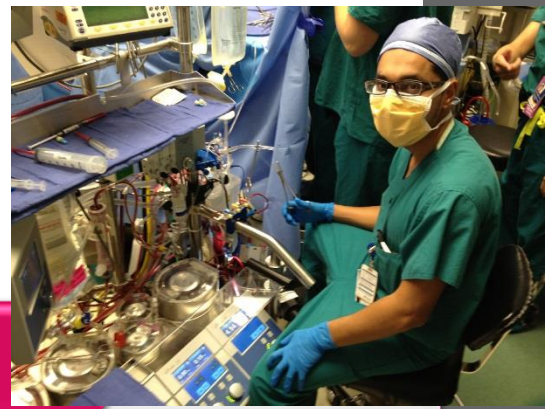


PERFUSIONIST



Description

- A perfusionist operates a heart-lung machine, which is an artificial blood pump, which propels oxygenated blood to the patient's tissues while the surgeon operates on the heart. The perfusionist manages the physiological and metabolic demands of the patient while the cardiac surgeon operates on the heart. It is also the perfusionist's responsibility to deliver the drug that stops the heart.

Education Required

- Masters – 6 yrs

Salary

- \$79,000

Area College Options

- Cleveland Clinic Foundation - OH

Resources

- abcp.org American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion