

**WAC 246-840-302 ARNP designations, certification, and approved certification examinations.** (1) ARNP designations recognized by the commission include:

- (a) Nurse practitioner (NP);
- (b) Certified nurse-midwife (CNM);
- (c) Certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA); and
- (d) Clinical nurse specialist (CNS).

(2) An ARNP must maintain current certification within his or her designation(s) by a commission approved certifying body as identified in subsection (3) of this section. An ARNP license becomes invalid when the certification expires.

(3) To be eligible for licensure as an ARNP, an applicant must pass an examination from one of the following certifying bodies within the ARNP's specialty designation:

- (a) For NP designation:
  - (i) The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners;
  - (ii) The American Nurses Credentialing Center;
  - (iii) The National Certification Corporation;
  - (iv) The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board;
  - (v) The American Association of Critical Care Nurses; or
  - (vi) The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation.

(b) For CNM designation, the American Midwifery Certification Board.

(c) For CRNA designation, the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists.

- (d) For CNS designation:
  - (i) The American Nurses Credentialing Center;
  - (ii) The American Association of Critical Care Nurses; or
  - (iii) The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation.

(4) An ARNP recognized in more than one designation must obtain and maintain education, training, and practice in each area.

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