

MSN-SA Expected Learning Outcomes

a. Competent Practitioner

Nurse Anesthesia Program (NAP) graduates demonstrate behaviors as competent practitioners through: application of knowledgeable, ethical and legal practice in the provision of patient safety care, individualized peri-anesthetic management and leadership skills; and clinical competencies of nurse anesthetists as defined in the graduate profile.

b. Evidence Based Practice

NAP graduates demonstrate the following behaviors: Critical appraisal and synthesis of the most relevant and best evidence, utilization of the best evidence into practice, design, implementation, and dissemination of evidence-based projects (EBP).

c. Critical Thinking Skills

NAP graduates demonstrate critical thinking skills when:

- ❖ Integrating theory to practice in decision-making and problem solving.
- ❖ Providing nurse anesthesia care based on sound principles of evidence-based practice.
- ❖ Performing a preanesthetic assessment and formulating an anesthesia care plan for patients to whom they are assigned to administer anesthesia.
- ❖ Identifying and taking appropriate action when confronted with anesthetic equipment related malfunctions.
- ❖ Interpreting and utilizing data obtained from noninvasive and invasive monitoring and modalities.
- ❖ Calculating, initiating, and managing fluid and blood component therapy.
- ❖ Recognizing and appropriately responding to anesthetic complications that occur during the peri-anesthetic period.

d. Communication Skills - NAP graduates communicate effectively with all individuals influencing patient care and utilize appropriate verbal, nonverbal, and written communication in the delivery of peri-anesthetic care.

e. Professional Skills – NAP graduates function within appropriate legal requirements as registered professional nurse anesthetists, accepting responsibility, and accountability for his or her practice and interact on a professional level with integrity.