

Credentialing At Clinical Sites

Policy

All clinical coordinators, clinical instructors, and residents must meet and maintain current credentialing at their respective clinical sites.

Procedure

Nurse Anesthesia Residents:

Accepted candidates in the Nurse Anesthesia Program (NAP) must enroll in the online credentialing tracking program utilized by Clarkson College, prior to the start of the program. Residents must submit proof of current compliance with all college compliance requirements to the online credentialing program, prior to the start of the program, by the appointed deadline.

While enrolled, residents must submit proof of current compliance with all college compliance requirements to the online credentialing program. These requirements are based on current clinical site requirements, state, and national standards. It is the resident's responsibility to keep all documentation in their credentialing program profile up to date while in the program, at all times. The online credentialing program tracks expiration dates and notifies residents in advance of the need to update/renew.

Credentialing requirements are many and include proof of a valid, unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the US, or its territories and protectorates, in the eNLC or in Nebraska and Iowa. If the resident has an APRN license, it must be valid and unencumbered. Required vaccinations and/or titles reflect clinical site compliance with state and federal mandates. Those mandates change frequently, so residents should expect sudden changes while in their program of study. New requirements are posted to the online credentialing tracking program.

All nurse anesthesia residents are required to maintain current certification in American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider Course, ACLS, and PALS. Modules on Blood and Airborne pathogens and Compliance/HIPAA/Ethics must be completed annually in Canvas Catalog.

Any nurse anesthesia resident with any expired credentialing requirement, such as an expired TB test, will be removed from clinical until the resident presents proof of current compliance. In addition, two additional personal/vacation days will be deducted from being out of compliance. Clinical time lost will be made up out of the resident's clinical personal time bank or at the end of the clinical phase of the program, at the discretion of the clinical site and Program Director. However, the program is under no obligation and does not guarantee clinical site availability for extensions due to the limited availability of clinical sites for residents. The program does not set up new clinical sites at the request of individual residents.

Clinical Coordinators/Clinical Instructors:

The program only uses clinical sites that are accredited by the Joint Commission and requires extensive credentialing of all licensed personnel. This process ensures all clinical coordinators and CRNA clinical instructors are currently licensed as registered professional nurses in one jurisdiction of the United States and CRNAs are certified and recertified by the National Council on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA). The rigorous clinical site credentialing process also ensures all clinical coordinators and clinical instructors meet all other credentialing requirements of each facility

Clinical Coordinator:

The NAP administration and clinical site appoints a CRNA with a master's degree or higher or anesthesiologist coordinator for each clinical site with defined responsibilities for residents.

A curriculum vitae or resume will be obtained from each clinical coordinator and kept on file with the clinical site information. Proof of current licensure and certification are mandatory and are checked annually.

See Clarkson College Policies Health and Safety Requirements SW-7; Background Check and Drug Screen for Students SW-23

COA Doctoral Standard F Criterion 3

COA Doctoral Standard C Criterion 5

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