



SCHOOL OF NURSING POLICY

Policy Name: Clinical Credentials

Approval Authority: Rutgers School of Nursing Faculty

Responsible Executive: Executive Vice Dean

Responsible Office: Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track

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1. **Policy Statement:** To comply with all applicable statutes and regulations and assure patient safety.
2. **Who Should Read this Policy:** faculty, administration, RRNA's.
3. **Resources and Related Documents:**
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).
Standard for Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs, February 2024
Standard for Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs-Practice Doctorate, February 2024

<https://www.coacna.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Standards-for-Accreditation-of-Nurse-Anesthesia-Programs-Practice-Doctorate-editorial-rev-February-2024-1.pdf>

School of Nursing Student Policies
<http://nursing.rutgers.edu/policies/index.html>

Policy

In order to participate in clinical experience at program affiliate sites, or to engage in any patient contact, all students in the nurse anesthesia program must comply with requirements described in the current Rutgers Health School of Nursing student policies and maintain and provide documentation of appropriate credentials as required by state law, institutional policies of the clinical or academic entities involved, and standards of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia educational Programs. Credentials include but are not limited to the following:

- Current New Jersey license as a Registered Professional Nurse
- Current license as a Registered Professional Nurse in any state in which program affiliated clinical sites are located
- ACLS and BCLS certification prior to admission and throughout enrollment in the program
- PALS certification is required prior to commencing residency (ANST6201 Anesthesia Practicum I)
- AANA Associate Membership Enrollment is required during the first 30 days of enrollment and throughout enrollment in the program
- All health requirements of clinical or academic entities involved, including but not limited to:



- Physical examination
- Tuberculin testing, with XR results as needed
- Vaccination Record
- MMR
- Hepatitis B
- TDAP
- Flu
- Any inoculations required by both the academic or clinical sites

These requirements are subject to change with reasonable notice.

The effort and expense of acquiring and maintaining these credentials is the sole responsibility of the student. It is also mandatory that the student provide updated documentation of all credentials to the program office continuously.

4. **Procedure**

Credentials required for admission will be posted on the School of Nursing Website. Credentials or training required for subsequent clinical courses will be posted in course syllabi. The student will provide to the Program Director documentation of all credentials required for admission (see Anesthesia Specialty Admission Policy) prior to entering the program, and all other credentials prior to enrolling in any clinical course.