

Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act
Title 59, Chapter 12, Section 567.1, et. seq.
(Pertaining to Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists)

§567.3a Definitions

5. "Advanced practice nurse" means a licensed registered nurse who:
- a. has successfully completed a formal program of study approved by the Board which is designed to prepare registered nurses to perform in an expanded role in the delivery of health care,
 - b. is nationally certified by an appropriate certifying body, recognized by the Board, and
 - c. has received a certificate of recognition from the Board.

The term "advanced practice nurse" shall include advanced registered nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse-midwives and certified registered nurse anesthetists.

10. a. "Certified registered nurse anesthetist" means any person who holds a license to practice as a registered nurse in this state and who:
- (1) has successfully completed the educational program of a school of nurse anesthetists accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs,
 - (2) is certified by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist within one (1) year following completion of such educational program, and continues to maintain such recertification by the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists,
 - (3) administers anesthesia under the supervision of a medical doctor, an osteopathic physician, a podiatric physician or a dentist licensed in this state and under conditions in which timely onsite consultation by such doctor, osteopath, podiatric physician or dentist is available, and
 - (4) has received a certificate of recognition from the Board.
- b. A certified registered nurse anesthetist, under the supervision of a medical doctor, osteopathic physician, podiatric physician or dentist licensed in this state, and under conditions in which timely, on-site consultation by such medical doctor, osteopathic physician, podiatric physician or dentist is available, shall be authorized, pursuant to rules adopted by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, to order, select, obtain and administer legend drugs, Schedules II through V controlled substances, devices, and medical gases only when engaged in the preanesthetic preparation and evaluation; anesthesia induction, maintenance and emergence; and postanesthesia care. A certified registered nurse anesthetist may order, select, obtain and administer drugs only during the perioperative or peribstretical period.
- c. A certified registered nurse anesthetist who applies for authorization to order, select, obtain and administer drugs shall:
- (1) be currently recognized as a certified registered nurse anesthetist in this state,
 - (2) provide evidence of completion, within the two-year period immediately preceding the date of application, of a minimum of fifteen (15) units of continuing education in advanced pharmacology related to the administration of anesthesia as recognized by the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists or the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists,
 - (3) provide evidence of professional liability insurance coverage, and
 - (4) complete and submit a notarized application, on a form prescribed by the Board, accompanied by the application fee established pursuant to this section.
- d. The authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs shall be terminated if a certified registered nurse anesthetist has:
- (1) ordered, selected, obtained or administered drugs outside of the certified registered nurse anesthetist scope of practice or ordered, selected, obtained or administered drugs for other than therapeutic purposes, or
 - (2) violated any provision of state laws or rules or federal laws or regulations pertaining to the practice of nursing or the authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs.
- e. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing shall notify the Board of Pharmacy within two (2) working days after termination of or a change in the authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs for a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

- f. The Board shall provide by rule for biennial application renewal and reauthorization of authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs for certified registered nurse anesthetists. At the time of application renewal, a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall submit documentation of a minimum of eight (8) units of continuing education, completed during the previous two (2) years, in advanced pharmacology relating to the administration of anesthesia, as recognized by the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists or the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists.
- g. Any person who is recognized by the Board as a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall have the right to use both the title "Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist" and the abbreviation "CRNA". No other person shall assume such title or use such abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is a certified registered nurse anesthetist.
- h. This paragraph shall not prohibit the administration of local or topical anesthetics as now permitted by law. Provided further, nothing in this paragraph shall limit the authority of the Board of Dentistry to establish the qualifications for dentists who direct the administration of anesthesia;

