

Health Career Photography
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Certified Surgical Technology Instructor



Photo one is of a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) named Jon Brown.

Jon works as a CRNA at the Grady Memorial Hospital in Chickasha, Oklahoma as one of two CRNA's. While talking with Jon, he informed me that as an anesthetist he is responsible with sedating each patient, anesthetize each patient (put them to sleep), helping with the positioning of patients after anesthesia has been administered, safely monitoring and tracking patient vitals during surgery, and over all be part of the surgical team to keep a patient alive.

According to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetist (AANA), in order to get licensed as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist one must have a bachelor or graduate degree in nursing or other appropriate major. An unencumbered license as a registered nurse and/or APRN in the United States or its territories. A minimum of 1 year, full time work experience, or the part time equivalent, as a registered nurse in a critical care setting. And graduation with a minimum of a masters degree from an anesthesia education program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs (COA). Jon informed me that admission to the school is just as hard as completing it due to the competitiveness of the program entry.

When talking about the benefits and challenges of his position the first thing to come out was the lifestyle. The salary of the position allows a lot of freedoms, while also only working with one patient at a time. But he said the best part was not having to chase patients down the hallways. Stress was the major challenge expressed. He said the responsibility of keeping the patient alive under anesthesia was stressful. Also challenging was the amount of time he spent on call, also being away from family and missing significant events.

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Facility Photo Permission Form

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Name (please print): Walter Malbec MD, FRCR

Title: Director of Surgery

Signature of Authorized Facility representative: [Signature]

Date signed: 3/3/2021

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Signature: Jon Brown Chris

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In this image I have captured Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) Stephanie Whitehead assisting Dr. Virginia Harr, during a lipoma (fatty mass) removal. This happened at Grady Memorial Hospital in Chickasha Oklahoma. After the surgery I was able to talk with Stephanie and she filled me in on some of the responsibilities of being a surgical technologist or “scrub tech” starts way before the surgery takes place. She said that it starts with ensuring proper sterilization techniques of all instruments that will be used in the surgical case as well as pulling the proper instruments needed for each surgical procedure. The scrub tech is responsible for counting the instruments from the smallest needle to the largest retractor to ensure nothing gets left inside the patient. After the surgery a scrub tech is responsible for reprocessing, reusable instruments, in preparation for the next use. And most importantly maintaining patient safety. Stephanie stressed that patient safety comes before everything else in her work.

Talking about some of the requirements to get into the job field she elaborated on the need for completing a Surgical Technologist program which can take almost two years. The orientation at the facility you will be working at and then different continuing education units (CEU's) to maintain certification. She said the hardest part was learning the different surgical cases and the instruments needed for each, allowing for each doctor's personal preference.

Stephanie said her job is satisfying because she is helping people, she has a close knit working family, and that she is constantly learning new things every day. Being able to see people from a different perspective. But like every job challenges arise such as being on call, and missing important family events. Also trying to remember what each surgeon wants and likes during each surgery. She said there have been times she has laughed and cried in the operating room, but the ability to save lives and make lives better is worth every tear.

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Name (please print): Luther Malbone RN, BSN

Title: Director of Surgery

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Subject Name: Stephanie Whitehead Date: 3.3.21

Signature: Stephanie Whitehead

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Subject Name: Virginia L. Hase MD Date: 3/3/2021

Signature: [Signature]

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In photo three I have captured Chanda Lewis giving instructions to one of her students. Chanda is a Certified Surgical Technologist Instructor, and she said her responsibilities can vary from day to day. She let me know that the most important thing as an instructor is to ensure that student's needs are being met and they have everything that is needed for their learning situations. She wanted to express how important student safety is in the classroom and so classroom rules are also extremely important parts of the responsibilities as an instructor.

When we got down to what the requirements are to become an instructor I was really surprised that it wasn't really that much. To become an instructor at Canadian Valley Technology Center, an Associates degree and current Certification as a Surgical Technologist, with at least five years of experience is all that is required. But while that is the bare minimum requirements almost all instructors have exceeded this. Ms. Lewis has around 20 years of experience as a surgical technologist and she is currently going back to school for her next degree. She did say that when it comes to becoming an instructor having more experience and being better rounded in surgical procedures were extremely beneficial.

We talked a little about some of the challenges that she faces as an instructor and she said there really were not many. She said if she comes to a situation that she is not confident in she is able to get guidance from the program director and also the schools administration. She said occasionally there will be a student that comes through the program that is more difficult than normal, or that there will be challenges with preceptors and surgeons during clinicals but these are few and far between.

When asked about the benefits of being an instructor the first response was seeing a student complete the surgical technology program, pass the certification exams and become gainfully employed. Other benefits are when an employer calls and tells how impressed they are with their new hires (former student), skills and knowledge. But, after some reflections she said the best part of the job is when a student calls and says their hard work is paying off and they love their new career.

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Facility Address: 1401 West Michigan Ave. Chickasha, OK 73018

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Name (please print): Ronnie Boyle

Title: Campus Director

Signature of Authorized Facility representative: Ru Boyle

Date signed: 3/9/21

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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