



## National Certifications Recognized by the Texas Board of Nursing



Board Rule 221 requires **current** national certification for all APRN applicants and licensees 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 national certifications 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 certifications 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](mailto:aprn@bon.texas.gov) or (512) 305- 6843 during regular business hours to obtain additional information.

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

**\* Initial certification examination no longer offered. Certifier will only allow renewal of these certifications.**