

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: III-110 CRNA REQUIREMENTS	POLICY #: 1174
	VERSION: 2
APPROVED BY: ASC Approvers	
DATE APPROVED: 08/22/2017	

PURPOSE: To define the requirements and the process for verifying and maintaining the qualifications and credentials for CRNAs employed at High Desert Health System (HDHS) Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC).

POLICY:

- I. ASC CRNAs are considered Allied Health Professionals for the purpose of this policy.
- II. ASC CRNA files are verified and maintained by HDHS Medical Administration Office.
- III. Credentialing of the ASC CRNAs shall follow the specific procedure set forth below.

PROCEDURE:

I. Initial Application

- A. Prior to initial start date, the CRNA will complete an Allied Health Professional CRNA Application form and provide the following documents:
 1. Valid California Registered Nursing license
 2. Valid California Nurse Anesthetist Certificate
 3. BLS, ACLS and PALS Certificates
 4. Certificate from the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists, or its predecessor, showing successful completion of certification examination
 5. Certificate from an approved Nurse Anesthesia Educational Program accredited by the AANA Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
 6. Certificate from an approved School of Nursing
 7. Curriculum Vitae (signed and dated)
 8. Proof of Professional Liability Coverage, if applicable

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9. Evidence of compliance with criteria for re-certification every two years, as defined by the AANA Council on re-certification of Nurse Anesthetists, and include the following:
 - a. Current licensure as a registered nurse.
 - b. Active practice as a CRNA.
 - c. Compliance with continuing education requirements.
 - d. Absence of mental, physical, or other problems that could interfere with the practice of anesthesia.
 10. Continuing education (CE) certificates for past year (a certificate from the AANA will serve as evidence of CE).
- B. Copies of the following CRNA policies will be given to the CRNA and will be placed in the credential file:
1. CRNA Requirements
 2. CRNA Scope of Practice: All Types of Anesthesia (General, Monitored Anesthesia Care, Regional, including Bier Block)
 3. Anesthesia Care Team and CRNA Supervision
- C. The CRNA will agree to:
1. Practice in the ASC as structured, under the medical supervision of an anesthesiologist with current privileges.
 2. Abide by the ASC's philosophy that every patient has a right to receive the best possible anesthesia care and that anesthesia staff must work cooperatively with other ASC staff members and facility staff.

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D. The HDHS Medical Staff Office will process the CRNA Application in its entirety by verifying education and licensure. All documents will be initialed and dated upon receipt. The following occurs upon the receipt of the application:

1. Education is verified through primary source (school attended)
2. Licensure is verified through the California Board of Registered Nursing website
3. The National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) is queried
4. Query hospital and/or ambulatory surgery center affiliations

E. Once the application process is complete, the CRNA application packet is reviewed by the ASC Medical Director and then forwarded to the ASC Credentials Committee of the ASC Medical Advisory Committee for approval.

II. Review of CRNAs

- A. The review of the CRNA is conducted annually as part of the performance evaluation process.
- B. Quality of care is evaluated utilizing information obtained from ongoing chart review and direct observation.
- C. Current licensure/certification is verified through the Registered Board of Nursing website.
- D. The NPDB is queried.
- E. CE certificates for past year will be reviewed.
- F. Current licensure by the Registered Board of Nursing.
- G. CRNAs are responsible for maintaining a current RN license and CRNA certificate. Copies are to be forwarded to the HDHS Medical Staff Office as soon as they are received.
- H. CRNAs must maintain current BLS, ACLS and PALS certification.

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III. Failure to Maintain Current California Licensure and Certifications

County Employee: Failure to maintain current licensure/certifications will result in appropriate disciplinary action (LA County DHS Human Resources policies and procedures will be followed, as applicable), which will be lifted (and the County employee will be able to return to work) once the current licensure/certifications have been received.

Contract/Registry Employee: Failure to maintain current licensure/certifications will result in the employee being removed from the schedule until current licensure/certifications are received.

ATTACHMENT:

ASC Allied Health Professional Application

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