§567.4b. Formulary Advisory Council

- A.
 - 1. The rules regarding authorization for a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist to order, select, obtain and administer drugs, promulgated by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing pursuant to paragraph 10 of Section 567.3a of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall provide for establishment of a Formulary Advisory Council to develop and submit to the Board recommendations for an inclusionary formulary that lists drugs or categories of drugs that may be ordered, selected, obtained or administered by Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists authorized by the Board to order, select, obtain and administer drugs.
 - 2. Such Formulary Advisory Council shall also develop and submit to the Board recommendations for practice-specific standards for ordering, selecting, obtaining and administering drugs for a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist authorized by the Board to order, select, obtain and administer drugs pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act.
 - 3. The Board shall either accept or reject the recommendations of the Council. No amendments to the recommended inclusionary formulary may be made by the Board without the approval of the Formulary Advisory Council.
- B.
 - 1. The Formulary Advisory Council shall be composed of five (5) members as follows:
 - a. two Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, appointed by the Oklahoma Association of Nurse Anesthetists located in this state,
 - b. two Anesthesiologists, appointed by the Oklahoma Society of Anesthesiologists located in this state, and
 - c. a hospital-based Pharmacist appointed by the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association located in this state.
 - 2. All professional members of the Formulary Advisory Council shall be in active clinical practice at least fifty percent (50%) of the time within their defined area of specialty.
 - 3.
 - a. Members of the Formulary Advisory Council shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority for a term of three (3) years. The terms of the members shall be staggered. Members of the Council may serve beyond the expiration of their term of office until a successor is appointed by the original appointing authority. A vacancy on the Council shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term by the original appointing authority.
 - b. Members of the Council shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among the membership of the Council. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
 - c. The Council shall recommend and the Board shall approve and implement an initial inclusionary formulary on or before January 1, 1998. The Council and the Board shall annually review and evaluate the approved inclusionary formulary and shall make any necessary revisions utilizing the same procedures used to develop the initial inclusionary formulary.
- C. The Council shall recommend and the Board shall approve and implement an initial inclusionary formulary on or before January 1, 1998. The Council and the Board shall annually review and evaluate the approved inclusionary formulary and shall make any necessary revisions utilizing the same procedures used to develop the initial inclusionary formulary.

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**SUBCHAPTER 18. PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY
FOR C.R.N.A.**

485:10-18-1. Definitions

The following words or terms, when used in this Subchapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"**Perioperative**" means preanesthetic preparation or evaluation, anesthesia induction, maintenance or emergence, or postanesthesia care of clients.

"**Periobstetrical**" means preanesthetic preparation or evaluation, anesthesia induction, maintenance or emergence, or postanesthesia care of the pregnant female.

"**Authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs**" encompasses the process of utilizing anesthesia related drugs, gases and devices during the perioperative and periobstetrical periods so as to maintain the patient in sound physiologic status.

485:10-18-2. Initial application

The Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (C.R.N.A.) who applies for authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs shall:

- (1) hold a current R.N. license and recognition as a C.R.N.A. in Oklahoma;
- (2) submit the following:
 - (A) a completed application containing such information as the Board may prescribe for authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs and the required fee;
 - (B) evidence of satisfactory completion of a minimum of fifteen (15) units of continuing education in advanced pharmacology related to the administration of anesthesia as recognized by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists within the two-year period immediately preceding the date of application;
 - (C) evidence of professional liability insurance.
 - (D) official transcript of C.R.N.A. education, if not on file with Board office.
 - (E) legible copy of current national certification.

485:10-18-3. Renewal

The application for renewal of authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs shall:

- (1) be concurrent with the two-year R.N. licensure renewal and renewal of advanced practice recognition;
- (2) include:
 - (A) a completed application containing such information as the Board may prescribe and required fee;
 - (B) documentation verifying satisfactory completion of a minimum of eight (8) units of continuing education in advanced pharmacology relating to the administration of anesthesia, as recognized by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists, completed during the two (2) years immediately preceding renewal.

485:10-18-4. Reinstatement

(a) If a C.R.N.A. fails to renew authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs prior to the expiration date of that authority, the C.R.N.A.'s authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs shall expire. If reinstatement is not approved within two years of the expiration of authority to order, select, obtain and administer, the applicant will be required to meet initial application criteria.

(b) The C.R.N.A. may reinstate the authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs by submitting

- (1) a completed application containing such information as the Board may prescribe and required fee;
- (2) documentation verifying satisfactory completion of a minimum of eight (8) units of continuing education in advanced pharmacology relating to the administration of anesthesia, as recognized by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, completed during the two (2) years immediately preceding renewal.

485:10-18-5. Information which must be included in the order

(a) The C.R.N.A. with authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs shall document all orders in the patient record.

(b) All orders shall:

- (1) comply with all applicable state and federal laws.
- (2) include:
 - (A) name of the client,
 - (B) date of the order
 - (C) full name of the drug, dosage, route and specific directions for administration,
 - (D) signature of the C.R.N.A.

(c) The C.R.N.A. with authority to order, select, obtain and administer Schedule II-V drugs shall comply with the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Act requirements. The C.R.N.A. with authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs will immediately notify the Board of Nursing in writing that the DEA registration was received.