

# PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGES

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS

## Delegation to Greece

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Connect with fellow CRNAs and international Advanced Practice Nursing colleagues in Greece with the AANA delegation! Led by Debbie Malina, a former president of AANA, the program will give you a unique opportunity to learn about the state of health care and the role of nurse anesthetists and Advanced Practice Nursing professionals in Greece.

The Greek healthcare system includes a National Health System (NHS), compulsory social insurance, and a strong voluntary private healthcare system. The NHS provides universal coverage to residents of Greece.

In addition, while the entire population is covered by social insurance funding, some residents opt to purchase additional voluntary health insurance coverage. When combined with out-of-pocket payments, this funding has created a large private healthcare market, which now accounts for more than half of healthcare expenditures in Greece.

The Greek Operating Room Nurses Association is a member of the International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists (IFNA); the principles of the IFNA have shaped the standards for Nurse Anesthetists in Greece. Opportunities for Advanced Nursing Practitioners, including Nurse Anesthetists, are growing in Greece.



## LEADER BIOGRAPHY

**Debbie Malina** has been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist for over 22 years. She was president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA), an organization with more than 51,000 members, in 2011. She is a past Lead Coordinator of the Nursing Organizations Alliance and has held numerous other state and national elected and appointed positions. Debbie has experience leading international educational nurse anesthesia delegations, where CRNAs from the US are able to come together with their international nurse anesthesia colleagues and other healthcare providers to exchange ideas, learn about their practices, visit healthcare facilities, and have an opportunity to experience the culture, food, and leisure activities in those countries. Previous CRNA attendees not only learned and experienced new areas of knowledge, but had fun, obtained CE credits and rated the experience as an excellent once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. In addition to anesthesia consulting, Debbie has practiced clinically in a number of states and variety of healthcare settings as an independent contractor since 2004. She also has been a faculty member at two nurse anesthesia programs. She received a master's degree in anesthesiology from Barry University, an MBA from Madison University, and a doctorate in nursing science (DNSc) from the University of Tennessee, Memphis. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society, and in 2015 was inducted as a Distinguished Fellow for Nursing in the National Academies of Practice.



Gain new professional insights and a unique perspective.



Experience the challenges and solutions shared with your overseas counterparts.



Access facilities and professionals at the highest level.



Explore future collaborations with new partners.



Enjoy continued connections with your colleagues.

## Professional visits will focus on topics such as:

- Examination of Greek nurse anesthesia practice
- Anesthesia delivery model(s) in Greece
- Structure of nursing anesthesia education
- Health problems impacting anesthesia delivery
- Analysis of current drug shortages, if any, and how healthcare providers are adjusting
- Delivery of anesthesia in the operating theater and remote locations
- Challenges currently experienced in Greek healthcare delivery
- Opioid addiction and treatments in Greece

## BRIEF ITINERARY

### SATURDAY

**Departures from the US to Athens, Greece** by individual arrangements. Delegates arrive throughout the day. Evening Introductory program briefing.

### SUNDAY

**Full day cultural tour**, including a visit to the Acropolis of Athens and the Acropolis Museum.

### MONDAY

**Introduction to the Healthcare System of Greece** by the Ministry of Health. Learn about Ministry priorities to ensure the quality and value of healthcare in Greece. Meet with members of the National Nursing Association of Greece and the International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists.

### TUESDAY

**Meet with faculty and students** of nursing at the School of Health Sciences, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. In the afternoon, meet with nurse leaders and surgical teams at both a General and a Specialty Surgical Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY

**Travel to the region of Argolis** in the eastern part of the Peloponnese peninsula. Visit ancient Corinth and Mycenae, then continue to Epidaurus to see the best-preserved ancient theater.

### THURSDAY

**Enjoy a day on the island of Aegina**, one of the most picturesque Islands in the Saronic Gulf. Visit the Temple of Athena and enjoy lunch at a family home, then visit a local hospital surgical center on the island.

### FRIDAY

**Depart for the United States** or continue on an optional program extension.

This program has been prior approved by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists for **12.00 Class A CE credits; Code Number 1038175; Expiration Date 3/19/2020**. The program will be finalized based on the guidance of the delegation leader, the interests and composition of the group, and the scheduling needs of hosting resources in country.

# CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



Leadership  
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Experiential  
Learning



Professional  
Networking



Professional  
Development



Mutual Respect  
and Inclusion

## ACCOMPANYING GUESTS

Guests are welcome to join the delegation at the same rate as professional participants, and will have opportunities to enjoy cultural enrichment and community service activities in lieu of the professional program (minimum of 6 guests required for a formal program). This is a wonderful opportunity for your partner, spouse, or friend to share the experience of traveling in Greece with you.

## PRICING

**Cost of Program:** \$3,995 per person (4-star accommodations) | **Single Supplement Cost:** \$410 per person

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Prospective participants must apply and be approved by the delegation leader before proceeding with registration. A \$500 nonrefundable deposit is due upon approval of your application. The balance is due upon receipt of invoice, 90 days before departure.

Program fees are based on double rooms. A single-room supplement is provided as an option. If you have to cancel, you must submit your request in writing, dated upon receipt.

### If you cancel...

After payment of the deposit  
90–61 days prior to departure  
60–31 days prior to departure  
30 days prior to departure  
Cancellation of program by World Learning

### Your penalty is

\$500.00  
50% of Program Cost  
75% of Program Cost  
100% of Program Cost  
Full Refund to You

## CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Please be sure to read World Learning's [Conditions of Participation](#) and the U.S. Department of State's [Travel Information on Greece](#) before registering. All participants must sign the Conditions in order to embark on the program.

The program must meet a minimum registration of 15 participants in order to proceed. If registration does not meet the minimum, the program may be canceled and all previously paid registration fees will be refunded. Please see the Conditions of Participation for further details on registration, payment, and refund policies.

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