



# Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee Meeting

## **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

August 15, 2024

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# Agenda Item 2.0

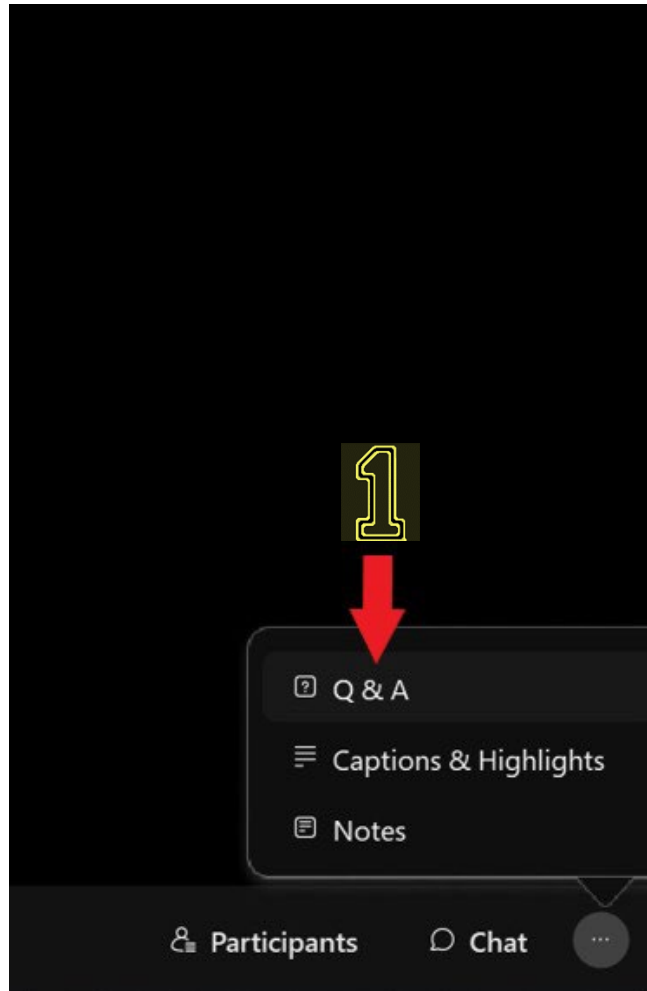
## **General instructions for the format of a teleconference meeting**

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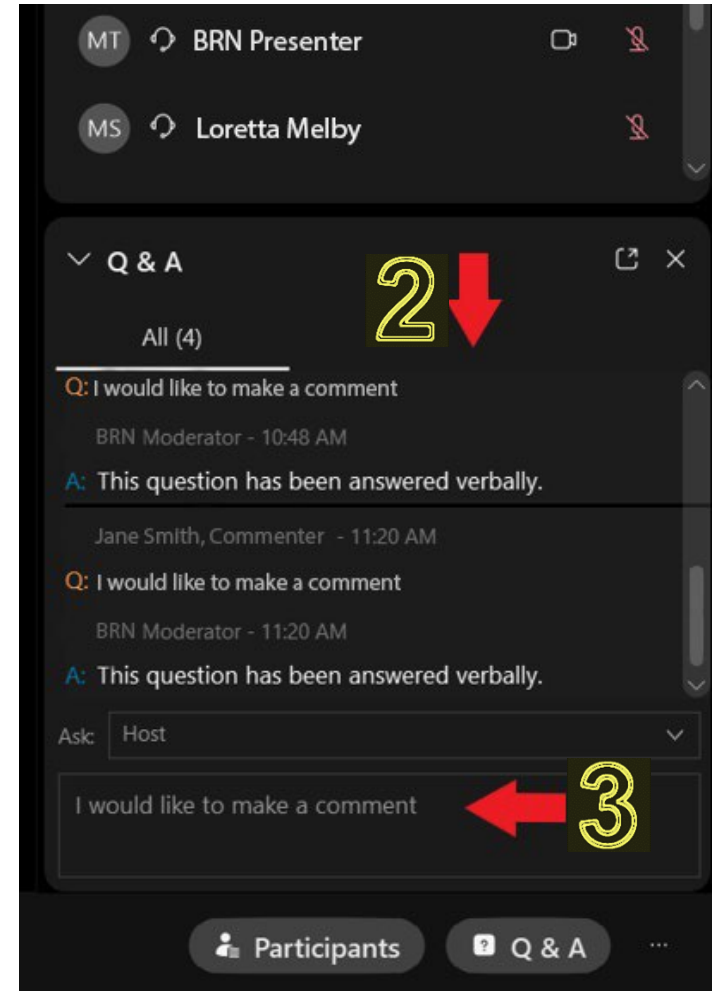
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2. The 'Q & A' panel will appear.



