

Consider adding an exciting, growing profession to your school's health care education program line up

The Growing Profession of

Anesthesia Technology

Why consider an Anesthesia Technology Program?

As a growing allied health profession, the Anesthesia Technology profession specifically focuses on fundamental and advanced clinical procedures, which assist the anesthesia provider in the safe and efficient care of patient's receiving anesthesia. Working under the direction of the anesthesia provider, the Anesthesia Technologist is a vital member of the anesthesia care team. They are proficient in the acquisition, preparation, and application of various types of equipment required for the delivery of anesthesia care. Technologists are trained to anticipate the needs of the patient and the provider, according to the surgical requirements, procedure or circumstance.



The overall goal of the Anesthesia Technology curriculum is to prepare the student to take and pass the American Society of Anesthesia Technologists & Technicians (ASATT) National Certification Examination to become certified as an Anesthesia Technologist (Cer. A.T.T.).

Anesthesia Technologists work in a variety of clinical settings including: hospital operating rooms, interventional and diagnostic radiology, labor and delivery units, intensive care units, emergency rooms, outpatient procedure suites, and ambulatory surgery centers.

There is a growing need for these entry-level professionals. According to the [American Society of Anesthesia Technologists & Technicians](#) depending on the job setting, the projected starting salary for a Certified Anesthesia Technologist is \$36,000 to \$55,000 annually.

Professional Standards and Guidelines have been created and approved for accreditation of educational programs in Anesthesia Technology by the **Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)**. There are currently a handful of Anesthesia Technology programs that are CAAHEP accredited. And, there is a growing need for additional programs across the country.

Establishing an Anesthesia Technology Program

The first step in establishing an Anesthesia Technology program is to review the [Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Anesthesia Technology](#), which is the document by which CAAHEP accredited programs are reviewed. The Standards include the required curriculum for the program.



If you feel that your institution is ready to begin the accreditation process, you will want to fill out a Request for Accreditation Services Form. The completed form is sent to the **Committee on Accreditation for Anesthesia Technology Education (CoA-ATE)**, which is the committee that works with programs as they move through the accreditation process. You are encouraged to visit the [CoA-ATE](#) webpage for additional information.

If you are considering adding an Anesthesia Technology program at your institution, please let us help. The **CoA-ATE** can assist in reviewing your current didactic offerings and outline steps necessary to establish a quality Anesthesia Technology program. The CoA-ATE can also assist in presenting current information regarding the Anesthesia Technology profession and program potential at your College or University or to your Department Chair.

For Additional Information

Please visit the [CAAHEP website](#) and the [American Society of Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians' website](#) to learn more about the anesthesia technology profession.



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