



Acronyms Related to Nursing

AACN: American Association of Colleges of Nursing —OR— American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
AAFP: American Academy of Family Practice
AAMN: American Assembly for Men in Nursing
AAN: American Academy of Nursing
AANP: American Association of Nurse Practitioners
AANPCB: American Association of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board
AAP: American Academy of Pediatrics
ABNS: American Board of Nursing Specialties
ABSNC: Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification
AC: Acute Care
ACAPN: Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nurses
ACEN: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
ACN: Association of Camp Nurses
ACNN: Association of Child Neurology Nurses
AE-C: Certified Asthma Educator
AFPNP: Association of Faculties of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
ANA: American Nurses Association
ANCC: American Nurses Credentialing Center
ANSI: American National Standards Institute
AONE: American Organization of Nurse Executives
APN: Advanced Practice Nurse (same as APRN)
APNA: American Psychiatric Nurses Association
APON: Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses
APRN: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
APSNA: American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association
BSN: Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing
C-NPT: Certified Pediatric Neonatal Transport
CCNE: Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
CCRN: Certification for Adult, Pediatric, and Neonatal Critical Care Nurses
CCRNRR: Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators
CCTF: Continuing Competence Task Force
CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CE: Continuing Education
CEU: Continuing Education Units
CFNP: Certified Family Nurse Practitioner
CHA: Children's Hospital Association [formerly National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI)]
CME: Continuing Medical Education
CNE: Continuing Nursing Education
CNS: Clinical Nurse Specialist
CPEN®: Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse
CPN®: Certified Pediatric Nurse



CPHON: Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse
CPON: Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse
CPNP®: Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
CPNP-AC®: Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Acute Care
CPNP-PC®: Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care
CRNA: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
DNP: Doctorate of Nursing Practice
DNS: Doctor of Nursing Science (also seen as DSN, DNSc, or DScN)
ENA: Emergency Nurses Association
FAAN: Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing
FAANP: Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners
FACHE: Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives
FCCM: Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine
FNE: Forensic Nurse Examiner
IBCLC: International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant
ICE: Institute for Credentialing Excellence
IPN: Institute of Pediatric Nursing
IW: Item Writer/Writing
IWW: Item Writer Workshop
JCAHO: Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JTA: Job Task Analysis
LPN: Licensed Practical Nurse
LVN: Licensed Vocational Nurse
MSN: Master of Science in Nursing
NAPNAP: National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
NASEM: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering & Medicine [formerly the Institute of Medicine (IOM)]
NASN: National Association of School Nurses
NBCSN: National Board for Certification of School Nurses
NCBPNP/N: National Certification Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Nurses, the former name of Pediatric Nursing Certification Board
NCSN: Nationally Certified School Nurse
NCLEX-PN: National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses
NCLEX-RN: National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses
NCCA: National Council for Certifying Agencies
NCSBN: National Council of State Boards of Nursing
NCQA: National Commission for Quality Assurance
NLN: National League for Nursing
NNP-BC: Certified Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
NONPF: National Organization for Nurse Practitioner Faculties
NPNP: PNCB's No Pass, No Pay Program for CPN Certification
PA: Physician's Assistant

PALS: Pediatric Advanced Life Support



PC: Primary Care

PCICS: The Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Society

PCNS-BC: Clinical Nurse Specialist in Pediatrics — Board Certified (Exam retired by ANCC)

PENS: Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society

PharmD: Doctor of Pharmacy

PMHS®: Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Specialist

PN: Practical Nurse

PNP-BC: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Board Certified

RDS: Role Delineation Study/Survey

RN: Registered Nurse

RN-BC: Registered Nurse - Board Certified by ANCC

SANE-A®: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner - Adult/Adolescent

SANE-P®: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner - Pediatric

SPN: Society of Pediatric Nurses