

## **Anesthesia Technician**

Anesthesia Technicians assist the anesthesia team prior to, during, and following patient procedures in operating rooms. Individuals in this position are proficient in the sterilization, maintenance, packing, and resupplying of anesthesia supplies and equipment in the operating room, and when available, responds to codes with anesthesia.

*Anesthesia Technicians typically do the following:*

- Stock anesthesia supplies and drugs in all operating and delivery suites and maintain adequate supplies of medical oxygen, nitrous oxide, and air.
- Consult operating room schedule to determine equipment needs for special procedures and prepare operating room accordingly.
- Maintain, calibrate, and troubleshoot anesthesia department equipment according to instructions and protocols of equipment manuals. Clean and disinfect anesthesia equipment after use.
- Assist with sterile procedures, including Swan-Ganz placements, blood transfusions, administration of spinal, epidural, and other pain blockers.

### **Work Environment**

Most Anesthesia Technicians work full time. Anesthesia Technicians employed in hospitals may work or be on call during nights, weekends, and holidays. They may also be required to work shifts lasting longer than 8 hours.

*Watch a video about being an Anesthesia Technician*

**Top Local Employers:** Aya Healthcare, Emerald Health Services, Stanford Health Care, Accountable Healthcare Staffing, Sutter Health

### **Median Pay**

\$76,532

### **Job Growth (2020-2025)**

14%

### **Education and Training**

Anesthesia Technicians typically need an associate degree. Certification can be beneficial in finding a job.

### **Local Education:**

Skyline College

### **For More Information:**

[American Society of Anesthesia Technicians and Technologists](#)

