

Lee A. Ellingson is a native North Dakotan and received his Bachelor of Science in Biology and Nursing at the University of Mary – Bismarck in 1987. He completed his Nurse Anesthesia training and Masters of Health Science in 1992 in the Texas Wesleyan University / US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing. Lee's active duty experiences included staff CRNA at Fort Knox, KY during which he was deployed to Somalia in Operation Restore Hope. In 1995 Lee became assistant professor/assistant director of the University of Texas Houston Health Science Center/ US Army Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia at Madigan Army Medical Center. In 1997 he moved his family to Wadena, MN where he was employed for 11 years as a CRNA in a 41 bed hospital. During the past 18 years Lee has also provided extensive Locum tenens services at numerous Appalachian Mountain Regional Hospitals, Minnesota hospitals and Meritcare in Fargo. Last year he became employed fulltime at Sanford Health – Meritcare Hospital in Fargo. Lee and his wife, Aime, have 8 children and continue to reside on their Wadena, MN hobby farm. Lee's future plans include completing a doctoral degree and performing teaching and research while remaining clinically active in anesthesia.