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## Agenda Item 4.1

**Review and vote on whether to approve previous meeting's minutes**

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**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING  
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** January 18, 2024

**START TIME:** 9:02 am

**LOCATION:** **NOTE:** In accordance with Government Code section 11123.5, the meeting was held via a teleconference platform and all committee members participated remotely with a member of the Board's staff present at the primary physical meeting location below:  
1747 North Market Blvd., Ste. 100  
Sacramento, CA 95834

- 9:02 am     **1.0**     **Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum**  
Loretta Melby, Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Members introduced themselves and quorum was established at 9:10 am.
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee Members:** Sandra Bordi, DNP, CRNA  
Karyn Karp, MS, CRNA  
Joseph Martin, DNP, CRNA  
Samantha Polikowski, CRNA  
Kathleen Theobald, MA
- BRN Staff Representatives:** Loretta Melby, RN, MSN, Executive Officer  
Reza Pejuhesh, DCA Legal Affairs, Attorney
- 9:14 am     **3.0**     **Public comment for items not on the agenda; items for future agendas.**
- Public Comment for Agenda Item 3.0:** No public comment in Sacramento. No public comments in WebEx.
- 9:15 am     **4.0**     **Information only: Advisory committee member training**
- 4.1 Roles and Responsibilities: CRNAAC Members, Board Staff, Meeting Etiquette**
- Discussion:** Presented by Loretta Melby, Board of Registered Nursing, Executive Officer.
- No comments or questions by members.
- 9:28 am     **Public Comment for Agenda Item 4.1:** No public comments in any location.
- 9:33 a.m.     **4.2 Meeting Structure: Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, Quorum, Voting, Public Records Act**

**Discussion:** Presented by Reza Pejuhesh, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Legal Affairs, Board Legal Counsel.

**Kathleen Theobald:** Asked if the members would get copies of the presentation.

**Reza Pejuhesh:** Asked BRN staff and it was explained that it would be posted to the meeting materials after the meeting ends.

10:46 am **Public Comment for Agenda Item 4.2:** No public comments in any location.

**Break at 10:48 – 11:00 am**  
**Quorum re-established at 11:00 am**

**Sandra Bordi:** Asked about Bagley Keene and an issue brought to APRN committee meeting and whether certain members could speak on an issue at a Board meeting.

**Reza Pejuhesh:** Stated that he thought there were provisions for committee members to speak during public comment at a Board meeting.

**Loretta Melby:** Explained about more than two members attending a Board meeting.

**Reza Pejuhesh:** Explained that Government Code section 11122.5 covers this issue.

11:07 am **4.3 Legislation, Regulations and Rulemaking**

**Discussion:** Presented by Marissa Clark, Board of Registered Nursing, Chief of Legislative Affairs and Steven Vong, DCA, Legal Affairs, Board Regulation Counsel.

Loretta and Reza provided additional context regarding regulations and rulemaking.

11:50 am **Public Comment for Agenda Item 4.3:** No public comments in any location.

11:51 am **5.0 Discussion and possible action: Regarding election of Chair and Vice Chair positions**

**Discussion:** Presented by Loretta Melby, Executive Officer.

**Karyn Karp:** Nominated Samantha Polikowski as the Chair of the CRNAC with Joseph Martin as the second.

**Samantha Polikowski:** Explained that this is her first committee and is not sure she is the best person to take the role. However, she said she is willing to take on the role.

**Loretta Melby:** Asked Joseph if he accepts the nomination and he did.

**Motion for Chair:** **Karyn Karp:** Motioned to nominate Samantha Polikowski as Chair of CRNAAC

**Second for Chair:** Joseph Martin

**Motion for Vice Chair:** **Karyn Karp:** Motioned to nominate Joseph Martin as Vice Chair of CRNAAC

**Second for Vice Chair:** Sandra Bordi

**Public Comment for Agenda Item 5.0:** No public comments at any location.

**Vote for Both:**

	<b>SB</b>	<b>KK</b>	<b>JM</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>KT</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y   No: N   Abstain: A   Absent for Vote: AB					

**Motion Passed**

11:57 am **6.0**

**Discussion and possible action: Regarding meeting dates for 2024**

**Discussion:** Presented by Loretta Melby, Executive Officer.

**Sandra Bordi:** Stated that she would be out of the state on August 9, 2024 due to a national convention and the end of August might be better.

