

## APRN Requirements At-A Glance

"Advanced Practice Registered Nurse"(APRN) is an umbrella title for RNs who are Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Certified Nurse Midwives, Clinical Nurse Specialists or Nurse Practitioners. Completion of an advanced formal education program is required for recognition to practice in any of the following categories.

	<b>Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)</b>	<b>Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)</b>	<b>Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)</b>	<b>Nurse Practitioner (NP)</b>
<b>Education</b>	Completion of a Master's in Nursing or related field and graduate level midwifery program.	Completion of Masters of Science in Nursing or another appropriate Master's degree program and graduate level anesthesia program.	Completion of Master's Degree in Nursing, with clinical specialization and preparation for advanced role functioning in areas such as mental health, neonatology, gerontology, cardiology, oncology, community. Recognition as a CNS by the NC Board of Nursing (NCBON) is voluntary in the State.	Completion of Master's or higher degree in Nursing or related field with a primary focus on Nursing and nationally accredited graduate level Nurse Practitioner education program.
<b>Who regulates</b>	Midwifery Joint Committee	Board of Nursing	Board of Nursing	Joint Subcommittee of the Medical Board and the Board of Nursing
<b>Certification Requirements</b>	Certified by the American Midwifery Certification Board. Mandatory national certification examination, continuing education and re-certification.	Certified by the National Board of Certification and Re-certification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA).	National Certification as clinical nurse specialist by a national credentialing body approved by the Board.	Certification by one of the following national credentialing bodies approved by the Board. Board approved re-certification must be maintained. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).</li> <li>2. American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).</li> <li>3. American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation (AACN).</li> <li>4. National Certification Corporation of the Obstetric Gynecological and Neonatal Nursing Specialites (NCC).</li> <li>5. Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB).</li> </ol>