indirect supervision: the anesthesiologist is responsible for more than one theatre and may delegate the anesthesia or part of the anesthesia to you. He /she is available by phone or intercom if necessary.

\*Direct supervision: the physician anesthesiologist is present during all phases of anesthesia (induction, administration and emergence of anesthesia). Your role is one of an assistant.

We are applying for IFNA Registration,

we have read and understand the definition of IFNA Registration and have decided to submit the program’s curriculum and related material to the IFNA Education Committee. We understand that the curriculum will be posted on IFNA’s website if the program is found eligible for registration. We pledge to meet the *IFNA Educational Standards for Preparing Nurse Anesthetists* to the best of our ability.

In addition, the program has not been denied recognition or accreditation by a governmental or nongovernmental accreditation or quality assurance entity.

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Signature & title of Program Director Date

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Signature & title of highest institutional official Date

**Appendix A: Sample Curriculum**

Official name of nurse anesthesia program, Mailing address, Country

Name of program director, Title

***CURRICULUM OVERVIEW[[1]](#footnote-1)***

**Degree Awarded: Master of Science in Nursing with a Specialization in Nurse Anesthesia**

**Term and Course Credits**

**Fall (16)**

NURS 5010 Graduate Anatomy 5

NURS 5001 Graduate Physiology 4

NURS 5700 Basic Principles of Anesthesia w/Equipment & Technology #1 1

NURS 5710 Chemistry & Physics Applied to Anesthesia 3

NURS 5711 Pharmacology related to Anesthesia 3

**Spring (15)**

NURS 5101 Advanced Pathophysiology 3

NURS 5109 Advanced Pharmacology 3

NURS 5701 Basic Principles of Anesthesia #2 3

NURS 5715 Advanced Health Assessment for Nurse Anesthesia 3

NURS 5240 Statistics & Epidemiology for Advanced Practice 3

**Summer (12)**

NURS 5250 EBP & Research Methods 3

NURS 5215 Health Promotion in Individuals & Vulnerable Populations 3

NURS 5702 Advanced Principles of Anesthesia #1 3

NURS 5730 Clinical Experience I (OR on W/Th/F) 3

**Fall (12)**

NURS 5910 Research & Theory Integration 3

NURS 5223 Health Care Policy & Ethics 3

NURS 5703 Advanced Principles of Anesthesia #2 3

NURS 5731 Clinical Experience II (OR on W/Th/F) 3

**Spring (10)**

NURS 5228 Organization & Systems Leadership 3

NURS 5720 Professional Aspects of Nurse Anesthesia 3

NURS 5732 Clinical Experience III (OR on T/W/Th/F) 4

**Summer (6.5)**

NURS 5740 Clinical Correlation Conferences 1.5

NURS 5733 Clinical Experience IV (OR on M/T/W/Th/F) 5

**Fall (6.5)**

NURS 5741 Clinical Correlation Conferences 1.5

NURS 5734 Clinical Experience V (OR on M/T/W/Th/F) 5

**Total Credit Hours 78**

**Note: The formula for converting credit hours to contact hours in this sample curriculum is 1 credit = 1 contact hour per week for 15 weeks per semester (78 x 15 = 1,170 contact hours). This academic unit of measurement will vary among countries. Please use the recognized credit or contact hours for the applicant program.**

1. Curriculum overview courtesy of B. Henrichs, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College, Nurse Anesthesia Program, St. Louis, Missouri, USA [↑](#footnote-ref-1)