

Medical University of South Carolina
Anesthesia for Nurses Program
Clinical and Cognitive Skills

To successfully progress through the anesthesia for nurses program applicants must be able to perform the essential functions or tasks of an anesthetist using the following abilities:

Sensory:

- Discriminate variations in human responses to disease using visual, auditory, tactile and other sensory clues.
- Discriminate changes in monitoring devices and alarms using visual and auditory senses.
- Communicate clearly and effectively in English through oral and written methods in order to interact with other health care providers and patients of all ages.

Motor:

- Coordinate gross and fine motor movements and the senses of touch and vision required of the anesthetist to safely provide all aspects of general, regional and Monitored Anesthesia Care (MAC) and the endurance to handle multiple patient needs.
Examples of such care include, but are not limited to, such tasks as: insertion of intravascular and intra-arterial access lines, administration of regional anesthetics, performance of airway management, and the ability to respond to in-house emergencies in a timely manner.
- Demonstrate sufficient physical strength to perform airway management, move and position patients and equipment.
- Sufficient stamina to stand or sit for prolonged periods of time.
- Safely maneuver the operating room and other anesthetizing locations.
- Respond appropriately to alarms and changes in patient conditions that require physical interventions.

Cognitive:

- Use reason, analysis, calculations, problem solving, critical thinking, self-evaluation and other learning skills to acquire knowledge, comprehend and synthesize complex concepts.
- Interpret information derived from auditory, written and other visual data to determine appropriate anesthetic management plans.
- Apply theoretical knowledge to practice to provide safe anesthetic care.

Behavioral:

- Demonstrate personal and professional ethical behavior, self-control as well as tactfulness, sensitivity, compassion, honesty, integrity, empathy and respect.
- Work flexibly and effectively in stressful and rapidly changing situations.
- Cooperate with other members of the health care team to provide a therapeutic environment and safe patient care.

_____ I have read the list of cognitive, sensory and behavioral skills and attest that I can perform all skills listed without limitation.

_____ I have read the list of cognitive, sensory and behavioral skills and I have the following limitations:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____