

Use of National Certification for Renewal of RN License Information

From Texas BON Website

Continuing Competency, including Continuing Education (CE)

All nurses with an active Texas license are required to demonstrate continuing competency for relicensure. The mission of the Board of Nursing (BON) is to protect and promote the welfare of the people of Texas by ensuring that each person holding a license as a nurse in the State of Texas is competent to practice safely. In 1991, rules were adopted requiring nurses to complete 20 contact hours of continuing education (CE) every two years for relicensure. CE in nursing is defined as programs beyond the basic preparation that are designed to promote and enrich knowledge, improve skills, and develop attitudes for the enhancement of nursing practice, thus improving health care to the public. **In 2009, rules were adopted to allow nurses to demonstrate competency through achievement of an approved national nursing certification in the nurse's area of practice or completing 20 contact hours.** Each nurse reactivating an inactive or delinquent license must also submit verification of 20 contact hours completed in the two years prior to reactivation, **or have a current approved national nursing certification.**

What Certifications are Acceptable?

A national nursing certification must be issued by a certifying body accredited by a national certification accreditation agency recognized by the Board to count as continuing competency for licensure renewal. There are two primary certification accreditation agencies: Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC) and National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). A national nursing certification that has been approved by ABSNC, that is attained, maintained or renewed during the licensure renewal cycle and is in the nurse's area of practice, will be accepted to demonstrate the nurse's continued competence. NCCA certifications are not all in the area of nursing, but do offer an avenue for LVNs to achieve certification. The National Association for Practical Nurse Education & Service, Inc (NAPNES) offers certifications for LVNs that are approved for demonstration of continuing competency.

ACCREDITATION BOARD FOR SPECIALTY NURSING CERTIFICATION (ABSNC)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ABNS ACCREDITATION COUNCIL

APPROVED CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Name of Certifying Organization	Accredited Certification Program(s)	Accreditation Expiration Date
ABNN (American Board of Neuroscience Nursing)	CNRN	July, 2012
ABCGN (American Board for Certification of Gastroenterology Nurses)	CGRN	February 2013
ABPANC, Inc. (American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc.)	CPAN® CAPA®	April, 2014
ALNCCB (American Legal Nurse Consultant Certification Board)	LNCC®	August, 2014
ANCC (American Nurses Credentialing Center)	ANP-BC Adult Nurse Practitioner FNP-BC Family Nurse Practitioner PNP-BC Pediatric Nurse Practitioner ACNP-BC Acute Care Nurse Practitioner GNP - BC Geriatric Nurse Practitioner PMHNP-BC Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner PMHNP-BC Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	January, 2012
	PMHCNS-BC Psychiatric-Adult CNS PMHCNS-BC Child/Adolescent Psychiatric Mental Health CNS ACNS-BC Adult Health CNS GCNS-BC Gerontology CNS PCNS-BC Pediatric CNS	November, 2012
	RN, BC: Nursing Case Management Ambulatory Care Nurse Pain Management	December, 2013
	RN, BC: Medical-Surgical Nurse	January, 2014

	Pediatric Nurse Gerontological Nurse Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Cardiac/Vascular Nurse	
	RN, BC - Informatics Nurse NE-BC - Nursing Executive NEA-BC - Nursing Executive, Advanced RN-BC Nursing Professional Development APHN-BC - Advanced Public Health Nursing	April, 2014
BCEN (Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing)	CEN® CFRN®	February, 2012 September, 2012
CCI (Competency & Credentialing Institute) (Formerly CBPN - Certification Board Perioperative Nursing)	CNOR® CRNFA®	March, 2011 March, 2011
CCNA (Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists)	CRNA®	July, 2012
INCC (Infusion Nurses Certification Corporation)	CRNI	July 2011
MSNCB (Medical Surgical Nursing Certification Board)	CMSRN®	January, 2014
NBCHPN® (National Board of Certification for Hospice and Palliative Nurses)	CHPN® ACHPN®	February, 2012 February, 2012
NBCSN (National Board of Certification of School Nurses)	NCSN®	May, 2013
ONCB® Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board	ONC®	July, 2013
ONCC® (Oncology Nursing Certification)	OCN® CPON®	October, 2014 October, 2014

