



General Information for Clinical Nurse Specialists Regarding National Certification

The following national organizations/associations met the recommendations of the Advanced Practice Registered Nursing (APRN) Consensus Model where licensure occurs at the level of the population foci. Specialty practice areas certifications are not population focus. These certificates do not replace the national certification and do not expand the scope of practice beyond the role or population.

American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN)

101 Columbia

Aliso Viejo, CA 92655-1491

(800) 899-2226

<http://www.aacn.org>

AACN offers CNS population focus national certification in the following areas:

- Adult-Gerontology CNS
- Pediatric CNS
- Neonatal CNS

American Nurses Association – American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

8515 Georgia Avenue, Suite 400

Silver Springs, MD 20910-3492

(800) 284-2378

<http://www.ana.org/ancc>

ANCC offers initial CNS certification in the following areas:

- Adult-Gerontology CNS

ANCC offers renewal-only (legacy) certification for CNSs who hold existing population focus national certification in the following areas:

- Adult Health CNS
- Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health CNS
- Child/Adolescent Psychiatric-Mental Health CNS
- Gerontological CNS
- Pediatric CNS