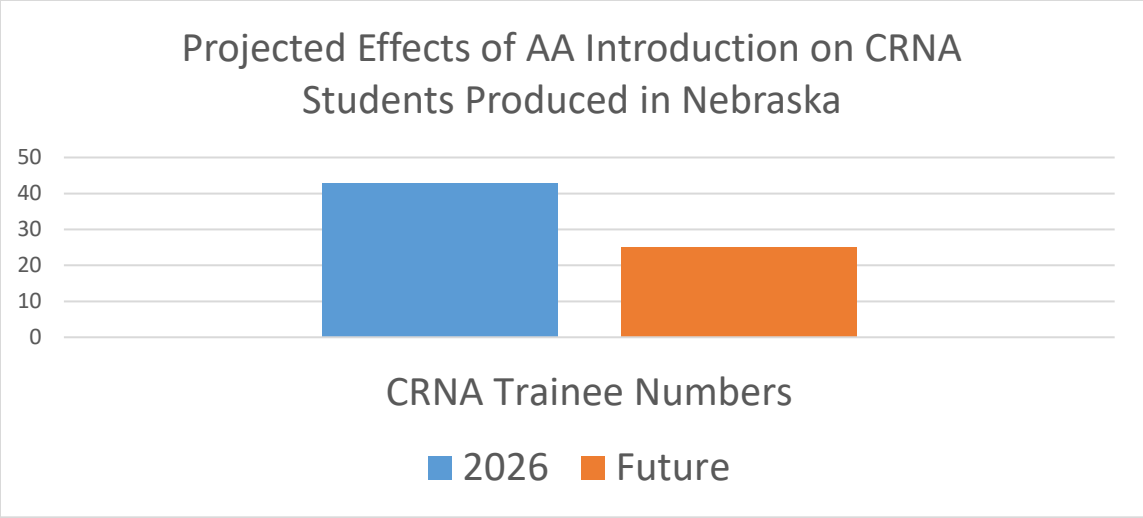
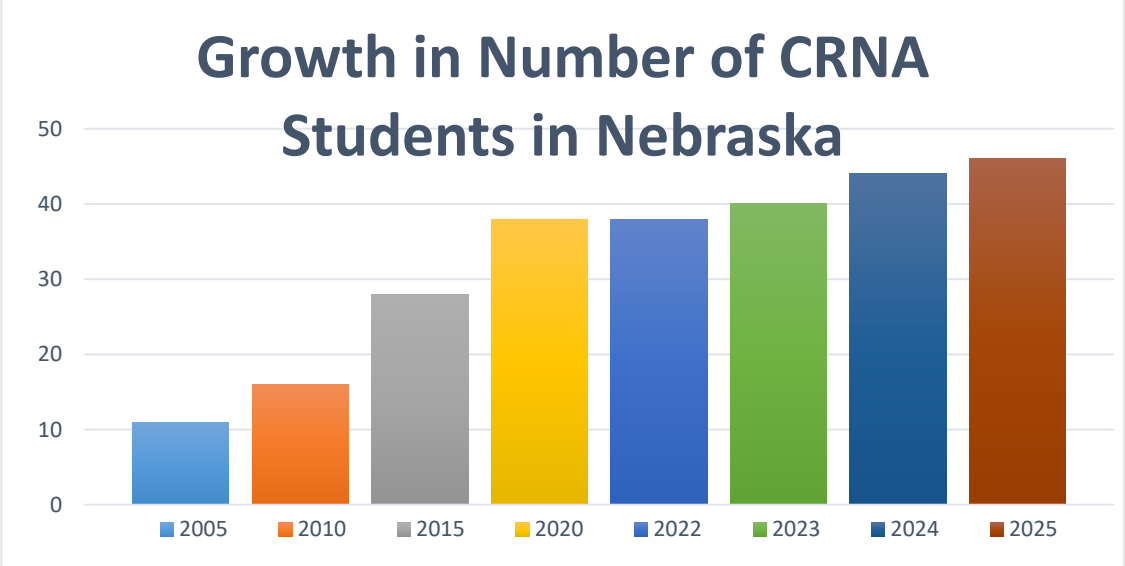


Required surgical specialty cases for CRNA students are limited to larger urban institutions. Clinical experiences CANNOT be obtained in an OR staffed by an Anesthesiologist Assistant (AA). A small number of AAs placed in urban hospitals will have a relatively large **NEGATIVE** impact on the number of CRNAs produced by Nebraska CRNA educational programs. The estimated impact is a reduction in cohort sizes from 43/year to 25/year.



The two Nebraska CRNA programs have increased their numbers collectively since 2005 from 11 to a projected 46 for 2025. This increase has been in response to demand for competent, safe, and independent anesthesia providers by the stakeholders of Nebraska.