Corporation)	CBCN AOCNP® AOCNS®	September, 2015 October, 2014 October, 2014
RNCB (Rehabilitation Nursing Certification Board)	CRRN®	August, 2012
WOCNB (Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nursing Certification Board)	CWOCN CWCN COCN CCCN	March, 2011 March, 2011 March, 2011 March, 2011

Obtained from ABSCN website: <http://www.nursingcertification.org/accreditation-exams.html>

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CERTIFYING AGENCIES (NCCA)

FORMELY KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR COMPETENCY ASSURANCE (NOCA)

NCCA HAS MORE CERTIFICATIONS (CHECK ON-LINE); MUST BE NURSING CERTIFICATION

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program

- Adult Nurse Practitioner 11/30/12
- Family Nurse Practitioner 11/30/12
- Gerontological Nurse Practitioner 11/30/12

American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Corporation

- CCNS 1/31/15
- CCRN 1/31/15
- Progressive Care Certified Nurse 1/31/15
- Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Certification 1/31/15
- Cardiac Surgical Subspecialty Certification 8/31/12
- Cardiac Medical Subspecialty Certification 8/31/12

American Board for Occupational Health Nurses

- Case Management 8/31/13
- Certified Occupational Health Nurse 8/31/13
- Certified Occupational Health Nurse - Specialist 8/31/13

American Midwifery Certification Board

- Nurse Midwifery 8/31/11
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American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission on Certification

- Acute Care Nurse Practitioner 7/31/14
- Adult Nurse Practitioner 7/31/14
- Family Nurse Practitioner 7/31/14
- Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner 7/31/14
- Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner 7/31/14
- Gerontological Nurse Practitioner 7/31/14
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner 7/31/14
- Ambulatory Care 7/31/14
- Cardiac/Vascular 7/31/14
- Gerontological 7/31/14
- Informatics Nurse 7/31/14
- Medical-Surgical Nurse 7/31/14
- Nurse Executive 7/31/14
- Nurse Executive Advanced 7/31/14
- Nursing Case Management 7/31/14
- Nursing Professional Development 7/31/14
- Pediatric Nurse 7/31/14
- Pain Management 7/31/14
- Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse 7/31/14
- CNS Adult Health 7/31/14
- CNS Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing 7/31/14
- CNS Child and Adolescent Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing 7/31/14
- CNS Gerontological Nursing 7/31/14
- Advanced Public Health Nurse 7/31/14

Competency & Credentialing Institute (formerly Certification Board Perioperative Nursing)

- CRNFA 8/31/10
- CNOR 8/31/10

Infusion Nurses Certification Corporation

- Certified Registered Nurse Infusion (CRNI) 7/31/15

National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses

- Certified Hospice and Palliative Nursing Assistant 1/31/15
- Certified Hospice and Palliative Licensed Nurse 1/31/15

National Board on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists

- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist 4/30/12

National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing Specialties

- Electronic Fetal Monitoring 3/31/15
- Inpatient Obstetric Nursing 3/31/15
- Low Risk Neonatal Nursing 3/31/15
- Maternal Newborn Nursing 3/31/15
- Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing 3/31/15
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner 3/31/15
- Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner 3/31/15

National League for Nursing

- Certified Nurse Educator 3/31/14

Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation

- Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS) 4/30/15
- Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse (AOCN) 4/30/15
- Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP) 4/30/15
- Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse (CPON) 4/30/15
- Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN) 4/30/15
- Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN) 4/30/15

Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc.

- Certified Pediatric Nurse 4/30/11
- Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Acute Care 4/30/11
- Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care 4/30/11

Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board

- Certified Continence Care Nurse 4/30/11
- Certified Ostomy Care Nurse 4/30/11
- Certified Wound Care Nurse 4/30/11
- Certified Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurse Certified 4/30/11

Obtained from NCCA website:

<http://www.credentialingexcellence.org/NCCAAccreditation/AccreditedCertificationPrograms/tabid/120/Default.aspx>