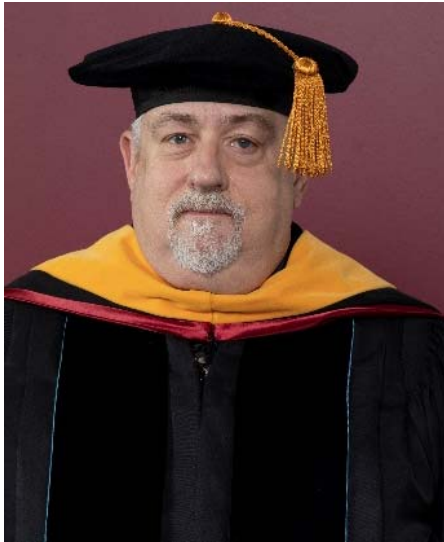




CRAWFORD COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

CCMH CRNA ACHIEVES DOCTORATE IN NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE



(Denison, IA) – Richard E. “Rik” Hill, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) at Crawford County Memorial Hospital (CCMH), recently earned his Doctorate degree in Nurse Anesthesia Practice from Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. Prior to his Doctorate, Hill received his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University and his Master’s degree in Nurse Anesthesia from Southwest Missouri State University. He has been a member of the medical staff at CCMH since 2013.

Bill Bruce, CCMH President and CEO, offered his congratulations to Hill on his achievement.

“On behalf of the CCMH Board of Trustees, we celebrate Rik’s achievement with him. We applaud his commitment to his patients through his on-going education and by adding new skills

for the operating room,” Bruce said.

The credential CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist) came into existence in 1956. CRNAs are anesthesia professionals who safely administer more than 33 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States, according to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). Nurse Anesthetists, the first healthcare providers dedicated to the specialty of anesthesia, have their roots in the 1800s, when nurses first gave anesthesia to wounded soldiers on the battlefields of the Civil War. Though the CRNA credential was born in the 50’s, the field of practice has been around 150 years.

CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling healthcare facilities in these areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, pain management and trauma stabilization services. In some states, CRNAs are the sole providers in nearly 100 percent of rural hospitals.