


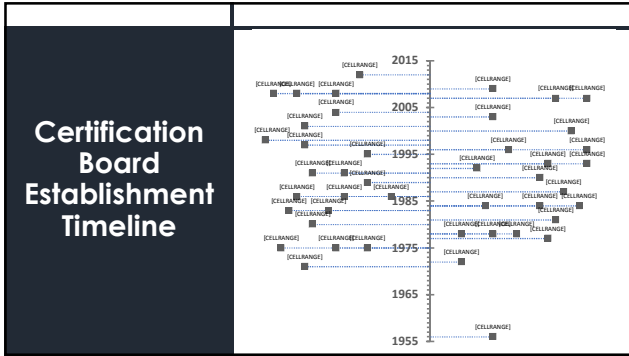


American Board of Nursing Specialties
Promoting Excellence in Nursing Certification

2020 ABNS Nursing Specialty Certification Research Survey
May/June 2020

<h2>Survey Methodology</h2>	<p> 44 boards surveyed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of ABNS members: 30 • Number of non-members: 14 <p>Response Rate: 79% (44/56 boards)</p> <p>Purpose: To capture the scope of nursing specialty certifications available to registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs).</p> <p>Methodology: Invitations to the online survey were sent to 56 certifying organizations identified using ABNS's member list, ABSNC & NCCA accredited programs lists, and Magnet-accepted programs list.</p> <p>Given no official nursing specialty list exists, our list was compiled using the above, NOA's roster (per ANA), SBON specialty lists, and ABMS specialty list.</p>
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Survey Questions	
<p>Board-specific:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name of certification board and acronym • Year certification board established • Number of credentials you offer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RNs only, APRNs only, RNs and/or APRNs • Total number of unique RNs and/or APRNs holding at least one of your certifications • Number of certificants by role <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RNs, APRNs <p>Credential-specific:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual credential description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credential name and acronym, year credential first offered, number of unique RN and/or APRN certificants • Accreditation/Magnet-recognition (please check all that apply) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABSNC accredited, NCCA accredited, Magnet accepted, none of the above • Are nurses educated and/or practicing outside of the U.S. eligible for this credential? • Which of the following best describes this credential? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial licensing credential for APRNs, specialty credential that APRNs earn after their initial APRN licensure, specialty credential for RNs and APRNs, specialty credential for RNs only • Nurses in which specialty or subspecialty most commonly earn this credential (select up to three) 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



Credential Fast Facts

Total number of credentials for RNs and/or APRNs:

148 total credentials

Are nurses educated and/or practicing outside of the U.S. eligible for this credential (upon meeting specified requirements)?

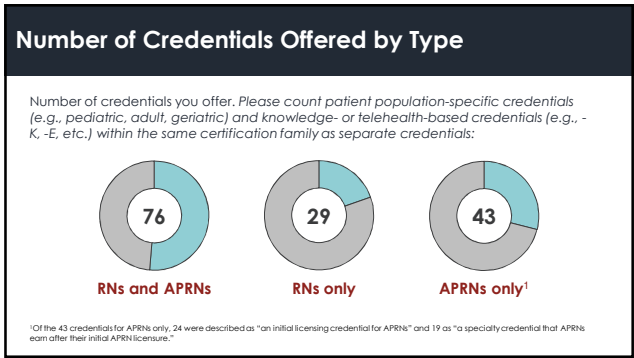
86% available internationally

Individual Credential Description

For each individual credential, we asked:

- Credential name & acronym
- Year credential first offered
- Number of unique RN and/or APRN certificants
- International availability
- Accreditation and Magnet status
- Top 3 specialty areas of certificants

In total, **1,013,362+** RN and APRN certificants are represented in this survey.



Accreditation & Magnet®-Recognition

Accreditation/Magnet recognition (please check all that apply):

- 106** accredited credentials
 - 67 by ABSNC¹
 - 53 by NCCA²
 - with 14 accredited by both


57% Magnet®-accepted

¹ ABSNC = Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification
² NCCA = National Commission for Certifying Agencies

Represented Specialties

53 specialties represented - Nurses in which specialty or subspecialty most commonly earn this credential. Please select up to three.

