

**Montana Board of Nursing Recognized  
National Professional Organizations (NPO) for APRN Scope and Standards of Practice  
Refer to ARM: 24.159.301 (21) & 24.159.1405**

<b>APRN Type</b>	<b>NPO Name &amp; Web Site</b>	<b>Title &amp; Date of Document</b>
<b><u>Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)</u></b>	American Association of Nurse Anesthetists <a href="http://www.aana.com">www.aana.com</a>	Scope and standards for CRNA practice are available for purchase at <a href="https://www.aana.com/practice/professional-practice-manual/">https://www.aana.com/practice/professional-practice-manual/</a>
<b><u>Nurse Midwife (CNM)</u></b>	American College of Nurse Midwives <a href="http://www.midwife.org">www.midwife.org</a>	<a href="#">ACNM Standard Setting Documents</a>  <a href="#">ACNM Position Statements</a>
<b><u>Nurse Practitioner (CNP)</u></b> (General Scope of Practice & Standards- applies to ALL nurse practitioners regardless of role and population focus)	American Association of Nurse Practitioners <a href="http://www.aanp.org">www.aanp.org</a>  National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties <a href="http://www.nonpf.com">www.nonpf.com</a>  American Nurses Association <a href="http://www.nursingworld.org">www.nursingworld.org</a>	<a href="#">Scope of Practice for Nurse Practitioners (2022)</a>  <a href="#">Nurse Practitioners Core Competencies (2017)</a>  See web site to view access to purchase published Scope and Standards of Practice for each
<b>Acute Care CNP (Adult, Pediatric &amp; Neonatal Specialties)</b>	American Association of Critical Care Nurses <a href="http://www.aacn.org">www.aacn.org</a>  National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties <a href="http://www.nonpf.com">www.nonpf.com</a>	<a href="#">AACN Scope and Standards for the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practice (2021)</a>  <a href="#">Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Competencies (2017)</a>
<b>Adult-Gerontology Acute Care and Primary Care CNP</b>	National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties <a href="http://www.nonpf.com">www.nonpf.com</a>	<a href="#">Adult-Gerontology Acute Care and Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Competencies (2016)</a>
<b>Family CNP (Primary Care)</b>	National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties <a href="http://www.nonpf.com">www.nonpf.com</a>	<a href="#">Population-Focused Nurse Practitioner Competencies (2013)</a>
<b>Pediatric CNP (Acute &amp; Primary Care Specialties)</b>	National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners <a href="http://www.napnap.org">www.napnap.org</a>	Pediatric Nursing Scope and Standards available on the NAPNAP website for purchase.

	National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties <a href="http://www.nonpf.com">www.nonpf.com</a>	<a href="#">Population–Focused Nurse Practitioner Competencies (2013)</a>
<b>Psychiatric &amp; Mental Health CNP</b>	American Psychiatric Nurses Association <a href="http://www.apna.org">www.apna.org</a>  National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties <a href="http://www.nonpf.com">www.nonpf.com</a>	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice (2014) (available online for members, or for purchase)  <a href="#">Population–Focused Nurse Practitioner Competencies (2013)</a>
<b>Women’s Health/Gender Related CNP</b>	National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health <a href="http://www.npwh.org">www.npwh.org</a>  National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties <a href="http://www.nonpf.com">www.nonpf.com</a>	Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner: Guidelines for Practice and Education 7 <sup>th</sup> Edition (2010) (available online for members, or for purchase)  <a href="#">Population–Focused Nurse Practitioner Competencies (2013)</a>
<b><u>Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)</u></b> (General Scope & Standards applied to all specialties)	National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists <a href="http://www.nacns.org">www.nacns.org</a>	Clinical Nurse Specialist Competencies are no longer a separate document. They are incorporated in the revision of the <a href="#">CNS Statement for Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice and Education (CNS Statement)</a> .
<b>Adult-Gerontology CNS</b>	National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists <a href="http://www.nacns.org">www.nacns.org</a>	<a href="#">Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Competencies (2010)</a>
<b>Acute and Critical Care CNS (Adult, Pediatric &amp; Neonatal Specialties)</b>	American Association of Critical Care Nurses <a href="http://www.aacn.org">www.aacn.org</a>	<a href="#">AACN Scope and Standards for Acute and Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice (2022)</a>
<b>Psychiatric &amp; Mental Health CNS (Adult, Child/Adolescent Specialties)</b>	American Psychiatric Nurses Association <a href="http://www.apna.org">www.apna.org</a>	<a href="#">Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: Scope &amp; Standards of Practice</a> (2022) (available online for members, or for purchase)

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