



Indiana Advanced Practice and Advanced Roles in Nursing

Career Path

Advanced Practice Nurse	Application of Advanced Knowledge and Skills	Practice Settings	Link to National Association	Certification
Certified Nurse-Midwives	Primary health care services to women throughout the life span including gynecological care, family planning services, prenatal and post-partum care, childbirth and care of the newborn.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homes Hospitals Birthing centers Ambulatory care 	www.acnm.org	required
Clinical Nurse Specialists	Integrates care across the continuum and through three spheres of influences: patient, nurse, system. Focuses on continuous improvement of patient outcomes and nursing care through caring, evidence-based practices. Manages complex patient health care problems, health promotion, and prevention of illness and risk behaviors among individuals, families, groups, and communities. Provides direct care, consultation, research and education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tertiary care Ambulatory care Community care Home health care Rehabilitation 	www.nacns.org	expectation
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	Pre-operative assessment, administration of anesthesia, and management of post anesthesia recovery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital operating rooms; obstetrical delivery rooms Ambulatory surgical centers; pain management centers; and offices of physicians and dentists 	www.aana.com	required
Certified Nurse Practitioners	Management of acute and chronic health problems through physical examination, assessment and screening activities, diagnosis, treatment and patient/family education, referral, and counseling. Certified nurse practitioners are prepared to practice as primary care CNPs and acute care CNPs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary care Long-term care Ambulatory and community care Tertiary care 	www.aanp.org	expectation <i>required for prescriptive authority</i>

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Nurse Educator	Utilizes educational methodologies to facilitate knowledge acquisition and application. Positions may include instructor, professor, university or college administrator, chair, or dean.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare settings Universities Communities 	www.nln.org www.aacn.nche.edu	available
Nurse Administrator/Manager	Coordinates the use of human, financial, and technological resources to provide patient care services. Positions may include facilitator, manager, director, chief nurse executive, or vice president.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare settings Universities Communities 	www.aone.org	available
Nurse Researcher	Utilizes statistical methodologies to discover or establish facts, principles, or relationships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare settings Universities Communities 	www.aacn.nche.edu www.nln.org www.aone.org	

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