ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES: Certification/ Patient Population/ Certifying Agency

Specialty Certification Current Exam	**Patient Population Served**	**Certifying Agency**	**Retired Exam Recertify only**
Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP	Acutely ill adult-gerontology patients (young adults, older adults, and frail elderly) experiencing episodic illness, exacerbation of chronic illness or terminal illness. Adolescent, Adult, Young-Old, Middle-Old, and Oldest Old with complex acute, critical, and chronic conditions.	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Adult Acute Care NP Adult NP
Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP	Primary care of young adults (including adolescents and emancipated minors), adults, elderly, and frail elderly.	American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Board (AANPCB) American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Adult NP Gerontological NP (GNP)
Family NP (FNP)	Primary care to families and individuals across the life span (prenatal, pediatric, adolescent, adult, elderly, and frail elderly).	American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Board (AANPCB) American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	

Pediatric Primary Care NP Pediatric NP in Primary Care	Primary Care of the Infant through Young Adulthood.	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)	Pediatric NP
Pediatric NP in Acute Care	Infants, children, adolescents and young adults with acute, complex, critical, and chronic illness.	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)	
Neonatal NP	Newborn infants up to two years of age who are born with a variety of health challenges, including prematurity, birth defects, infection, cardiac malformations, and surgical problems.	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	
Women's Health Care NP	Primary care for conditions unique to women from menarche through the remainder of their lives, and reproductive health for men.	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	
Psychiatric-Mental Health	Psychiatric-Mental Health care of the Infant to the Oldest-Old.	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health NP
Certified Nurse Midwife	Primary Care and GYN for women; Obstetric care to include antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum and newborn care.	American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)	

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	Patients at all acuity levels across the lifespan in a variety of settings for procedures including, but not limited to, surgical, obstetrical, diagnostic, therapeutic, and pain management.	National Board of Certification & Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA)	
Adult Gerontology CNS – wellness through acute care	Wellness through acute care to meet the specialized needs of the adult-gerontology patients (young adults, older adults and frail elderly). Care of the Adolescent, Adult, Young-Old, Middle-Old, and Oldest Old.	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Adult Acute/Critical Care CNS Adult Health CNS Gerontology CNS
Pediatric CNS – wellness through acute care	Wellness through acute care to meet the specialized needs of pediatric patients.	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Pediatric Acute/Critical Care CNS Pediatric CNS
Neonatal Acute/Critical Care CNS	Wellness through acute care to meet the specialized needs of neonatal patients.	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)	
Adult Psych-Mental Health CNS Child-Adolescent Psych-Mental Health CNS	Patients 13 years and older. Patients up to the age of 13 years.	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health CNS Child-Adolescent Psychiatric-Mental Health CNS

Home Health CNS	Care of patients in the home setting.	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Home Health CNS
Public/Community Health CNS	Promote and protect the health of populations within a community.	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Public/Community Health CNS