

The NCSBN Overview:



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As you will learn – The ANA / ANCC and in a lesser stance the NCSBN:
THE ANA and ANCC DO NOT REPRESENT THE PROFESSION OF PRACTICAL NURSING. They are singularly and solely providing all of their assets and resources to **ONLY** the advancement and benefit of the Registered Nurse – **ONLY...**

NCSBN Mission *BLUE - Italic & Underlined – Pertinent Text for awareness*

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) provides education, service, and research through collaborative leadership to promote evidence-based *regulatory excellence for patient safety and public protection.*

Values

- **Collaboration:** Forging solutions through respect, diversity, and the collective strength of all stakeholders.
- **Excellence:** Striving to be and do the best.
- **Innovation:** Embracing change as an opportunity to better all organizational endeavors and turning new ideas into action.
- *Integrity: Doing the right thing for the right reason through honest, informed, open and ethical dialogue.*
- **Transparency:** Demonstrating and expecting openness, clear communication, and accountability of processes and outcomes.

Mission Statement Adopted by Delegate Assembly 2010

History of the NCSBN

Founded in 1978 as an independent, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization,

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

Let's take a look at the ANA
Inserted from the ANA Web Site:

[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

Q. What is the value of certification? NAPNES holds this as TRUE – also, BUT FOR BOTH NURSING LICENSED PROFESSIONS

A. Certification protects the public by enabling anyone to identify competent people more readily. Simultaneously it aids the profession (**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 (**for Both PN and RN**) nursing practice signifies attainment of specific criteria and knowledge, skills, and abilities in a specific specialty field, certified nurses (**for Both PN and RN**) comprise a minority of the professional nurse population. **NAPNES will work to Advance Educate through Certifications and Standardized Curriculum for a majority of the Practical Nursing Profession.**

Back to History of NCSBN:

The impetus for its creation arose out of recognition that in order to guard the safety of the public, the regulation of nurses needed to be a separate entity from the organization representing professional nurses. The [member boards](#) that comprise NCSBN protect the public by ensuring that safe and competent nursing care is provided by licensed nurses. NCSBN is the vehicle through which boards of nursing act and counsel together on matters of common interest. These member boards are charged with the responsibility of providing regulatory excellence for public health, safety and welfare.

Member Boards

NCSBN has 60 Member Boards. NCSBN Member Boards are comprised of the boards of nursing in:

- Fifty U.S. states
- District of Columbia
- Four U.S. territories-American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands
- Four states have two boards of nursing, one for registered nurses (RNs) and one for licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs): California, Georgia, Louisiana and West Virginia
- One state, Nebraska, has both the board of nursing and the board for advanced practice nurses (APRNs) represented

In order to be approved for membership, state boards of nursing must:

- Agree to use one or more NCSBN licensing examinations
- Execute an agreement
- Pay the required annual fee