Want to become an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse? (APRN)

BSN Degree usually required to enter a Master’s in Science Nursing Degree Program

Four tracts to obtain APRN

- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
  - Choose population focus: Acute Care Adult Gerontology; Primary Care Adult Gerontology; Family; Neonatal; Pediatric Acute Care; Pediatric Primary Care; Psychiatric Mental Health; Women’s Health Care

- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
  - Choose population focus: Acute Care Adult Gerontology; Acute Care Pediatrics; Acute Care Neonatal; Adult Gerontology

- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
  - Certification Exam Administered by the National Board of Certification & Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA)

- Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
  - Certification Exam Administered by the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)

Upon successful completion of the graduate program, a National Certification Examination is required to become certified as a NP, CNS, CRNA or CNM.

**Certification is required prior to state licensure as an APRN.**

NP’s are certified in their medical specialty; additional certifications can be earned to augment their population focus, such as emergency medicine, advanced oncology, dermatology, orthopedics, etc.

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