

Anesthesia Technologist



What do they do?

Anesthesia Technologists fall under the larger umbrella of Surgical Technologists. They prepare operating rooms and patients for surgery, assist with administration of anesthesia and may help monitor the patient during the procedure.

Where do they work?

Anesthesia Technologists can work in hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and dental offices. Some may choose to work with animals and assist with procedures done in a veterinary office.

Pay:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average yearly income for Anesthesia Technologists is \$47,300.



Education:

A two-year associate's degree is required to become an Anesthesia Technologist.

Anesthesia Technologist training in Wisconsin:

Milwaukee Area Technical College:

www.matc.edu

High School students interested in an education in anesthesia technology should take classes in health, chemistry, biology and math.

Entry Level Opportunity:

Sterile Reprocessing Technician

www.assatt.org

Accreditation

Education programs for Anesthesia Technologists are approved by the American Society for Anesthesia Technicians and Technologists, which is also the only association dedicated to anesthesia technology.

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Professional Associations:

The Association of Surgical Technologists also offers affiliate membership to Anesthesia Technologists.

www.ast.org



Certification:

Certification exams for Anesthesia Technologists are also administered by the American Society for Anesthesia Technologists.

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Potential for Advancement:

An Anesthesia Technologist could choose to continue their education into the following areas:

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist:

Bachelor's degree in Nursing, RN license, one year acute care experience and completion of an accredited nurse anesthesia education program and national certification.

Anesthesia Assistant:

Bachelor's degree followed by a master's degree program and then certification, licensure and registration.

Anesthesiologist:

Bachelor's degree followed by medical school, a residency program and gaining national and state license to practice.



Dental Anesthesia: Injection and "laughing gas"

Job Outlook:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for Anesthesia Technologists, which is combined with Surgical Technologists, is expected to grow 12 percent between 2016-2026, which is much faster than the average across all occupations.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2017-18 Edition*, Surgical Technologists, www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/surgical-technologists.htm