Critical Care - 27	Holistic Care/Faith Community - 5	Infusion - 2
Pediatrics - 17	Perianesthesia Care - 5	Legal Consulting - 2
Neonatal Care - 13	Perioperative Care - 5	Managed Care - 2
Medical-Surgical - 12	Women's Health/Gender-Related - 5	Midwifery - 2
Wound, Ostomy & Continence - 12	Correctional Care - 4	Urology - 2
Disease-Specific (e.g., MS) - 11	Neurology/Neuroscience - 4	Anesthesiology - 1
Emergency - 11	Occupational Health - 4	Diabetes - 1
Hospice & Palliative Care - 10	Ophthalmics - 4	Gastroenterology - 1
Ambulatory Care - 9	Rehabilitation - 4	Healthcare Quality - 1
Cardiac Care - 9	School Nursing - 4	Informatics - 1
Case Management - 8	Developmental Disabilities - 3	Pain Management - 1
Hematology/Oncology - 8	Home Health - 3	Public Health/Infection Control/Epidemiology - 1
Psychiatric-Mental Health/Behavioral Health - 8	Infectious Disease - 3	Radiology - 1
Leadership - 7	Nephrology - 3	Transplant - 1
Trauma - 7	Professional Development/Clinical Education - 3	Bariatric Care - 0
Flight/Transport - 6	Addiction - 2	Disaster Management - 0
Long-Term Care - 6	Dermatology - 2	Genetics - 0
Family Practice/Internal Medicine - 5	Ear/Nose/Throat - 2	Ophthalmology - 0
Geriatrics - 5	Forensics/Sexual Assault - 2	Plastic Surgery - 0
	HIV/AIDS Care - 2	Research - 0

Top 10 Specialties	 53 specialties represented
	Critical Care – 27 Pediatrics – 17 Neonatal Care – 13 Medical-Surgical – 12 Wound/Ostomy/Continence – 12 Disease-specific – 11 Emergency – 11 Hospice/Palliative Care – 10 Ambulatory Care – 9 Cardiac Care – 9

Comments & Feedback
<p>The survey was well-received, with organizations underlining the need for this research and expressing appreciation to be able to participate and receive the results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Thank you for the invitation to participate in this very important research project. Will look forward to receiving the survey and responding to it."• "We look forward to participating, I believe this to be important work."• "Thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate."• "Thank you for embarking on this much-needed project." 

Successes, Limitations & Future Considerations	Successes, limitations and suggestions for ways to improve the survey include:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple email reminders and phone contact significantly increased the response rate.• Not all boards collect or were able to report total number of RN certificants vs. total number of APRN certificants.• Survey instructions did not specify whether to include retired (aka, for renewal only) certifications or not.• Collection dates of data points varied within and among respondents (e.g., year-end vs. date/month of survey).• "Adult" not included in specialty options to allow focus on medical specialty vs. population age descriptor, yet "Neonatal," "Pediatrics" and "Geriatrics" were.• Add "Education" category in addition to "Professional Development/Clinical Education"?

Participating Certification Boards

Academic Nurse Educator Certification Program (NAN) (ANEP)	Dermatology Nurse Practitioner Certification Board (DNPC) [*]
Addictions Nursing Certification Board (ANCB)	Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association (DDNA) [*]
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Board (AANPCB)	HIV/AIDS Nursing Certification Board (HIVNC) [*]
American Association of Critical Care Nurses Credentialing Corporation (AACN-CC)	Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center (HPCC)
American Board of Certification for Complementary Health Nurses (ABC-CHN) [*]	Infection Nurses Certification Corporation (INCC)
American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN)	Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNBC) [*]
American Board for Occupational Health Nurses (ABOHN)	Multiple Sclerosis Nursing International Certification Board (MSNIC) [*]
American Board of Perinatal Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABPN-C)	National Assistant in Surgery Certification (NAS-C)
American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation (AHNC)	National Asthma Education Certification Board (NAECB) [*]
American Legal Nurse Consultants Certification Board (ALNCC)	National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA)
American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)	National Board for Case Management (for AMCA) (NBCM)
American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	National Board for Certification of School Nurses (NBCSN)
American Organization for Nursing Leadership Credentialing Center (AONL-CC)	National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Specialist (NCCO)
Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (CBDC)	National Commission on Correctional Healthcare (NCCCHC) [*]
Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CBICE) [*]	Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC)
Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CBUNA) [*]	Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC)
Certified Nurse Life Care Planner (CCLCP)	Ophthalmic Nurses Certification Board (ONCB)
Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC) [*]	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)
Commission for Forensic Nursing Certification (CFNC) [*]	Radiologic Nursing Certification Board (RNCB)
Commission on Nursing Certification (CONC) [*]	Rehabilitation Nursing Certification Board (RNCB)
Competency and Credentialing Institute (CCI)	Wound Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB) [*]
Dermatology Nursing Certification Board (DNCB) [*]	

*Not ABN member
