

Get to Know Your APRN: The Four Roles of Advanced Practice Nursing

Nurse Practitioner

15,482

NPs are licensed to practice in Texas.

NP



Diagnose illness, treat illness, prescribe meds, order and interpret tests.

Bring a **comprehensive approach** to health care, can be found in many medical settings.



80%

80% were prepared in primary care, while only 14.6% of physicians entered primary care residency in 2012.

Clinical Nurse Specialist



Improve quality, safety, and cost outcomes for patient populations; diagnose and treat illness, promote health, and some prescribe medications.

CNS

1,348

CNSs are licensed to practice in Texas.

Provide specialized nursing clinical expertise to patients, nurses, and organizations.



Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Most cost-effective anesthesia providers with an exceptional safety record.



4,000+

More than 4,000 CRNAs practice in Texas.

CRNA



Trained to deliver anesthesia care, regardless of whether an anesthesiologist is involved. Practice in every setting where anesthesia is provided.

Certified Nurse Midwife

12,000 BIRTHS

CNMs attended over 12,000 births in Texas in 2013, 96% of which were in hospitals.



CNM

Provide primary care to women, including health promotion, gynecologic and family planning services, care during pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum period, and newborn care.

