

## **RESEARCH STUDY FAQ**

### **Value of the Credential (VOC): Phase 2**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

The National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) embarked on a multiphase research initiative aimed at gaining a deeper understanding on the value of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) credential from their stakeholders. In 2020, NBCRNA launched their first phase by conducting a national survey aimed at the CRNA stakeholder to investigate the CRNA perspective on the value of the CRNA credential throughout their career. During the second phase the NBCRNA is supporting Dr. Nicole Hymel CRNA, DNP, the Evaluation and Research Advisory Committee's inaugural Visiting Research Fellow, conduct an exploratory pilot research study to better understand the overall value of the CRNA credential, continued board certification, and the CPC Program from the perspective of Chief CRNAs and other organizational leaders (e.g., Military Specialty Leaders, Anesthesia Department Chairs/Heads, etc.).

#### **Why am I being asked?**

Chief CRNAs, and other organizational leaders of CRNAs, are being asked to participate in a semi-structured interview with Dr. Hymel and a member of the NBCRNA Evaluation and Research Department staff. You are being asked to participate in this interview because you are a Chief CRNA or an employer of CRNAs. **Participating in this interview is voluntary.** Your decision whether to participate in this interview will not affect your employment, employment status or relationship with CRNAs, your CRNA credential if applicable, or any current or future dealings with NBCRNA.

#### **What is the purpose of this interview?**

The primary goal of this interview is to help the NBCRNA better understand Chief CRNAs and other organizational leaders (e.g., Military Specialty Leaders, Anesthesia Department Chairs/Heads, etc.) perceptions and perspectives on the overall value of the CRNA credential, continued board certification requirements, and the CPC Program components.

#### **What are the potential risks?**

We believe there are no potential risks participating in this interview. No personal identifiable information will be collected from the interviews.

#### **Are there benefits to participating in the interview?**

You will be receiving one Class B credit for your time and participation. The findings from the interview will help the NBCRNA: 1) better understand your familiarity and perspectives of the CRNA credential and requirements to maintain continued board certification; 2) better understand any organizational benefits and support offered to CRNAs; and 3) to inform CPC Program evaluation efforts as well as strategic communications.

#### **What other options are there?**

Your decision to participate in the interview is voluntary. If you decide not to participate in the interview, you have the right to decline the meeting invitation, stop or withdraw from the interview at any time. You are also not required to respond to any of the interview questions you are not comfortable answering.

### **What about privacy and confidentiality?**

Your responses will remain confidential. Your name will not be associated with your responses and will be de-identified in the data. Only emerging themes will be reported in our overall findings, and any direct quotes taken will be referenced anonymously, therefore nothing you say today will be quoted with your name. No personal information about you will be shared with the NBCRNA, your colleagues or employees. All data will be transmitted securely and encrypted as an extra precaution. When the results of the project are published or discussed, only emerging themes will be presented that would not reveal your identity.

### **Was this research approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB)?**

This pilot study was approved by the WCG Institutional Review Board as exempt research.

### **What do I need to do to participate?**

If you are interested and conveniently available for 60 minutes or less for the interview, please:

1. Complete the demographic form [here](#) to provide us some information about yourself before the interview date.
2. Complete the Doodle poll to sign-up for an interview date/time that will be sent from NBCRNA staff if you are eligible.
3. Accept the Outlook meeting invitation, which will be sent to you after you sign-up for a date/time with a Zoom meeting link.
4. Find a quiet area during the interview time so that we can be fully engaged without distractions/disruptions.

### **Who should I contact if I have questions?**

Please email [research@nbcrna.com](mailto:research@nbcrna.com) if you have any questions or concerns about this pilot study.