



NAPNES

The National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service, Inc.

**Advance Your Profession of Practical Nurse –
Don't let them STOP you with lower education – Join NAPNES and
BECOME PART of THE VOICE – The VOICE that will get you:
Advanced Education – Job Security – Acute Care Positions – and the ability
to WORK where and how WE Build the Scope of Practice in all of Health
Care...**

NAPNES is the oldest organization focused on the education and practice of licensed practical or vocational nurses (LP/VNs) in the United States.

NAPNES Mission is to - The Advancement of the Profession of Practical Nursing through:

- A. NAPNES Mission to - Advance the Profession of Practical Nursing through Advanced Education Certifications in specialty nursing fields.**
- B. NAPNES Mission to - The Advancement of the Profession of Practical Nursing through a NAPNES Approved LPN/LVN Refresher Course that is an Advanced Education Course. This course would reactivate an inactive PN license, update their current nursing knowledge and skills, and/or avail a return to active LP/VN practice.**
- C. NAPNES Mission to - Advance the Profession of Practical Nursing through Promotion and Utilization of Our NAPNES National Standardized Curriculum.**
- D. NAPNES Mission to - Advance the Profession of Practical Nursing through a Comprehensive National Certification in Advanced Practice Practical Nursing (APPN) for PN Practitioners requiring Advanced Education of Practical Nursing beyond the Graduation Education Level of PN and Licensure.**
- E. NAPNES Mission to - Advance the Profession of Certified Nursing Assistant and other Allied Health Professionals through Advanced Education Certifications in specialty nursing fields.**
- F. NAPNES Mission is to - The Advancement of the Profession of Practical Nursing through the development of a Representative Company Associated with NAPNES for Practical Nurses and Allied Health Professional Certification and Credentialing.**

**The Development of the National Association of Practical Nurse
Credentialing Center – The NEW NAPNCC...**

NAPNES holds that it is self-evident, that all nurses are created equally for their separate and licensed Nursing Profession (PN and RN) – that:

Certification protects the public by enabling anyone (the public) to identify competent health care professionals more readily – through Advanced Education Certifications in both licensed practices of nursing. Simultaneously certification aids the Nursing Profession by encouraging and recognizing professional achievement in both PN and RN Nursing Professions.

Working beyond this fact:

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC – A solely RN Organization) States and - NAPNES holds this as ABSOLUTELY TRUE and undisputable for PNs

Q. What is the value of certification? RED - Italic & Underlined Text – added for clarity

A. Certification protects the public by enabling anyone to identify competent people more readily. Simultaneously it aids the profession (for Both PN and RN) by encouraging and recognizing professional achievement (for Both PN and RN). Certification also recognizes specialization, enhances professionalism and, in some cases, serves as a criterion for financial reimbursement (for Both PN and RN). It may also foster an enlarged role within the employment setting (for Both PN and RN). Because certification of nursing practice (for Both PN and RN) signifies attainment of specific criteria and knowledge, skills, and abilities in a specific specialty field, certified (for Both PN and RN) nurses comprise a minority of the professional nurse population (NAPNES will work to change this to a majority working with PNs and Advanced Education / Certifications).

NCSBN can trace its roots to the American Nurses Association (ANA) Council on State Boards of Nursing.

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About ANA – RED - Italic & Underlined Text – added for clarity – All DATA from the ANA / ANCC Web Sites

The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 3.1 million registered nurses through its 51 constituent member RN nurses associations and its 24 specialty RN nursing and workforce advocacy affiliate RN organizations that currently connect to ANA as affiliates. The ANA advances the RN nursing profession by fostering high standards of RN nursing practice, promoting the rights of RN nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of RN nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting RN nurses and the public.

About ANCC

The American RN Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA), provides RN individuals and RN organizations throughout the RN nursing profession with the resources they need to achieve practice excellence.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center is the largest and most prestigious RN nurse credentialing organization in the world.

ANCC's certification programs validate RN nurses' skills, knowledge, and abilities. ANCC board certification and recognition empowers RN nurses within their professional sphere of activity and contributes to better patient outcomes.

Certification Credentials

Specialty (Non-Advanced Practice) Nursing

After meeting the eligibility requirements to take the appropriate specialty (non-advanced practice) certification examination and successfully passing the exam, you are awarded the **Registered Nurse – Board Certified (RN-BC) credential**. An exception is the Nurse Executive Certification for which the credential Nurse Executive-Board Certified (NE-BC) is given.

Credential Awarded: RN-BC (Registered Nurse—Board Certified)

Eligibility Criteria

All requirements must be completed prior to application for the examination.

Hold a current, active RN license in a state or territory of the United States or the professional, legally recognized equivalent in another country

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