



Board of Nursing Policy Recognizing Certain Additional APRN Licensure Titles

The Texas Board of Nursing (Board) recognizes that advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) must be educated to provide a range of health care services to broad patient population focus areas. As a result, education programs have made changes to meet this need. The Board also recognizes that there is a need to grant APRN licensure titles that accurately reflect the licensee's APRN educational preparation.

For many years, the Board has granted licensure titles that include authority to practice in adult health, acute care adult health, or gerontology nursing. The Board recognizes that graduates of certain APRN education programs are now being prepared to provide advanced practice nursing care in a combined adult/gerontology population focus area and that there is a need to recognize this combined population focus area. Therefore, by policy, the Board recognizes the following new APRN licensure titles:

- Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
- Acute Care Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult/Gerontology Nursing

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