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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (APRN) CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS
APPROVED BY THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING

The following APRN certification examinations have been approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for use by applicants for initial licensure as an APRN. The APRN who is practicing in a role that requires APRN licensure must use the title “Advanced Practice Registered Nurse” or “APRN” and the APRN role title, i.e., “Certified Nurse Practitioner” or “CNP”, “Clinical Nurse Specialist” or “CNS”, “Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist” or “CRNA”, or “Certified Nurse-Midwife” or “CNM” in their representations to the public, which may include, but are not limited to, name tags, signatures in medical records and on prescriptions, and signage. The *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act* does not designate the order of the credentials; whether the credentials are to be separated by a dash or a comma; or whether the APRN may add other credentials to their title, such as specialty certifications and educational credentials. These decisions may be made by the individual APRN.

OBN Exam Code #	OBN APRN Category	National Certification Examination	National Certifying Body	National Certification Credential
8	CNP	Adult Nurse Practitioner	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	ANP-BC
9	CNP	Family Nurse Practitioner	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	FNP-BC
10	CNP	Gerontological Nurse Practitioner	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	GNP-BC
11	CNP	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	PNP-BC
53	CNP	Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	ACNP-BC
59	CNP	Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	PMHNP-BC [Adult]

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60	CNP	Family Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	PMHNP-BC [Family]
36	CNP	Primary Care Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB)	CPNP-PC
67	CNP	Acute Care Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB)	CPNP-AC
39	CNP	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	NNP-BC
40	CNP	Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	WHNP-BC
64	CNP	Adult Nurse Practitioner	American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP)	NP-C
65	CNP	Family Nurse Practitioner	American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP)	NP-C
7	CNM	Certification Examination in Nurse-Midwifery/ Midwifery	American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)	CNM
56	CNS	Acute and Critical Care; Neonatal	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Program (AACN)	CCNS
57	CNS	Acute and Critical Care; Pediatric	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Program (AACN)	CCNS
58	CNS	Acute and Critical Care; Adult	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Program (AACN)	CCNS

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13	CNS	Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	PMHCNS-BC [Adult]
14	CNS	Child/Adolescent Psychiatric and Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	PMHCNS-BC [Child/Adolescent]
16	CNS	Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	GCNS-BC
17	CNS	Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	ACNS-BC
66	CNS	Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	PCNS-BC
63	CNS	Advanced AIDS Certified Registered Nurse (NOTE: Effective January 1, 2016, this examination will no longer be included on the Approved List.)	HIV/AIDS Nursing Certification Board (HANCB)	AACRN
68	CNS	Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (NOTE: Effective January 1, 2016, this examination will no longer be included on the Approved List.)	Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC)	AOCNS
4	CRNA	Certification Examination for Registered Nurse Anesthetists	National Board on Certification/Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA)	CRNA

Regulatory Authority

59 O.S. §567.3.a.5(b), 8., and 10.a(2)

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**ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS NO
 LONGER APPROVED BY THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING**

Certification examinations on this list were previously approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, but such approval has been discontinued.

No initial licensure as an APRN is granted from this list, but Advanced Practice Registered Nurses with national certifications from this list may continue to be licensed as APRNs as long as they continue to **renew** their APRN licensure.

This list may be used to correctly complete renewal applications, if the current national certification is from an examination on this list.

OBN Exam Code #	OBN APRN Category	National Certification Examination	National Certifying Body	National Certification Credential
1	CNS	Certification for Addictions Registered Nurses	Addictions Nursing Certification Board (ANCB)	CARN
3	CNS	Certification for Adult, Pediatric and Neonatal Critical Care Nurses	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Program (AACN)	CCRN
5	CNS	Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse	American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN)	CNRN
6	CNS	Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse	American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABPANC) [formerly known as American Board of Post Anesthesia Nursing Certification]	CPAN
15	CNS	Public Health Nursing, Advanced	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	*PHCNS-BC **APHN-BC

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19	CNS	Community Health Nurse	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	RN-BC
21	CNS	Gerontological Nurse	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	RN-BC
23	CNS	Medical-Surgical Nurse	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	RN-BC
24	CNS	Pediatric Nurse	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	RN-BC
25	CNS	Perinatal Nursing	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	RN-BC
26	CNS	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	RN-BC
29	CNS	Certification Examination for Emergency Nurses	Board Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN)	CEN
31	CNS	a.Certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse b.Certified Ostomy Nurse c.Certified Continence Nurse	Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB)	a. CWOCN b. COCN c. CCCN
34	CNS	Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators	National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE)	CDE
37	CNS	General Pediatric Nursing	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB)	CPN
38	CNS	Certification of Operating Room Nurses	Competency & Credentialing Institute (CCI)	CNOR
43	CNS	Inpatient Obstetric Nurse	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	RNC-OB

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OBN Exam Code #	OBN APRN Category	National Certification Examination	National Certifying Body	National Certification Credential
44	CNS	Low Risk Neonatal Nurse	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	RNC-LRN
46	CNS	Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	RNC-NIC
48	CNS	Certified Nephrology Nurse	Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC)	CNN
49	CNS	Oncology Certified Nurse	Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC)	OCN
50	CNS	Orthopaedic Certified Nurse	Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board (ONCB)	ONC
52	CNS	Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse	Rehabilitation Nursing Certification Board (RNCB)	CRRN
61	CNS	Advanced Diabetes Management Clinical Nurse Specialist	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	BC-ADM

*PHCNS-BC applies to nurses who took and passed the exam *on or prior* to May 17, 2008, and maintain an active certification.

**APHN-BC applies to nurses who took and passed the exam *after* May 17, 2008.

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