

## Z-Chapter 6- Ashley Huntley

The highest level of nursing practice that I plan to complete would be a doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia. Anesthesia providers are responsible hemodynamically for patients at their most vulnerable time. Patients have to have confidence and trust in their provider to safely dose them for sedation, analgesia, and paralysis. They must be intelligent, compassionate, and have attention to detail in order to succeed in such a high level of practice. They are often put in high pressure situations during intubation, deliveries for epidurals or spinals, and when patients begin to crash during operations/procedures.

For me personally the Nurse Anesthetists are the “brain surgeons” if you will of the nursing fields. They command respect from the nursing professions and in my opinion. I appreciate how they have many different settings that they can practice in and how at each facility and in different states they are allowed to have a lot of autonomy with their practice. In general, I want to be a care provider that makes the patients feel safe. It is very important for me to start establishing these skills that I have mentioned as a bedside nurse and shadow nurse anesthetists to ensure this is a career path, I am willing to make sacrifices for.