

**Does NC require graduation from a nurse anesthetist program?**

Yes

**Are the programs required to have accreditation?**

Yes

**What is the Accrediting Body?**

The Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs. [North Carolina Administrative Code, T21:36, sec. .0226 (b)(1)]

**Are advanced degrees required in NC?**

No

**Are nurse anesthetists required to be certified in NC?**

Yes

**What is the Certifying Body?**

The Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists. [North Carolina Administrative Code, T21:36, sec. .0226 (b)(1)]

**Are nurse anesthetists required to maintain recertification in NC?**

Yes

**What is the Recertifying Body?**

The Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists. [North Carolina Administrative Code, T21:36, sec. .0226 (b)(1)]

**In NC, are new graduates permitted to practice prior to passing the certification exam?**

No, Nurse anesthetists may not practice in North Carolina prior to passing the certification examination, effective December 2010.

**What is the primary source/authority for recognition in NC?**

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**What type of recognition is used in NC?**

CRNAs are a type of “advanced practice registered nurse.” The North Carolina Board of Nursing requires CRNAs to obtain “recognition” to practice. In accordance with G.S. 90-171.21(d)(4) and 21 NCAC 36.0226, a nurse anesthetist must verify his/her certification status with the NC Board of Nursing, and thereafter on a periodic basis, consistent with the nurse anesthetist’s certification renewal cycle. CRNAs are issued certificates of recognition. See [www.ncbon.com](http://www.ncbon.com) for an application and additional information.