

# ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT

Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (AAs) are highly-specialized advanced practice anesthesia providers that deliver anesthesia services to patients undergoing surgical procedures. Working within team-based patient care models, CAAs extend the healing hand of physician anesthesiologists and bring efficiency and value to our changing healthcare landscape.



Compassion. Quality. Vigilance

Beyond the high-quality anesthesia care and benefits of a cooperative team environment, Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants enable innovative care delivery processes that are essential to any modern anesthesia department. For patients, this includes high quality general and specialty anesthetic clinical care, regional and peripheral nerve blockade, invasive line placement, critical care medicine and much more.

**15%**

Reduction in healthcare expenditures after full integration

**45**

Years of providing safe anesthesia care

**400%**

Growth in the number of AAs over the past decade



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ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT INFORMATION

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## CRITICAL NEED

### THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE CERTIFIED ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT

Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants are anesthesia providers, serving in a role similar to a Physician Assistant, under the direction of a physician anesthesiologist. There is a strong demand for Anesthesiologist Assistants to help relieve a looming national anesthesia provider shortage.



## SPECIALIZED EDUCATION

### TAUGHT BY LEADERS IN THE FIELD OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

Like physician assistants, Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants deliver high quality care in the clinical setting under the supervision of a physician, but that's where the similarities diverge. PA education is grounded in a much broader general medicine perspective than that of the AA, and the PA clinical practice is oftentimes non-specific to any one medical specialty; whereas CAAs are trained specifically in the science of anesthesia and practice solely in the physician anesthesiologist-led Anesthesia Care Team.



## RAPID EXPANSION

### EVERY YEAR MORE STATES WELCOME AAs

Over the past decade, the number of states welcoming AAs has doubled. As states begin to grapple with the changing healthcare landscape and look to address predicted provider shortages, their search for innovative solutions have led them to Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants.



### THE VALUE PROPOSITION

Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants offer the most operationally inclusive perioperative skill set, grounded in high-quality clinical anesthesia care, while positively bending the healthcare cost curve...the definition of 'win-win'!



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