



National Certification Examinations Recognized by the Texas Board of Nursing



Board Rule 221 requires **current** national certification for all applicants who completed their advanced practice nursing education programs on or after 1/1/1996 unless the applicant is eligible to apply for a waiver of this requirement under the provisions of Rule 221.7(c). The following is a table delineating specific examination(s) recognized by the Texas Board of Nursing for specific advanced practice roles and population focus areas. **This is not an exhaustive list**; rather, this list contains the advanced practice titles most commonly recognized by the board and the examinations accepted by the Board as meeting the national certification requirement for advanced practice registered nurses in those roles and population focus areas. If you do not see your advanced role and population focus area or certification listed, please contact the APRN application office at aprn@bon.texas.gov or (512) 305-6843 during regular business hours to obtain additional information.

Advanced Practice Role & Population Focus Area	National Certification Examinations Recognized by the Texas Board of Nursing
Nurse Anesthetist	NBCRNA Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists' Certification
Nurse-Midwife	American Midwifery Certification Board—must take examination for certification as a CNM
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) (May take either examination)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's ACNP OR AACN Certification Corporation's ACNP
Acute Care Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (A/GACNP) (May take either examination)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's A/GACNP OR AACN Certification Corporation's ACNPC-AG
Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (ACPNP)	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board's CPNP- <u>Acute Care</u>
Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) (May take either examination)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's ANP OR American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program's ANP
Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (A/GNP) (May take either examination)	American Nurses Credential Center's A/GPCNP OR American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program's A-GNP
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) (May take either examination)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's FNP OR American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program's FNP
Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (GNP) (May take either examination)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's GNP OR American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program's GNP
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP)	National Certification Corporation's NNP
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) (May take either examination)	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board's CPNP- <u>Primary Care</u> OR American Nurses Credentialing Center's PPCNP
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) (May take examination appropriate to education)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's Adult PMHNP OR American Nurses Credentialing Center's PMHNP (across the lifespan)
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)	National Certification Corporation's WHNP
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Health Nursing	American Nurses Credentialing Center's Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult/Gerontology Nursing	AACN Certification Corporation's ACCNS—Adult/Gerontology
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Gerontological Nursing	American Nurses Credentialing Center's Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Neonatal Nursing	AACN Certification Corporation's ACCNS—Neonatal
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Pediatric Nursing	American Nurses Credentialing Center's Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist OR AACN Certification Corporation's ACCNS—Pediatrics
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing (May take examination appropriate to education)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health Clinical Specialist OR American Nurses Credentialing Center's Child/Adolescent Psychiatric & Mental Health Clinical Specialist