

Approved APRN Licensure Certification Organizations and Exams

Green = Exam focus population aligns with APRN Consensus Model

Purple = Exam population is Pre-alignment

APRNs certified using "Pre-alignment" exams shall maintain practice aligning with that exam; they may maintain certification for licensure by endorsement/renewal. All certification programs offer a renewal option for exams that retired or that will retire.*

APRN Role	AANPCB American Academy of Nurse Practitioners – Certification Board	AACN American Association of Critical-Care Nurses	AMCB American Midwifery Certification Board	ANCC American Nurses Credentialing Center	NBCRNA National Board of Certification & Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists	NCC National Certification Corporation	PNCB Pediatric Nursing Certification Board	
CNM Certified Nurse Midwife			CNM- Women's Health / Gender Specific					
CNP Certified Nurse Practitioner	FNP-Family Across the Lifespan, Primary Care	CNP-Adult-Gerontology Acute Care		CNP-Adult-Gerontology Acute Care		CNP-Women's Health /Gender Specific	CNP-Pediatric Primary Care	
	CNP-Adult-Gerontology Primary Care			CNP-Adult-Gerontology Primary Care		NNP-Neonatal	CNP-Pediatric Acute Care	
	CNP-Adult (Retired)	CNP-Adult Acute Care (Retired)		FNP-Family Across the Lifespan, Primary Care PNP-Pediatric Primary Care [exam will be offered by PNCB is being discontinued by ANCC] Candidates deemed eligible for the ANCC PPCNP board certification examination were able to test or retest through December 31, 2019.				
	CNP-Gerontology (Retired)			CNP-Psychiatric-Mental Health Across the Lifespan (Formerly known as Family Psychiatric-Mental Health)				
				CNP-Acute Care	All in purple are retired.			
				CNP-Adult				
				CNP-Gerontology				
			CNP-Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health					
CRNA Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist					CRNA-Family Across the Lifespan			
CNS Clinical Nurse Specialist		CNS-Adult-Gerontology		CNS-Adult-Gerontology				
		CNS-Neonatal		CNS-Pediatric				
		CNS-Pediatric		CNS-Gerontology				
		CCNS - Critical Care (Retired)		CNS-Adult Health	All in purple are retired.			
				CNS-Adult Psych-Mental Health				
			CNS-Child/Adolescent Psych-Mental Health					

Certification exam not available for CNS focus area: Women's Health/Gender Specific. See changes to ANCC Pediatric Primary Care exam. Reviewed 1.20.21