

**Certification Requirements**

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Certification</b>	<b>Certification Renewal</b>	<b>Renewal Requirements</b>	<b>Accreditation &amp; Affiliation</b>	<b>Testing Service</b>
<p><b>American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP)</b>  <a href="https://www.aanpcert.org/ptistore/control/index">https://www.aanpcert.org/ptistore/control/index</a></p>	<p>Offered to graduates of a nationally-accredited graduate, post-graduate, and doctoral level adult, adult-gerontology, and family nurse practitioner programs in the U.S.A. and Canada  <a href="http://www.aanpcert.org/ptistore/resource/documents/2013%20CandidateRenewalHandbook%20-Rev%2011%2025%202013%20forNCCA(FINAL).pdf">http://www.aanpcert.org/ptistore/resource/documents/2013%20CandidateRenewalHandbook%20-Rev%2011%2025%202013%20forNCCA(FINAL).pdf</a></p>	<p>Active RN license                      AANP member \$240                      non-AANP member \$315</p>	<p>Every 5 years                      Recertification by Examination                      AANP Member \$240, Non-Member \$315                      Recert by Practice Hours &amp; CE:                      AANP Member \$120, Non-Members \$195                      Recert by Practice Hours &amp; CE:                      AANP Member \$120, Non-Members \$195</p>	<p>Active RN license  <b>Option 1:</b> 1000 clinical hours as NP 75 CE applicable to population focus within 5 years  <b>Option 2:</b> take the national certification examination  <a href="http://www.aanpcert.org/ptistore/control/recert/qualifications">http://www.aanpcert.org/ptistore/control/recert/qualifications</a></p>	<p>Accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) &amp; the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC). AANPCP is an independent, separately incorporated, nonprofit organization. The Certification Program is affiliated with the national professional membership organization, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). <b>Membership with AANP is not a requirement for certification with AANPCP.</b></p>	<p>Professional Examination Service (ProService). AANPCP's National Certification Examinations are developed in cooperation with Professional Examination Service (ProExam, formerly known as PES), a not-for-profit testing company founded in 1941. Examinations are developed in conformity with standards established by the Institute of Credentialing Excellence (ICE), American Psychological Association, American Educational Research Association, National Council on Measurement in Education, and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission</p>
<p><b>American Nurses Association- American Nurses Credentialling Center (ANCC)</b>  <a href="http://www.nursecredentialling.org/">http://www.nursecredentialling.org/</a></p>	<p>Offered to graduates of a nationally-accredited master's, postgraduate, or doctoral level acute care, adult, adult-gerontology acute care, adult-gerontology primary care, adult psychiatric-mental health care, family, gerontological, pediatric primary care, &amp; psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner programs.  <a href="http://www.nursecredentialling.org/certification.aspx#specialty">http://www.nursecredentialling.org/certification.aspx#specialty</a></p>	<p>Active RN license                      ANA Members \$270                      American Psychiatric Nurses Association Members - For Psychiatric Exams Only \$290                      Discount Rate Organizations* \$340  <a href="http://www.nursecredentialling.org/Certification/ExamResources/ExamFees/OrganizationsDiscounts.html">http://www.nursecredentialling.org/Certification/ExamResources/ExamFees/OrganizationsDiscounts.html</a>                      Non-ANA Members \$395</p>	<p>Every 5 years                      ANA member \$200 Non-ANA member \$350  <a href="http://www.nursecredentialling.org/RenewalRequirements.aspx">http://www.nursecredentialling.org/RenewalRequirements.aspx</a></p>	<p>Active RN license                      Current certification  <b>Option A:</b> Professional Development Plus Practice Hours  <b>Option B:</b> Professional Development Plus Testing Category 1 (75 continuing education hours) plus one additional category. (Candidates are allowed to double Category 1, submitting a total of 150 continuing education hours, in order to fulfill the entire professional development requirement                      Category 1: Continuing Education Hours                      Category 2: Academic Credits                      Category 3: Presentations                      Category 4: Publication or Research                      Category 5: Preceptor Hours                      Category 6: Professional Service                      APRN/CNS 25 of the 75 contact hours All advanced practice nurses (nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists) must include at least 25 of the 75 continuing education hours in pharmacotherapeutics in order to fulfill their Category 1 requirement. If Professional Development Category 1 is doubled, then at least 25 of the 150 continuing education hours are required in pharmacotherapeutics.  <a href="http://www.nursecredentialling.org/RenewalRequirements.aspx">http://www.nursecredentialling.org/RenewalRequirements.aspx</a></p>	<p>Accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) &amp; the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC). American Nurses Credentialling Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA). <b>Membership with ANA is not a requirement for certification with ANCC.</b></p>	<p>The ANCC certification examinations are developed consistent with the technical guidelines recommended by the American Educational Research Association, the American Psychological Association, and the National Council on Measurement in Education (AERA, APA, NCME; 1999). Additionally, the ANCC certification examinations meet accreditation standards of the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).</p>

<p><b>Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)</b>  <a href="http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/index">http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/index</a></p>	<p>Offered to graduates of a nationally-accredited master's or doctoral level pediatric primary care nurse practitioner or pediatric acute care nurse practitioner program.  <a href="http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/resource/content/exams/Prometric_Handbook.pdf">http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/resource/content/exams/Prometric_Handbook.pdf</a></p>	<p>Active RN license \$385  <a href="http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/exams/pnp/fees">http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/exams/pnp/fees</a></p>	<p>Every 7 years        \$85 per module 2 PNCB Pediatric Updates Modules        If purchased individually, the total cost is \$170. If two modules are purchased at the same time, the cost is \$160. There is no cost to apply previously purchased modules to your Recert application.        \$130 1 PNCB Pediatric Updates module + 7.5 contact hours of other accepted activity        You pay \$85 to order the module in advance of recertifying. You pay \$45 to document the other 7.5 hours of activity on the Recert application. There is no cost to apply previously purchased modules to your Recert application.        \$85 15 contact hours of accepted activities        \$65 Record Review Year  <a href="http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/resource/content/certs/PC_CPNP_Recert_Guide.pdf">http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/resource/content/certs/PC_CPNP_Recert_Guide.pdf</a></p>	<p>Active RN license each year complete 15 contact hours or equivalent activities accepted by PNCB over a period of 7 years, complete required PNCB pediatric update 6 modules (2 Primary Care modules, 2 Pharmacology, and 2 modules of their choice)        2015 requirement: 15 contact hours of pediatric pharmacology</p>	<p>Accredited by The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). PNCB certification programs are recognized by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and individual state boards of nursing. The PNCB is also a member of the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS). PNCB is an independent, non-profit organization and is not affiliated with a professional association and no membership is required.</p>	<p>PNCB utilizes the services of Prometric to assist in the administration, scoring, and analysis of the PNCB's CPN, CPNP and PMHS exams. Prometric is an independent testing agency and the leading provider of testing services and solutions for corporate, academic, government, financial and professional service clients. Our national exams are unique in that they are the only certification exams collaboratively designed by CPNPs®, CPNs®, and pediatricians.  <a href="http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/about/about_exams">http://www.pncb.org/ptistore/control/about/about_exams</a></p>
