



SCHOOL OF NURSING POLICY

Policy Name: Professional Activities

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 encourage student development as participants and leaders in their chosen profession of nurse anesthesia.
2. **Who Should Read this Policy:** faculty, administration, and all Nurse Anesthesia students
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

Student membership in the AANA is required by Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists and the National Board for Certification of Nurse anesthetists for purposes of establishing future eligibility for the National Certification Examination. The cost of membership is the student's responsibility, and entitles them to various benefits including professional journals, and attendance at state and national meetings at a reduced rate or without cost. Students will be guided through the application process at program orientation and must complete the process within the time limits given.

Attendance at and participation in professional meetings, particularly those of the AANA, are an integral part of the nurse anesthesia educational process and students are expected to attend a minimum of two such meetings each year of enrollment (3 years) prior to graduation. Excused absence from didactic and/or clinical course commitments for attendance or participation in national professional organization activities may be granted to students in good standing, who are not at risk of academic or clinical failure. Approval for such absence is not a right of all students but will be granted at the discretion of the Program Director only when it is judged not to adversely affect the students' academic or clinical progress.

Student Participation in committees of the Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track and the School of Nursing is encouraged. When appropriate, program committees will have student representation. The Program Director and Assistant Program Director will select from students who volunteer to serve as representative on these committees.