



What is a CAA?

With thousands of hours of medical training, certified anesthesiologist assistants are highly skilled, collaborative advanced practice providers dedicated to patient-centered care. CAAs and anesthesiologists work together within the anesthesia care team model to provide anesthesia care.

CAAs increase access to healthcare.

The United States is currently experiencing a shortage of anesthesia care professionals, which directly impacts patients' access to surgery. As key members of the anesthesia care team, CAAs are essential to addressing these shortages and reducing healthcare costs. CAAs provide pain-reducing treatments that allow for lifesaving procedures and enable anesthesiologists to manage multiple operating rooms simultaneously. There are over 2,000 CAAs practicing in 18 jurisdictions with the profession steadily increasing as more states open.

CAAs offer high quality medical care.

CAAs work alongside nurse anesthetists to provide high quality medical care to their patients. According to a 2018 study that cited national claims data from 443,000 Medicare beneficiaries, patients who undergo inpatient surgery experience the same quality of medical care whether their physician anesthesiologist is teamed with a certified anesthesiologist assistant or a nurse anesthetist. CAAs prove to be a key resource for their patients and the healthcare industry.

CAAs have comprehensive training and education.

All CAAs possess a premedical background, a baccalaureate degree, and master's degree from an accredited anesthesia program. Graduate programs are approximately two years in length and typically require a minimum of 2,000 clinical hours. These advanced practice providers are trained extensively in the delivery and maintenance of quality anesthesia care as well as cutting-edge patient monitoring techniques. Many CAAs choose to specialize within anesthesia, and work specifically in high risk areas such as cardiology, neurology, obstetrics, pediatrics, or trauma.

CWRU is where students go to become CAAs.

Case Western Reserve University offers the Master of Science in Anesthesia Program in Cleveland, Ohio; Houston, Texas; and Washington, D.C. The MSA Program at CWRU was one of the first in the nation, and leads the field in didactic and clinical innovation with strong, annual graduate outcomes and a history of alumni achievement spanning the last 50 years.

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Job Placement: Unparalleled Outcomes

Certified anesthesiologist assistants are in high demand due to a nationwide shortage of anesthesia care professionals. Therefore, it's no surprise that nearly 100% of graduates from the Master of Science in Anesthesia Program at Case Western Reserve University have received job offers before graduation. In fact, the majority of students receive offers during the fall semester of their second year, and many entertain multiple offers.

As a cohort, CWRU MSA graduates earn starting salaries averaging \$160,000 annually. Paired with wonderful benefit packages, this career affords graduates the opportunity to make a direct impact on patients' lives while maintaining a work-life balance unique in the healthcare industry.

Students have accepted positions at hospitals and healthcare facilities across the country, including:

Aurora St Luke's Medical Center, Wisconsin	Memorial Hermann Orthopedic and Spine Hospital, Texas
Austin Anesthesiology Group LLP, Texas	Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital, Texas
Baylor, Scott & White, Texas	Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center, Texas
Children's Medical Center Dallas, Texas	Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital, Texas
Children's National Hospital, Indiana	Mercy Hospital St. Louis, Missouri
Christ Hospital, Ohio	Methodist Hospitals, Indiana
Cleveland Clinic, Ohio	MetroHealth, Ohio
Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital, Georgia	Mount Carmel St. Ann's, Ohio
George Washington University Hospital, Washington, D.C.	Parkview Hospital, Indiana
Gundersen Health System, Wisconsin	Piedmont Medical Center, South Carolina
Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, Texas	Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health, Indiana
Indiana University Health University Hospital, Indiana	St. John Medical Center, Oklahoma
Lake Health West Medical Center, Ohio	Texas Heart Institute, Texas
MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C.	University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Ohio
MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C.	University of New Mexico Hospital, New Mexico
Memorial Health University Medical Center, Georgia	University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Wisconsin
Memorial Health University Medical Center, Texas	

During the second year of clinical work, students have their choice of nearly 100 top hospitals and clinics across the country for elective rotations. This access enables students to see higher acuity cases, test their skills in emergency situations, and grow increasingly confident in the operating room. Additionally, they are able to pursue specialties during their clinical work, such as pediatrics, neurology, and trauma, which uniquely prepares them for employment at specialty hospitals.

In addition to their work in the operating room, many CWRU MSA graduates pursue careers as program faculty, clinical instructors, and advocates for the profession. They complete research, publish, participate in medical missions, and pursue personal interests and goals outside of healthcare.

Start planning your career as a certified anesthesiologist assistant today: case.edu/medicine/msa-program



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