

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER CREDENTIAL GUIDELINES

Key: **AACN** - American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (<https://www.aacn.org/certification/advanced-practice/>)
AANP - American Association of Nurse Practitioners (<https://www.aanpcert.org/>)
AMCB - American Midwifery Certification Board (<https://www.amcbmidwife.org/amcb-certification>)
ANCC - American Nurses Credentialing Center (<https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/>)
DNA - Dermatology Nurses Association (<https://www.dnanurse.org/certification/>)
HPCC - Hospice & Palliative Credentialing Center (<https://advancingexpertcare.org/HPNA/Certification/>)
NBCRNA - National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (<https://www.nbcrna.com/exams>)
NCC - National Certification Corporation (<https://www.nccwebsite.org/certification-exams>)
NCCPA - National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (<https://www.nccpa.net/become-certified>)
ONCB - Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board (<https://www.oncb.org/certifications/>)
ONCC - Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (<https://www.oncc.org/certifications>)
PNCB - Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (<https://www.pncb.org/pncb-exams>)

Title	Degree	Certifying Entity	Licensure	Board Certification	Furnishing Number	DEA Certification	BLS	ACLS	PALS
Physician Assistant	BS MS DHS Certificate	NCCPA	X	X	N/A	X	X	X ²	X ²
Adult (or Gerontology) Primary Care NP (ANP-BC) ¹ or (ANP-C) ¹ or (GNP-BC) or (GNP-C) ¹	MSN DNP	AANP ANCC	X	X	X	X	X	X ²	
Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP (AGPCNP-BC) or (AGNP-C)	MSN DNP	AANP ANCC	X	X	X	X	X	X ²	
Acute Care NP (ACNP-BC) ¹ or (ACNP) ¹	MSN DNP	ANCC AACN	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP (AGACNP-BC) or (ACNPC-AG)	MSN DNP	ANCC AACN	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Family NP (FNP-BC) or (FNP-C)	MSN DNP	AANP ANCC	X	X	X	X	X	X ²	X ²
Pediatric Primary Care NP (PPCNP-BC) or (CPNP-PC)	MSN DNP	ANCC PNCB	X	X	X	X	X		X ²
Pediatric Acute Care NP (CPNP-AC)	MSN DNP	PNCB	X	X	X	X	X		X
Women's Health NP (WHNP-BC)	MSN DNP	NCC	X	X	X	X	X		
Neonatal NP (NNP-BC)	MSN DNP	NCC	X	X	X	X	X		X
Psychiatric-Mental Health (Adult) NP (PMHNP-BC) ¹	MSN DNP	ANCC	X	X	X	X	X	X ²	
Psychiatric-Mental Health (Lifespan) NP (PMHNP-BC)	MSN DNP	ANCC	X	X	X	X	X	X ²	
Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Specialist (PMHS) ³	MSN DNP	PNCB	X	X	X	X	X		X ²
Emergency NP (ENP-BC) ³ or (ENP-C) ³	MSN DNP	AANP ANCC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dermatology NP (DCNP) ³	MSN DNP	DNA	X	X	X	X	X		
Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (ACHPN) ³	MSN DNP	HPCC	X	X	X	X	X	X ²	X
Advanced Oncology Certified NP (AOCNP) ³	MSN DNP	ONCC	X	X	X	X	X	X ²	
Orthopedic NP (ONP-C) ³	MSN DNP	ONCB	X	X	X	X	X	X ²	
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	MSN DNP	NBCRNA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)	MSN DNP	AMCB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

¹Retired certification

²If providing inpatient care

³Dual-certification for subspecialty

Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education (https://www.ncsbn.org/Consensus_Model_Report.pdf)