

Practice Essentials: Resources from Professional Organizations, Accreditation, Credentialing Bodies

Practice Essentials	Advanced Practice Nursing and Midwifery		PA
	CNM/CM	NP	
Education requirements	Graduate degree required	Graduate degree required	Almost all award master's degree; required by 2020
Education Program Accreditation (detailed documents and forms on each website)	Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education	The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)	Accreditation Review Commission (ARC) on Education for the PA
Scope of Practice	ACNM Definition of Midwifery and Scope of Practice of CNMs and CMs	ANA's Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice includes APRNs AANP Scope of Practice for NPs	AAPA PA Scope of Practice
Standards of practice and professional performance	ACNM Standards for the Practice of Midwifery	ANA's Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice includes APRNs AANP Standards of Practice for NPs	Competencies for the PA Profession
Standards of practice—women's health care	ACNM Standards for the Practice of Midwifery	AWHONN/NPWH WHNP Guidelines Practice and Education	APAOG guidelines—OBGyn PA practice; defer to medical specialty standards (ACOG) PAs in OBGyn
Core Competencies	ACNM Core Competencies for Basic Midwifery Practice	Population-Focused NP Competencies (2013) , which includes Women's Health/Gender-Related.	Competencies for the PA Profession
Code of Ethics	ACNM Code of Ethics	ANA Code of Ethics	AAPA Guidelines for Ethical Conduct for PA Profession
Certifying Body	American Midwifery Certification Board	American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) AANP Certification Program National Certification Corporation (NCC)	National Commission on Certification of PAs
Philosophy of Care	ACNM Philosophy of Care	ANA Nursing's Social Policy Statement	Statement of Values of the PA Profession found in Guidelines for Ethical Conduct for the PA Profession
Standards and guidelines for SRH and abortion care	See regularly updated resources at Reproductive Health in Nursing National Abortion Federation Clinical Policy Guidelines for Abortion Care WHO Sexual and Reproductive Health Core Competencies in Primary Care		