**Karyn Karp:** Stated she would appreciate the end of August as well.

**Kathleen Theobald:** Explained that August 28, 2024 does not work for her as she already has a meeting scheduled on that day.

**Loretta Melby:** Explained that BRN staff will send an email to members to get the best date in August.

**Motion:** **Karyn Karp:** Motioned to schedule a meeting in the last two weeks of August 2024, except for 20, 21, or 28.

**Second:** Joseph Martin

**Public Comment for Agenda Item 6.0:** No public comments in any location.

**Vote:**

	<b>SB</b>	<b>KK</b>	<b>JM</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>KT</b>
<b>Vote</b>					



	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y   No: N   Abstain: A   Absent for Vote: AB					

**Motion Passed**

12:03 pm **7.0**

**Discussion and possible action: Regarding CRNAAC members' terms of office as specified in the charter**

**Discussion:**

Presented by Loretta Melby, Executive Officer. She discussed the different terms for the members and asked for member input.

**Karyn Karp:** Volunteered to take a shorter term if no one else has a preference.

**Sandra Bordi:** Stated she prefer to take a three-year term.

**Motion:**

**Joseph Martin:** Motioned to appoint Karyn Karp and Sandra Bordi to three-year terms and all other members to a four-year term.

**Second:**

Kathleen Theobald

**Public Comment for Agenda Item 7.0:**

No public comments in any location.

**Vote:**

	<b>SB</b>	<b>KK</b>	<b>JM</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>KT</b>
Vote	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y   No: N   Abstain: A   Absent for Vote: AB					

**Motion Passed**

12:07 pm **8.0**

**Discussion and possible action: Regarding the formation of subcommittees**

**Discussion:**

Presented by Loretta Melby, Executive Officer.

**Loretta Melby:** Suggested website cleanup and regulations as these have been brought to her as issues. Further explained that this could include the application process, academic programs, Title 16, Article 6, as well as other areas for cleanup and clarification.

**Reza Pejuhesh:** Provided gave additional information to help clarify what a subcommittee might work on.

**Karyn Karp:** Asked if it would be possible to assign the regulations and legislation to a three-person subcommittee since there is so much work to be done.

**Loretta Melby:** Explained that cannot be done because a subcommittee must be two or less people. She further explained that the members are subject matter experts and do not have to draft regulatory language.

**Karyn Karp:** Stated that she would like to volunteer for the regulations committee.

**Reza Pejuhesh:** Explained there could be a breakdown of the regulations committee into specific areas or set up priorities.

**Loretta Melby:** Asked if anyone else would be interested in working with Karyn Karp.

**Sandra Bordi:** Volunteered to be on the Regulations subcommittee.

**Samantha Polikowski:** Volunteered for the Website subcommittee.

**Kathleen Theobald:** Volunteered to work with Samantha Polikowski.

**Loretta Melby:** Asked if Joseph would like to be on his own subcommittee and, if so, what topic.

**Joseph Martin:** Explained that he wanted to be on rules and regulations, but Loretta said that committee is already filled. He asked about defining terms such as graduate in Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2826.

**Reza Pejuhesh:** Discussed regulations in BPS section 2826 subdivision (a) talking about standards. He further clarified the three subcommittees.

**Motion:** **Kathleen Theobald:** Motioned to assign Karyn Karp and Sandra Bordi to the Regulations subcommittee; Joseph Martin to Regulations Definitions subcommittee; and Samantha Polikowski and Kathleen Theobald to Website subcommittee.

**Second:** Karyn Karp

**Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.0:** Nilu Patel (BRN Board Member) requested to make public comment; however, Reza explained that Government Code Section 11122.5 allows Board members to attend committee meetings as observers only.

