Clinical Coordinator
Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia

Primary Employer
Department of Anesthesia of the Clinical Affiliation or Clinical Rotation Site

Affiliated with
Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota, Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia.
This person in this position works with the clinical director and the program director.

Position Purpose
The clinical coordinator oversees the clinical education of anesthesia students with the goal of educating the students to provide competent and appropriate care for patients. This person also acts as a liaison to facilitate communication between the university, anesthesia staff, and hospital.

Qualifications/Education:
Completion of a program in nurse anesthesia, at least 1 year of experience practicing as a nurse anesthetist, professional licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), current certification/recertification as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).

Skills and Abilities Required:
Problem solving ability, communication skills, current knowledge of the art and science of anesthesia; ability to evaluate student performance, ability to act as a liaison between student and anesthesia staff, ability to maintain strict confidentiality of student related matters.

Major Challenges:
- Provide students with opportunities to participate in clinical experiences in accordance with their learning goals, feedback from the clinical director, and the semester’s clinical objectives. Provide feedback to students, instructors and the clinical director in a timely fashion.
- Provide a written evaluation of the student’s performance to the nurse anesthesia program at the end of the clinical rotation.
- Follow and evaluate the student progress throughout their clinical rotation.
- Assist the nurse anesthesia program director and clinical director in the on-going development, implementation, and evaluation of the clinical curriculum.
- Work with the clinical director to receive and disseminate student feedback collected by the university.
- Work with the clinical director to determine the learning needs of the anesthesia staff and help to provide indicated materials or activities.
- Assist in problem solving activities between the students, staff and the nurse anesthesia program and alert the clinical director of any issues or problems that arise with students or staff.
- Maintain standards of practice in accordance to institutional policies and procedures; professional standards of practice; regulatory and accreditation agency standards.