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TANA Website

For more information about TANA and to view the most up to date legislative updates, please visit their website at www.tncrna.com



April 2017. SRNAs and CRNAs from Tennessee gathered in Washington D. C. for the AANA Mid-Year Assembly.

What Happened at Mid-Year Assembly?

As stated by the AANA, the 2017 priorities when talking to legislators were:

- ◆ Support provider non discrimination and promote access to CRNA care
- ◆ Ensure veterans' access to high quality care by recognizing CRNAs and APRNs with Full Practice Authority
- ◆ Support patient access to quality care through Nurse Workforce Development Funding
- ◆ Recognize the role of CRNAs in pain care and patient safety
- ◆ Promote rural access to nurse anesthesia services

Sessions were held at the conference to prepare members for their visits to Capitol Hill. Meetings with legislators and/or legislative aids were set up by TANA for CRNAs and SRNAs to attend. Many beneficial and positive conversations were had with these Tennessee legislators about our profession.

Please consider attending next year if you are interested in being involved. TANA sponsors two students from each school.

TANA Day on the Hill Group Photo 2017



TANA Day on the Hill was a great success! SRNAs and CRNAs showed up from across the state to meet with Tennessee Legislators. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Contact Information:

As your TASNA Representative, I want to work to keep all SRNAs in Tennessee informed of TANA activities as well as opportunities to be involved. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to email me at alissa.geurts@mtsa.edu



TANA Mentor Program

The TANA Mentor Program was developed with the following tenants:

- ◆ To Guide SRNAs
- ◆ To Protect SRNAs
- ◆ To Support SRNAs

This program is a unique opportunity for students to be guided outside of the classroom and clinical setting by practicing CRNAs within the district where their program is located. Once a student's application is submitted, they will be paired with a CRNA. Communication is encouraged to occur 1-2 times per month, either in person or via phone or text. Context of the conversation will be determined by the CRNA and SRNA and may range in topics from clinical, recruitment, financial planning, interviews, board preparation, etc.

To apply, there is an application fee of \$25 **or** the fee will be waived if you choose to make a \$25 donation to TANA-PAC. The application is a simple, online form that has been recently updated. The link can be found on the TASNA website or [by clicking here](#). Multiple students have already been successfully enrolled and paired with mentors.



What is happening within Tennessee Legislation that could affect CRNA practice?

- ◆ Terminology change is being adopted regarding the relationship between physicians and APRNs from “supervision” to “collaboration” in specifically identified areas of the Tennessee Code. It is the intent of this legislation to change terminology to better reflect current practice relationships. This legislation has been agreed to by TANA, TNA, TMA and TSA.
- ◆ The change above was agreed upon by a task force devoted to the discussion of the relationship between APRNs and physicians. The recommendations also include a three-year moratorium on all scope of practice bills.
- ◆ Please visit the TANA website for the most up to date information regarding Tennessee legislation affecting CRNAs