

Class Specification
for the Class:CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST SERIES
SR-24; SR-26
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This series includes those positions the duties of which involve the administration of anesthetic agents and supportive treatments to patients undergoing surgery or other medical procedures; and/or the supervision of an anesthesiology department.

Positions in this series are primarily concerned with relieving the surgeon and/or physician of the technical functions associated with the administration of anesthetic agents. Responsibility covers three primary areas:

1. Pre-anesthetic evaluation – Based on patient's medical history, current physical condition, and type of surgery to be performed, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) recommend to the surgeon the anesthetic agent and techniques of administration. (The final decision is a medical responsibility.)
2. Inducting general anesthesia – During surgery or other medical procedures, the CRNA inducts through intra-tracheal intubation, inhalation, intravenous or rectal routes the level of anesthetic agent necessary to maintain the proper stage of narcosis for the required length of time. As a part of anesthetic management, the CRNA monitors the respiration, pulse, and blood pressure of the patient and reports to the surgeon on the patient's condition.
3. Post-operative review – In consultation with the physician and nurse and by observation of the patient, evaluates the post-operative condition of the patient.

The levels of responsibility in this series are distinguished on the basis of nature and scope of work and supervision exercised and/or received.

CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST I

6.471

Duties Summary:

Administers anesthetic agents to patients undergoing surgery or other medical procedures; and performs other related duties as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

On a regular and recurring basis, positions at this level administer the full range of anesthetic agents in a variety of situations where the surgical procedures range from the simple to the most complex.

Positions function under general supervision and, based on the pre-anesthetic evaluation, are responsible for recommending to the surgeon the type of anesthesia and technique of administration.

Examples of Duties:

Conducts pre-anesthetic evaluations, recommends type of anesthesia and technique to be used; suggests necessary pre-medications; administers all forms of anesthesia; maintains proper oxygen intake; observes and reports respiration, pulse and blood pressure; checks post-operative condition of patient; maintains anesthesia equipment; as delegated, may act for the supervisor.

Knowledges and Abilities Required:

Knowledge of: Anesthesiology; the use and administration of various anesthetic agents and drugs; use and care of anesthetic equipment; trends and development in anesthesiology.

Ability to: Evaluate the history and condition of patients; determine the appropriate anesthetic agent and method of administration; keep records; prepare reports.

CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST II

6.472

Duties Summary:

Supervises the operations of the anesthesiology department; administers anesthetic agents to patients undergoing surgery or other medical procedures; and performs other medical procedures; and performs other related duties as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

Positions at this level are responsible for the operation of an anesthesiology department. This includes the scheduling of CRNA services to patients; ordering new and/or replacing old equipment; maintaining appropriate supply levels; and suggesting the implementation of new forms of anesthesia.

Positions also administer the full range of anesthetic agents to patients undergoing surgery of other medical procedures.

Work is performed under the administrative supervision of a hospital administrator, physician or anesthesiologist.

Examples of Duties:

Supervises the operations of an anesthesiology department; arranges work schedules and time chart; keeps records of anesthetics given; estimates needs and orders supplies; evaluates patients' conditions; gives oxygen therapy; administers all forms of anesthesia; checks and replaces anesthesia equipment.

Knowledges and Abilities Required:

In addition to the knowledges and abilities required at the next lower level, must have knowledge of the principles of supervision. Must also have the ability to schedule the work of the department and maintain the appropriate level of equipment and supplies.

This is amendment to the class specifications to re-title this class to CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST I – II, effective August 26, 2013.

This class is adopted from the State of Hawaii, relative to the transfer of classification and compensation jurisdiction to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, effective July 1, 1998, pursuant to Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii, 1996.

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