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I wasn't sure that I wanted the responsibility of being an anesthesiologist. It's a critical part of the operating process and people's lives depend on me.

However, as I began advancing my studies, I realized that, as a team, all of us in the operating room can do so much good for people. Safely administering medications and monitoring patients under my care requires diligent attention and deep compassion. Patients often feel fear and anxiety prior to a procedure or surgery, so to serve them best, I make sure that I am calm and focused on their needs, in coordination with the entire health care team from beginning to end.

Occupation:

Anesthesiologist

Salary:

\$403,109

Education:

Doctoral or
Professional Degree

Job Description:

Anesthesiologists administer anesthetics and analgesics for pain management prior to, during, or after surgery.*



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Job Description:

SOC Code: 29-1211

Top Job Skills:

- Mathematical Skills
- Point of care testing
- Improve patient care
- Advanced cardiac life support
- Budget planning

General Work Activities:

- Interacting With Others
 - Implement advanced life support techniques
 - Prepare patients physically for medical procedures
 - Administer anesthetics or sedatives to control pain
 - Position patients for treatment or examination
 - Collaborate with healthcare professionals to plan or provide treatment
 - Order medical diagnostic or clinical tests
 - Train medical providers
 - Prescribe treatments or therapies
 - Direct healthcare delivery programs
- Information Input
 - Monitor patient conditions during treatments, procedures, or activities
 - Examine patients to assess general physical condition
 - Monitor patient progress or responses to treatments

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

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Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O*NET.org](https://www.o*net.org).

JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range*

\$120,000 - \$478,000



Projected Growth

24/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

460



Required Education

Doctoral or
Professional Degree



Work Experience

Typically
Requires None



On-the-Job Training

Internship/Residency

*Source: SCDEW, 2025.

*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Pee Dee
- Waccamaw
- Midlands
- Trident
- Lower Savannah
- Greenville

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Prisma Health
- Medical University of South Carolina Medical Center
- Tidelands Health
- McLeod Health
- Florence Medical Center

RELATED OCCUPATIONS*:

- Cardiologists
- Emergency Medicine Physicians
- Nurse Anesthetists
- Anesthesiologist Assistants
- Orthopedic Surgeons, Except Pediatric
- Pediatric Surgeons

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2025.