**Kathy Hughes:** Asked about the next meeting date and time.

**Loretta Melby:** Stated that the dates will be published on the BRN website when the committee has made a selection.

**Vote:**

	<b>SB</b>	<b>KK</b>	<b>JM</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>KT</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y   No: N   Abstain: A   Absent for Vote: AB					

**Motion Passed**

12:38 pm 9.0

**Adjournment: Loretta Melby**, adjourned the meeting at 12:38 pm.

**Submitted by:**

**Accepted by:**

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**McCaulie Feusahrens**

Chief of Licensing  
Licensing Division  
California Board of Registered Nursing

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**Samantha Polikowski**

Chair  
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory  
Committee

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**Loretta Melby, MSN, RN**

Executive Officer  
California Board of Registered Nursing



## Agenda Item 5.0

**Discussion and possible action: Regarding meeting dates for 2025**

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee (CRNAAC) Meeting | August 15, 2024

**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**  
**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 5.0  
**DATE:** August 15, 2024

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion and Possible Action: Regarding meeting dates for 2024

**REQUESTED BY:** Samantha Polikowski, CRNA  
Chair

**BACKGROUND:**

The CRNAAC will meet twice per year. Meetings will be open to the public and adhere to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requirements. Special meetings may be held at such times as the Board may elect, or on the call of the Board President or the Executive Officer.

A proposed schedule is included in the meeting materials; however, the 2025 Board and Board Committee schedule will not be finalized until after the Board votes during the August 2024 Board meeting.

**RESOURCES:**

**NEXT STEPS:**

**FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY:** None

**PERSON(S) TO CONTACT:** McCaulie Feusahrens  
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## BRN Board, Committee, and Advisory Committee Meetings in 2025

<b>January 16, 2025</b>	<b>Advisory Committees</b> Clinical Nurse Specialist Advisory Committee (CNSAC) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee (CRNAAC)
<b>January 29, 2025*</b>	<b>Board Committee Meetings</b> Nursing Practice Committee Education/Licensing Committee Enforcement/Intervention Committee Legislative Committee
<b>February 26-27, 2025*</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>March 2025</b>	<b>Advisory Committee</b> Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee (NEWAC)
<b>March 2025</b>	<b>Advisory Committees</b> Nurse-Midwifery Advisory Committee (NMAC) Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee (NPAC)
<b>April 23, 2025*</b>	<b>Board Committee Meetings</b> Nursing Practice Committee Education/Licensing Committee Enforcement/Intervention Committee Legislative Committee
<b>May 21-22, 2025*</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>June 2025</b>	<b>No Scheduled Meetings</b>
<b>July 10, 2025*</b>	<b>Board Committee Meetings</b> Nursing Practice Committee Education/Licensing Committee Enforcement/Intervention Committee Legislative Committee
<b>August 14, 2025</b>	<b>Advisory Committees</b> Clinical Nurse Specialist Advisory Committee (CNSAC) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee (CRNAAC)
<b>August 20-21, 2025</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>September 2025</b>	<b>Advisory Committee</b> Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee (NEWAC)
<b>September 2025</b>	<b>Advisory Committees</b> Nurse-Midwifery Advisory Committee (NMAC) Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee (NPAC)
<b>October 22, 2025*</b>	<b>Board Committee Meetings</b> Nursing Practice Committee Education/Licensing Committee Enforcement/Intervention Committee Legislative Committee
<b>November 19-20, 2025*</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>December 2025</b>	<b>No Scheduled Meetings</b>

\* This date will not be finalized until after the August 2024 Board Meeting.



## Agenda Item 6.0

**Discussion and possible action: Report from the three CRNAAC subcommittees: Public Engagement and Website; Regulations; and Regulation Definitions.**

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 6.0  
**DATE:** August 15, 2024

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion and possible action: Report from the three CRNAAC subcommittees: Public Engagement and Website; Regulations; and Regulation Definitions.

**REQUESTED BY:** Samantha Polikowski, CRNA  
Chair

**BACKGROUND:**

The three CRNAAC subcommittees will provide updates on work conducted. The subcommittees and members are as follows:

- Public Engagement and Website: Samantha Polikowski and Kathleen Theobald
- Regulations: Sandra Bordi and Karyn Karp
- Regulation Definition: Joseph Martin

**RESOURCES:**

**NEXT STEPS:**

**FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY:** None

**PERSON(S) TO CONTACT:** McCaulie Feusahrens  
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## Agenda Item 7.0

**Discussion and possible action: Regarding the proposed draft regulatory language for CRNAs**

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**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**  
**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 7.0  
**DATE:** August 15, 2024

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion and possible action: Regarding the proposed regulatory language for CRNAs.

**REQUESTED BY:** Sandra Bordi, CRNA

**BACKGROUND:**

The CRNAAC members will review the proposed regulation from the Regulations subcommittee.

The draft regulatory text is after this AIS on page 19 of these meeting materials.

