

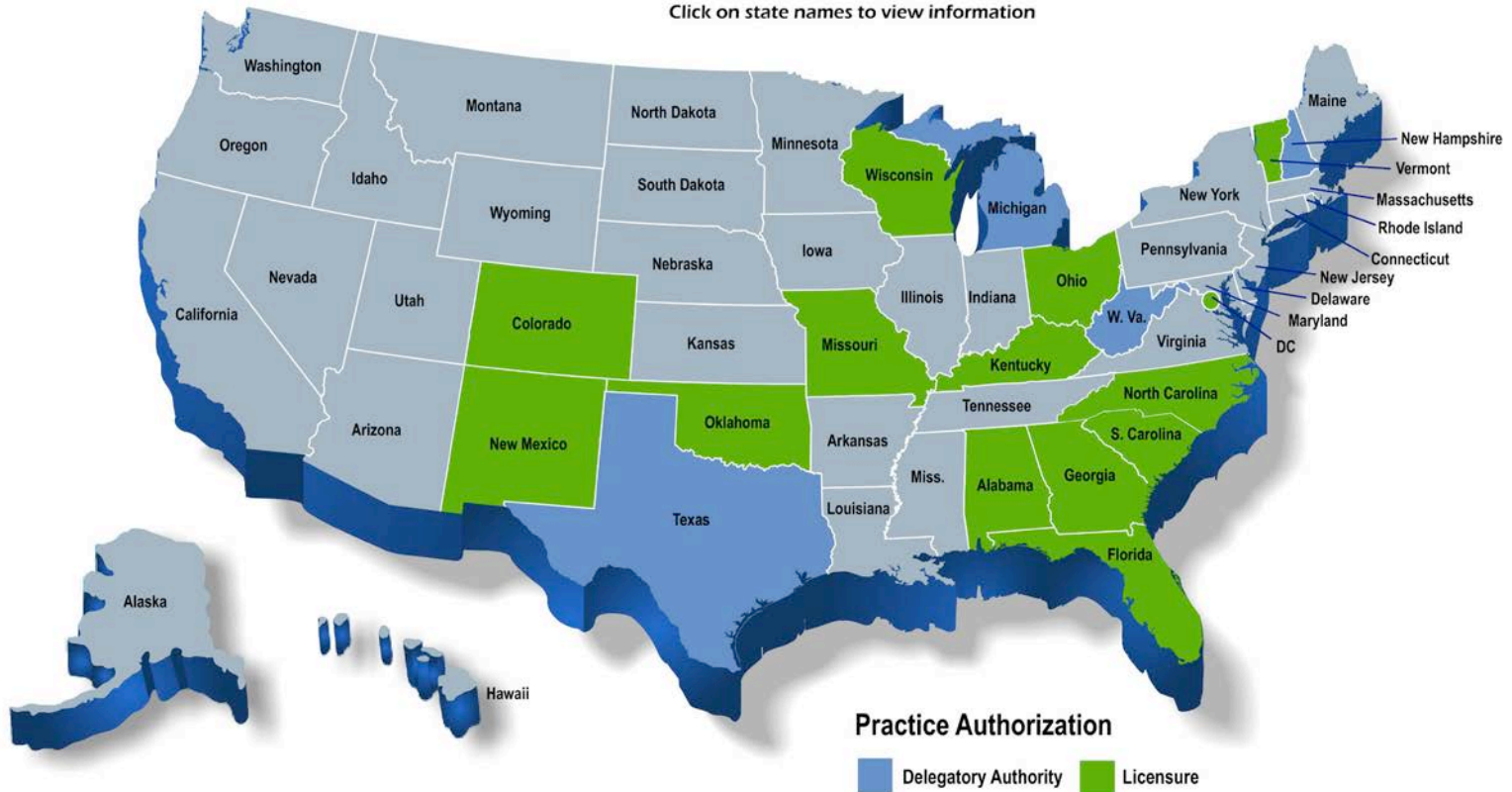


The American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants

# AA Nation

An interactive map providing state information for AAAA members

Click on state names to view information





# Program Design

- Program length is 24-28 months
- Didactic Portion
  - Simulation based education
  - Introduction to clinicals
  - Integrated anesthesia classes
- Clinical Rotation Portion
  - Pediatrics
  - Cardiothoracic
  - Trauma
  - Neuroanesthesia
  - Obstetrics
  - ICU
  - Pain Management
  - General





# Who are Anesthesiologist Assistants?



## ◎ AAs:

- Masters degree in the delivery of anesthesia
- Bachelors degree with a pre-med concentration
- High school degree

Trained extensively in the delivery and maintenance of quality anesthesia care as well as advanced patient monitoring techniques



# AAAA Contact Information

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# What is an Anesthesiologist Assistant?

A certified anesthesiologist assistant (AA-C) is a skilled provider qualified by advanced academic and clinical education who has successfully completed a national certification exam to provide anesthetic care under the direction of a qualified anesthesiologist.



# Current AA Educational Programs



- Case Western Reserve University
  - Cleveland, OH
  - Houston, TX
  - Washington D.C.
- Emory University
  - Atlanta, GA
- Nova Southeastern University
  - Ft. Lauderdale, FL
  - Tampa, FL
- Quinnipiac University
  - Hamden, CT
- South University
  - Savannah, GA
- University of Colorado
  - Aurora, CO
- University of Missouri-Kansas City
  - Kansas City, MO



# Prerequisites for Admission

- Bachelors degree
- Pre-Medical based course work
  - General Biology with Lab – 2 semesters
  - General Chemistry with Lab - 2 semesters
  - Organic Chemistry with Lab – 2 semesters
  - Advanced Mathematics – 2 semesters
  - Physics with Lab – 2 semesters
  - Biochemistry
  - Anatomy and Physiology
- MCAT (preferred) and or GRE
- Interview Process
- Anesthesia Shadowing Experience

\*\*Individual program requirements may vary\*\*



# Anesthesiologist Assistant General Curriculum Overview

- Average 600 classroom hours and >2000 clinical hours to accumulate a minimum of 600 anesthetics performed in all specialties of surgery.
- Didactic course work includes:
  - Anatomy
  - Applied Physiology and Pathophysiology
  - Patient Monitoring and Instrumentation
  - Pharmacology
  - Anesthetic Sciences
  - ECG Interpretation
  - BLS, ACLS, PALS Certification
  - Anesthesia Laboratory



# AAAA Physician Affiliate Membership

- Allopathic and osteopathic physicians licensed to practice in the United States of America who support the ideals and principles for which the Academy stands
- *They shall enjoy all benefits, which shall accrue to the Academy, but are not entitled to vote or may not hold any office position.*
- \$150/year

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# Legal Authority to Work as an AA

## Delegatory Authority

- Allows licensed physicians to delegate tasks to allied health care providers
- Authority usually resides within the Medical Practice Act or other Health Care statutes
- No license is usually issued
- Scope of practice defined by State Medical Board (SMB)

## Statutory Authority

- State authorizes practitioners under statutes as defined by State legislative process
- Practitioners are issued a license or registry





# AA Certification

- ⦿ Graduate from a CAAHEP approved AA program
- ⦿ Nation Certification Exam
  - National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA)
    - National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME)
- ⦿ Continuing Medical Education
  - 40 hours CME every 2-years
- ⦿ Continued Demonstration of Qualifications
  - Recertification exam
  - Every 6 years





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AAAA 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

*April 12-15, 2014*

*The Westin on Hilton Head Island, SC*



