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NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODIES AND APN CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS  
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**APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL RECOGNITION: PLEASE USE THIS LIST TO CORRECTLY COMPLETE AN APPLICATION.**

OBN Exam Code #	OBN APN Category	National Certifying Body	National Certification Examination	National Certification Credential
8	ARNP	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Adult Nurse Practitioner	ANP-BC
9	ARNP	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Family Nurse Practitioner	FNP-BC
10	ARNP	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Gerontological Nurse Practitioner	GNP-BC
11	ARNP	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	PNP-BC
53	ARNP	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	ACNP-BC
59	ARNP	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	PMHNP-BC [Adult]
60	ARNP	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Family Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	PMHNP-BC [Family]
36	ARNP	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB)	Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care	CPNP-PC

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67	ARNP	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB)	Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner -Acute Care	CPNP-AC
39	ARNP	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	NNP-BC
40	ARNP	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner	WHNP-BC
64	ARNP	American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP)	Adult	NP-C
65	ARNP	American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP)	Family	NP-C
7	CNM	American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) [formerly known as American College of Nurse-Midwives Certification Council]	Certification Examination in Nurse-Midwifery/ Midwifery	CNM
56	CNS	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Program (AACN)	Acute and Critical Care; Neonatal	CCNS
57	CNS	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Program (AACN)	Acute and Critical Care; Pediatric	CCNS
58	CNS	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Program (AACN)	Acute and Critical Care; Adult	CCNS
13	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist	PMHCNS-BC [Adult]
14	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Child/Adolescent Psychiatric and Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist	PMHCNS-BC [Child/ Adolescent]

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16	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist	GCNS-BC
17	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist [formerly known as Medical-Surgical]	ACNS-BC
66	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist	PCNS-BC
61	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Advanced Diabetes Management Clinical Nurse Specialist	BC-ADM
63	CNS	HIV/AIDS Nursing Certification Board (HANCB)	Advanced AIDS Certified Registered Nurse	AACRN
68	CNS	Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC)	Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist	AOCNS
4	CRNA	Council on Certification/Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (CCNA)	Certification Examination for Registered Nurse Anesthetists	CRNA

### Regulatory Authority

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

OAC 485:10-15-4(a)(3); 485:10-15-6(b); 485:10-15-7(b)(2); 485:10-15-8(a)(2)(3); 485:10-15-9(a) (b).

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**Policy:**

1. Certification examinations on this list are not advanced practice nurse (“APN”) certification examinations, and credentials by the certifying body are not at the advanced level.
2. **No initial recognition** as an APN is granted from this Non-APN List, unless there is not an APN examination available. **Please contact the Oklahoma Board of Nursing office for assistance, prior to completing an application for recognition as an APN.**
3. Advanced practice nurses with non-APN national certifications may continue to be recognized as APNs as long as they continue to **renew** their APN recognition.
4. This Non-APN Certification Examination List may be used to correctly complete renewal applications, if the current national certification is from an examination on this list.

**NON-APN CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS LIST**

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

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15	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Public Health Nursing, Advanced [formerly known as Public/Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist]	*PHCNS-BC **APHN-BC
19	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Community Health Nurse [NOTE: Examination has been retired.]	RN-BC
21	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Gerontological Nurse	RN-BC
23	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Medical-Surgical Nurse	RN-BC
24	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Pediatric Nurse	RN-BC
25	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Perinatal Nursing [NOTE: Examination has been retired.]	RN-BC
26	CNS	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse	RN-BC
29	CNS	Board Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN)	Certification Examination for Emergency Nurses	CEN
31	CNS	Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB) - [formerly known as Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Certification Board]	a. Certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse b. Certified Ostomy Nurse c. Certified Continence Nurse	a. CWOCN b. COCN c. CCCN

\*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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34	CNS	National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE)	Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators	CDE
37	CNS	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB)	General Pediatric Nursing	CPN
38	CNS	Competency & Credentialing Institute (CCI) [formerly known as Certification Board of Perioperative Nursing]	Certification of Operating Room Nurses	CNOR
43	CNS	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	Inpatient Obstetric Nurse	RNC-OB
44	CNS	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	Low Risk Neonatal Nurse	RNC-LRN
46	CNS	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse	RNC-NIC
48	CNS	Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC)	Certified Nephrology Nurse	CNN
49	CNS	Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC)	Oncology Certified Nurse	OCN
50	CNS	Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board (ONCB)	Orthopaedic Certified Nurse	ONC
52	CNS	Rehabilitation Nursing Certification Board (RNCB)	Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse	CRRN

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