**RESOURCES:**

**NEXT STEPS:**

**FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY:** None

**PERSON(S) TO CONTACT:** McCaulie Feusahrens  
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**16 C.C.R. § 14xx.**

**§ Definitions.**

“Acute Care Facility” shall mean a general acute care hospital, acute psychiatric hospital, or other setting that is licensed and accredited pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 1250 et seq.

“Outpatient Facility” shall mean an ambulatory surgery center, clinic, facility, office, or other setting that is licensed and accredited pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 1248 et seq.

“Dental Office” shall mean the office of a dentist holding a permit as described in Business and Professions Code, Section 2827.

**16 C.C.R. § 14xx.**

**§ Qualifications for Certification and Recertification.**

(a) Initial Certification.

(1) An applicant for certification to practice nurse anesthesia must meet the following conditions:

(A) Be licensed as a registered nurse under the Nursing Practice Act, Business and Professions Code, Sections 2700 et seq.;

(B) Be a graduate of an accredited doctoral program of nurse anesthesia.

(C) Has achieved a passing score on the nurse anesthesia examination issued by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists or a successor professional organization.

(2) The nurse anesthetist applicant shall be deemed to have provided the required proof of certification under Business and Professions Code, Section 2830.6 by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists or a successor professional organization’s electronic submission has been provided within six months of examination of the nurse anesthesia applicant.

(3) A nurse anesthetist who has confirmed initial certification shall no longer be referred to as a “Graduate” as defined in Business and Professions Code, Section 2826(e) and shall instead be referred to as “Certified” as defined in Business and Professions Code, Section 2826(a).

(4) A nurse anesthetist may use the accepted honorific and abbreviations of an earned doctoral degree, followed by their credentials.

(b) Recertification of an Expired Certificate.

(1) By operation of law, a certificate that has not been renewed for eight years shall expire pursuant to Business and Professions Code, Section 2833(b).

(2) Prior to recertification of the expired certificate, the nurse anesthetist shall be required to retake and to achieve a passing score on the nurse anesthesia examination issued by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists or a successor professional organization.

**16 C.C.R. § 14xx.**

**§ Scope of Practice.**

(a) Certified nurse anesthetists are recognized as advanced practice registered nurses who perform independent anesthesia services. At all times when the certified nurse anesthetist is performing anesthesia services, the certified nurse anesthetist shall not be required to perform within the scope of a registered nurse. For example:

(1) A certified nurse anesthetist shall not be required to perform the duties of a perioperative registered nurse or nurse circulator while engaged in the role of anesthesia provider in the perioperative setting.

(2) A certified nurse anesthetist shall not be required to perform nurse

anesthesia services pursuant to standardized procedures.

(3) A certified nurse anesthetist shall not be required to perform anesthesia services under the supervision of the physician, podiatrist, or dentist who requested the anesthesia to be administered.

(b) By virtue of being in the same location as a nurse anesthetist performing anesthesia services, a physician, podiatrist, dentist or other healthcare provider shall not automatically assume supervision of the nurse anesthetist.

#### **16 C.C.R. § 14xx.**

##### **§ Credentialing and Scope.**

(a) In an acute care facility, outpatient facility, or dental office where the nurse anesthetist has been credentialed to provide anesthesia, the anesthesia services shall encompass pre-operative, intra-operative, and post-operative care and pain management for patients receiving anesthesia requested by a physician, dentist, or podiatrist and provided within the full scope of authority of the nurse anesthetist.

(b) In an acute care facility, outpatient facility, or dental office where the nurse anesthetist has been credentialed to provide anesthesia, anesthesia services may also encompass services performed outside of the perioperative setting including: the prescription of medications and controlled substances for pain management, medication-assisted treatment, and adjuvants to psychotherapy; the provision of emergency, critical care, and resuscitation services; performing advanced airway management; performing point-of-care testing; ordering, evaluating, and interpreting diagnostic laboratory and radiological studies (e.g., chest x-ray, 12-lead EKG, TEE); using and supervising use of ultrasound, fluoroscopy, and other technologies for diagnosis and care delivery; providing sedation and pain management for palliative care; and ordering consults, treatments, or services relating to the patient's care.

(c) In order to provide anesthesia services in an acute care facility, outpatient facility, or dental office, a "Trainee" as defined in Business and Professions Code, section 2826(d), including a nurse anesthesiology resident, resident registered nurse anesthesiologist, or student registered nurse anesthetist, shall be required to:

(1) Be enrolled in an accredited doctoral program of nurse anesthesia; and

(2) Practice under the supervision of a certified registered nurse anesthetist or physician anesthesiologist.