

## NP Core Competencies

The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) has identified core competencies for all nurse practitioners (NPs). Nationally validated, these competencies are for entry to practice for all NPs.

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### Population Focused NP Competencies

The 2008 *Consensus Model for APRN Regulation*, used the term "population focus" to describe the broad area of preparation for NPs. Previously, the term "specialty" was used to describe the NP's program of study. The recognized population foci are Adult-Gerontological, Family (Across Lifespan), Neonatal, Pediatrics, Women's Health-Gender Related, and Psychiatric-Mental Health. All entry level NPs should master the NP core competencies **and** the population focused NP competencies that match their educational NP training.

<p>Adult-Gerontological (AG ACNP-Acute) (AG PCNP-Primary)</p>	<p>2008 <i>Consensus Model for APRN Regulation</i> merged the adult and gerontology population foci and also created acute care and primary care tracks. Although the minimum age is not stipulated, the below document states that competencies apply to all adults including late adolescents.</p>	<p><a href="http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/competencies/NP_Adult_Geri_competencies_4.pdf">http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/competencies/NP_Adult_Geri_competencies_4.pdf</a></p>
<p>Family/Across the Lifespan (FNP)</p>	<p>They are educationally prepared to treat individuals of all ages.</p>	<p><a href="http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/Competencies/CompilationPopFocusComps2013.pdf">http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/Competencies/CompilationPopFocusComps2013.pdf</a></p>
<p>Neonatal (NNP)</p>	<p>NPs trained to deliver care to neonates, infants, and children up to two years of age.</p>	<p><a href="http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/Competencies/CompilationPopFocusComps2013.pdf">http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/Competencies/CompilationPopFocusComps2013.pdf</a></p>
<p>Pediatrics (ACPNP-Acute)</p>	<p>The 2008 <i>Consensus Model for APRN Regulation</i> created acute care and primary care tracks for pediatrics. The acute care</p>	<p><a href="http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/Competencies/CompilationPopFocusComps2013.pdf">http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/Competencies/CompilationPopFocusComps2013.pdf</a></p>

(PCPNP-Primary)	<p>pediatric nurse practitioner (ACPNP) treats children from birth to young adulthood with complex acute, critical and chronic illness. ACPNPs are trained to continue to treat some patients with certain diagnoses beyond young adulthood. While the primary care pediatric NP predominately cares for children from birth to young adulthood in the outpatient setting, their care may extend into the hospital setting.</p>	
<p>Women's Health/ Gender Related (WHNP)</p>	<p>Educationally prepared to provide primary care to women across the life cycle with emphasis on conditions unique to women from menarche through the remainder of their life cycle. WHNP NPs are able to treat male partners exposed to STIs and sexual orientation issues.</p>	<p><a href="http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/Competencies/CompilationPopFocusComps2013.pdf">http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/Competencies/CompilationPopFocusComps2013.pdf</a></p>
<p>Psychiatric-Mental Health (PMHNP)</p>	<p>The PHMNP provides primary mental health care to patients of all ages in a wide range of settings.</p>	<p><a href="http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/Competencies/CompilationPopFocusComps2013.pdf">http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nonpf.org/resource/resmgr/Competencies/CompilationPopFocusComps2013.pdf</a></p>