

Approved APRN Licensure Certification Organizations and Exams							
APRN Role	<i>Green</i>-Population focused exams <i>align</i> with the APRN Consensus Model (CM). The CM requires graduate-level courses that include advanced physiology/pathophysiology, advanced health assessment, and advanced pharmacology. Additionally, the program of study must include APRN role core competencies in at least one of the six population foci. The <i>Purple</i>-population-focused exam <i>does not align</i> with the Consensus Model and is no longer available. APRNs certified with <i>pre-alignment</i> exams may maintain certification for licensure by meeting the renewal criteria established by certification boards.						
	AANPCB* American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board	AACN* American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation	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-Women's primary, GYN & OB care, healthy newborns up to 28 days of life, & male sexual health.			Current Examination CNM: Certified Nurse-Midwife				
CNP: Certified Nurse Practitioner-The CNP is the only APRN role that provides educational tracks for all six population foci. • Adult-gerontology* • Family/Individual Across Lifespan • Neonatal • Pediatrics* • Psychiatric-Mental Health • Women's Health/Gender Specific* *Acute & primary care delineation applies only to adult/gerontology & pediatrics; it is not setting-specific. *Competencies include providing male sexual health	Current Examinations FNP-C: Family/Individual Across Lifespan AGNP-C: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care PMHNP-C: Psychiatric-Mental Health Retired Examinations ANP-C: Adult GNP-C: Gerontology	Current Examinations ACNPC-AG: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Retired Examinations ACNPC: Adult Acute Care		Current Examinations AGACNP-BC: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care AGPCNP-BC: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care FNP-BC: Family/Individual Across Lifespan PMHNP-BC: Psychiatric-Mental Health Across the Lifespan Retired Examinations PPCNP-BC: Pediatric Primary Care (exam now available through PNCB) ACNP-BC: Acute Care ANP-BC: Adult GNP-BC: Gerontology PMHNP-BC: Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health SNP-BC: School		Current Examinations NNP-BC: Neonatal WHNP-BC: Women's Health/Gender Specific	Current Examinations CPNP-AC: Acute Care Certified Pediatric CPNP-PC: Primary Care Certified Pediatric
CRNA: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist-Provides analgesia & anesthesia across the lifespan.					Current Examination CRNA: Certified Nurse Anesthetist		

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CNS: Clinical Nurse Specialist- Provides direct patient care, optimizes organizational systems, and advances nursing practice. Current certification examinations: • Adult-Gerontology • Neonatal • Pediatrics		Active Examinations ACCNS-AG: Adult- Gerontology ACCNS-N: Neonatal ACCNS-P: Pediatric Retired Examination CNNS: Critical Care		Active Examinations AGCNS-BC: Adult- Gerontology Retired Examinations PCNS-BC: Pediatric GCNS-BC: Gerontology ACNS-BC: Adult Health PMHCNS-BC: Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health PMHCNS-BC: Child/Adolescent Psychiatric- Mental Health CNS-BC: CNS Core HHCNS-BC: Home Health PHCNS-BC: Public/Community Health			

APRNs must hold one of the above certifications before obtaining a specialty certification (ex. Emergency, Dermatology, Nephrology, etc.)

***Certification Examination Websites**

AANPCB	https://www.aanpcert.org/
AACN	https://www.aacn.org/certification/get-certified
AMCB	https://www.amcbmidwife.org/amcb-certification/application-process
ANCC	https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/
NBCRNA	https://www.nbcna.com/docs/default-source/publications-documentation/handbooks/nbcna-hb-nce.pdf?sfvrsn=2d78115b_12
NCC	https://www.nccwebsite.org/certification-exams/already-submitted-your-application#candidate-guides-policies-and-guidelines-for-applicants
PNCB	https://www.pncb.org/certifications/certified-pediatric-nurse