

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	AANP-CP American Academy of Nurse Practitioners – Certification Program	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 (Project retirement late 2015*)	CNP-Adult Acute Care (Retires 12/31/14*)		FNP-Family Across the Lifespan, Primary Care		PNP-Pediatric Primary Care		
	CNP-Gerontology (Retired 12/28/12*)			CNP-Psychiatric-Mental Health Across the Lifespan (Formerly known as Family Psychiatric-Mental Health)				
				CNP-Acute Care		New applicant deadline 12/31/15; last day to test 12/31/16.*		
				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 [this test will retire, see new applicant deadline below]				
		CNS-Pediatric		CNS-Gerontology (Retires 7/31/14*)				
		CCNS - Critical Care (Retires 12/31/14*)		CNS-Adult Health				New applicant deadline 12/31/16; last day to test 10/31/17.*
				CNS-Adult Psych-Mental Health				
		CNS-Child/Adolescent Psych-Mental Health						

Certification exam not yet available for CNS focus area: Women's Health/Gender Specific.

12/17/2014* new information for ANCC retiring exams