

Applying for Advanced Practice Licensure for Nurse Practitioners

STEP ONE: COMPLETE CERTIFICATION EXAM

<u>Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner</u>	May take either examination: American Nurses Credentialing Center OR AACN Certification Corporation
<u>Adult/Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner</u>	(May take either examination) American Nurses Credentialing Center OR American Academy of Nurse Practitioner
<u>Family Nurse Practitioner</u>	(May take either examination) American Nurses Credentialing Center OR American Academy of Nurse Practitioner
<u>Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</u>	American Nurses Credentialing Center

STEP TWO: APPLY FOR LICENSURE WITH THE TX BOARD OF NURSING

Online - Submit the Advanced Practice Nurse Application (with option for Prescriptive Authority)
https://txapps.texas.gov/app/orig/index.jsp?AGENCY_NAME=bne&CONFIG_ID=BNE_APRN&LICENSE_ID=01

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Submit the “**APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (Part 2) CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION FORM**” (see attached) to the School of Nursing’s Student Affairs Office.
- The Student Affairs Office will complete the Part 2 form and send to the BON the week after graduation.
- The UTHealth SON is accredited by CCNE (Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education). The dates of accreditation by CCNE are: 10/ 2001 – 12/2021.
- Students can order an UTHealth Transcript from the Registrar’s Office through myUTH.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (Part II)

CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

Applicant must complete the following information and forward Part 2 of the APRN Application to the program director or designated official (only if the program is permanently closed) authorized to certify that the individual has completed an advanced practice nursing education program of study congruent with the role and population focus area for which the applicant seeks licensure in Texas.

I, (print name) _____, have applied to the Texas Board of Nursing for licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse using the title _____. After I have completed all requirements of the program of study, please complete the information on the affidavit of completion form and forward the signed form directly to the Texas Board of Nursing, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460 Austin, TX 78701, ATTN: APRN Application Office. I grant permission for Texas Board of Nursing staff to discuss my education with representatives of the advanced practice nursing education program.

Student ID/SSN _____ Signature _____ Date _____

INFORMATION FOR THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The following requirements apply to ALL applicants seeking licensure as advanced practice registered nurses who complete either nurse practitioner (NP) or clinical nurse specialist (CNS) programs on or after January 1, 1998. Graduates from any jurisdiction must present evidence of successful completion of these requirements. The curricular requirements in their entirety may be found in 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 221.3.

SELECTED OPERATIONAL DEFINITIONS

1. Advanced Assessment Course: A course that offers content supported by related clinical experience such that students gain the knowledge and skills needed to perform comprehensive assessments to acquire data, make diagnoses of health status, and formulate effective clinical management plans.
2. Pharmacotherapeutics: A course that offers content in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, pharmacology of current/commonly used medications, and the application of drug therapy to the treatment of disease and/or the promotion of health.
3. Pathophysiology: A course that offers content that provides a comprehensive, system-focused pathology course that provides students with the knowledge and skills to analyze the relationship between normal physiology and pathological phenomena produced by altered states across the life span.
4. Role Preparation: Formal didactic and clinical experiences/content that prepare nurses to function in an advanced nursing role.
5. Clinical Learning Experiences: An opportunity for students to apply knowledge by managing patient/client care in a healthcare setting. Clinical learning experiences are planned and monitored by either a designated faculty member or qualified preceptor.
6. Practicum/Preceptorship/Internship: A designated portion of a formal educational program that is offered in a healthcare setting and affords students the opportunity to integrate theory and role in both the clinical specialty/practice area and advanced nursing practice through direct patient care/client management. Practicums, preceptorships, and internships are planned and monitored by either a designated faculty member or qualified preceptor.

SELECTED CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

A program designed to prepare NPs and CNSs for advanced practice roles shall include the following:

1. Separate courses in Pharmacotherapeutics, Advanced Assessment and Pathophysiology and/or Psychopathology (integrated content, including content integrated in medical management courses, is NOT accepted in lieu of the separate courses);
2. Evidence of theoretical and clinical role preparation;
3. Evidence of clinical major courses in the population focus area;
4. Evidence of a practicum/preceptorship/internship to integrate clinical experiences as reflected in essential content and the clinical major courses; and
5. Faculty prepared in appropriate roles and population focus areas.

NOTE: All NP and CNS applicants who complete their programs on or after January 1, 2003 shall demonstrate completion of a minimum of 500 unduplicated clinical clock hours in each advanced role and population for which they have applied within their advanced educational programs.