

Specialty Nurse Practitioner Certifications

As the NP role has evolved, so have the areas where NPs are seeking additional expertise and certifications. For the FNP and Adult/Gerontology NPs, these enhance practice and meet the needs of patients in both urban and rural areas.

Addictions (CARN-NP)	NPs who obtain specialty certification as CARN-AP demonstrates their expertise in the field of Addictions Nursing. The CARA act passage in 2016 allowed NPs to complete 24 hours of CE to get an X waiver on the DEA to prescribe medically assisted therapy (MAT) to patients with substance use disorders (SUD). CE is available at no cost on the AANP CE center. (Buprenorphine Waiver Course)	https://ancbonline.org/ https://aanp.inreachce.com
Cardiovascular (CVNP-BC)	Certification is offered by the American Board of Cardiovascular Medicine (ABCM). NPs are encouraged to have at least two years on the job in the practice of cardiology before attempting this exam.	https://www.abcmcertification.com/certification-exams.html
Dermatology (DCNP)	The Dermatology Nurse Practitioner's specialty certification examination is based on a practice analysis of dermatology nurse practitioner practice.	https://www.dnanurse.org/dnaeducation/certification/dcnp-certification/
Emergency Room (ENP-C)	AANPCB started an ER NP specialty certification for FNPs who have completed didactic and clinical hours to provide NP care in emergency rooms across the lifespan	http://aaenp-natl.org/index.php

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Gerontology (GS-C)	This specialty certification distinguishes APRNs who possess expert knowledge, experience, and skill in managing the complex health needs of older adults.	https://www.gapna.org/certification
Hospice/Palliative Care (ACHPN)	The Hospice and Palliative Certification Center developed a competence-based specialty examination for experienced hospice and palliative advanced practice registered nurses.	http://advancingexpertcare.org/achpn/
Hospitalist NP	<p>Core competencies for physicians as well as NPs/PAs are available on the Society of Hospital Medicine website.</p> <p>There is no “certification” currently but boot camps and additional CE is available to NP/PAs who practice in hospital medicine.</p>	https://www.hospitalmedicine.org/professional-development/core-competencies/
Nephrology (CNN-NP)	NNCC has established a specialty examination for NPs with at least 2000 hours practicing in nephrology.	https://www.nncc-exam.org/certification/cnn-np

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<p>Obesity</p>	<p>The field of obesity is gaining a great deal of interest with NPs finding ways to verify their knowledge. Below are various entities to validate this knowledge. <u>NO certification is required at this time</u> but available for those who desire additional education on the care of patients with obesity.</p> <p>AANP has released an “introductory certificate” for Obesity in Primary Care. There are 7 modules for this introductory certification. CE currently grant funded until May 2019. CE is provided at no cost for AANP members as well as nonmembers.</p> <p>Obesity Medicine Association certification for NPs/PAs</p> <p>International certification available through World Obesity.</p> <p>Board certification available for interdisciplinary providers through the Commission on Dietetic Registration (Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics)</p>	<p>https://aanp.inreachce.com</p> <p>https://obesitymedicine.org/cme/np-pa-certificate-obesity-medicine/</p> <p>https://www.worldobesity.org/scope/certification/</p> <p>https://www.cdrnet.org/interdisciplinary</p>
<p>Oncology (AOCNP)</p>	<p>The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation offers two pathways to advanced certification based on graduate degree and clinical practice hours.</p>	<p>https://www.oncc.org/certifications/advanced-oncology-certified-nurse-practitioner-aocnp</p>

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Orthopaedic (ONP-C)	The Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board advances the care of the orthopaedic patient through certification and clinical practice.	https://www.oncb.org/certifications/onp-c-certification/apn-exam-eligibility/
Urology (CUNP)	CBUNA is committed to the enhancement and promotion of public health by providing a specialty certification program for urological health professions.	https://www.cbuna.org/