

## Physician Assistant and Nurse Practitioner Certification

**Physician Assistants** must be board certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and maintain certification for continued participation.

**Nurse Practitioners** must be certified by one of the following national certification boards and maintain certification for continued participation.

- ANCC: American Nurses' Credentialing Center subsidiary of the ANA (American Nurses' Association). Certification through the American Nurses' Association (ANA) must be achieved through the ANCC.
- AANPCP: American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program
- AACN: American Association of Critical Care Nurses
- PNCB: Pediatric Nursing Certification Board
- NCC: National Certification Corporation for Women's Health (OB/GYN) Nurse Practitioners (WHNP)
- NNP: Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) or
- Texas Grandfather Clause: Advanced Practice Nursing educational program that was completed prior to January 1, 1996, provided the program was accredited by a National Nursing Education Accrediting Body that is recognized by the Texas Board of Nursing, may be granted an exemption to the national certification requirement. Per Title 22, Par 11, Chapter 221, Rule 221.7.