



Who are Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs)?

- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are **Advanced Practice Registered Nurses** who safely administer more than 34 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States, according to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) 2014 Practice Profile Survey
- There are over **950** CRNAs practicing in Kentucky
- CRNAs have been providing quality anesthesia for over **150** years
- In the Commonwealth, CRNAs are the **sole providers** of anesthesia in **31 out of 73 counties** that have hospitals and surgery centers, mostly in **rural** Kentucky
- Prior to **graduate or doctorate anesthesia education**, CRNAs have a *Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and at least one year of nursing experience in an Intensive Care Unit*. CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments regarding anesthesia care based on their education, licensure, and certification
- CRNAs are the **primary anesthesia providers** for rural America and the Armed Forces

CRNAs have a long record of providing access to **safe, cost-effective** anesthesia care throughout the Commonwealth.