<p><b>National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing Specialty (NCC)</b>  <a href="http://www.nccwebsite.org/default.aspx">http://www.nccwebsite.org/default.aspx</a></p>	<p>Offered to graduates of a nationally-accredited masters, post-masters, or DNP level women's health care nurse practitioner or neonatal nurse practitioner program.  <a href="http://www.nccwebsite.org/resources/docs/2014-exam-np-bc.pdf">http://www.nccwebsite.org/resources/docs/2014-exam-np-bc.pdf</a></p>	<p>Active RN license Exam fee \$325        Examination must be taken within 8 years of graduation date.</p>	<p>every three years  <b>Maintenance-</b>        Maintenance fee \$100 + \$70 if 15 CEU completed \$60 if 30 CEU completed \$50 if 45 CEU completed using the NCC online modules        Alternatives to Professional Development Certification Maintenance Program \$175  <a href="https://www.nccwebsite.org/resources/docs/2014-maintenance-core.pdf">https://www.nccwebsite.org/resources/docs/2014-maintenance-core.pdf</a></p>	<p>Active RN license <b>Professional Development Certification Maintenance Program</b> Assessment to identify strengths &amp; knowledge gaps to build educational plan + CEU Due March 31, 2014:        Use credit earned from the day you take your Stage 2 Assessment to 3/31/14        Due June 30, 2014:        Use credit earned from the day you take your Stage 2 Assessment to 6/30/14        Due September 30, 2014:        Use credit earned from the day you take your Stage 2 Assessment to 9/30/14        Due December 31, 2014:        Use credit earned from the day you take your Stage 2 Assessment to 12/31/14  <b>Alternatives to Professional Development Certification Maintenance Program</b> 50 CEU requirements will be assigned to each of the designated competency areas, an educational plan will be generated and will need to be followed.</p>	<p>Accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), the accreditation body of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA). NCC is a not for profit organization that provides a national credentialing program for nurses, physicians and other licensed health care personnel. NCC is an independent, not for profit national certification organization and is not affiliated with a professional association and no membership is required.</p>	<p>NCC uses the services of testing vendor, Applied Measurement Professional, Inc (AMP) to assist in administration, scoring and analysis of the NCC's WHNP and NNP exams.  <a href="http://www.nccwebsite.org/Certification/HowdoIapply.aspx#how-computer-testing-works">http://www.nccwebsite.org/Certification/HowdoIapply.aspx#how-computer-testing-works</a></p>

<p><b>AACN Certification Corporation</b>  <a href="http://www.aacn.org/dm/mainpages/certificationhome.aspx">http://www.aacn.org/dm/mainpages/certificationhome.aspx</a></p>	<p>Offered to graduates of a nationally-accredited master's degree or higher level adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner program.  <a href="http://www.aacn.org/wd/certifications/content/documentsandhandbooks.pcms?menu=certification&amp;lastmenu=">http://www.aacn.org/wd/certifications/content/documentsandhandbooks.pcms?menu=certification&amp;lastmenu=</a></p>	<p>Active RN license  AACN Members \$245  Nonmembers \$350</p>	<p>every 5 years  Synergy Continuing Education Recognition Point (CERPs)  AACN Members \$120  Nonmembers \$200  CCRN Renewal by Exam  AACN Members \$170  Nonmembers \$275  <a href="http://www.aacn.org/WD/Certifications/Content/ccrrenewal.pcms?menu=Certification">http://www.aacn.org/WD/Certifications/Content/ccrrenewal.pcms?menu=Certification</a></p>	<p>Active RN license  <b>Option 1</b> - Practice Hours and CE Points minimum of 1,000 practice hours 150 CE Renewal Points, 75 of which must be in Category I - Acute Care Education Programs.  <b>Option 2</b> - Practice Hours and Exam minimum of 1,000 practice hours meeting the hour requirement + the certification exam  <b>Option 3</b> - CE Points and Exam complete 150 CE Renewal Points, 75 of which must be in Category I - Acute Care Education Programs + the certification exam  25 of the 75 CE Renewal Points required under Category I must be in pharmacology  <a href="http://www.aacn.org/wd/certifications/docs/acnpc-renewal-handbook.pdf">http://www.aacn.org/wd/certifications/docs/acnpc-renewal-handbook.pdf</a></p>	<p>Accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). AACN Certification Corporation is a separately incorporated organization from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. The Certification Corporation is not a membership organization. It is a certifying organization dedicated to consumer protection through certifying and recertifying nurses.  <b>Membership in the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses is not an eligibility requirement for AACN Certification programs.</b>  <a href="http://www.aacn.org/wd/certifications/content/certcorpinfo.pcms?menu=certification&amp;lastmenu=">http://www.aacn.org/wd/certifications/content/certcorpinfo.pcms?menu=certification&amp;lastmenu=</a></p>	<p>The certification programs are administered by AACN Certification Corporation. The certification exams are conducted in cooperation with applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. (AMP). AACM Certification Corporation develops ACNPC and ACNPC-AG*specialty exams.  <a href="http://www.aacn.org/wd/certifications/docs/cert-policy-hndbk.pdf">http://www.aacn.org/wd/certifications/docs/cert-policy-hndbk.pdf</a></p>
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