Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in Arkansas 2018

- **3,009** Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNP)
- **164** Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS)
- **799** Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)
- **33** Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM)

> **2,000** Family Nurse Practitioners
  Arkansas State Board of Nursing, 2018

Certified Nurse Practitioner Specialties

- **Women's Health**
- **Adult / Gerontology**
- **Neonatology**

**80%** of CNPs have active Prescriptive Authority
Arkansas State Board of Nursing, 2018

Since 2010 Arkansas has remained in the bottom 5 states in the Nation for health outcomes
America's Health Rankings, 2018

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Among the 10 most under-served counties in Arkansas, APRNs outnumber Physicians **8:1**
Arkansas State Board of Nursing, 2018; County Health Rankings, 2018

1,300 CNPs work in the Community

63.2% Community Based Settings
Arkansas State Board of Nursing, 2018

27.8% Hospital Based Settings

9% Other Settings
Certified Nurse Practitioner
The most common type of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNPs) are Masters or Doctorally prepared, and are nationally certified in one of six specialties. CNPs have clinical expertise in diagnosing and treating health conditions with an added emphasis on disease prevention.

Clinical Nurse Specialist
Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs) are graduate-level registered nurses. They hold national certifications and provide patient care and consultation services for a variety of health care areas.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are Masters or Doctorally prepared, and nationally certified. CRNAs are highly skilled APRNs who are responsible for ensuring safe administration of anesthesia in a variety of settings.

Certified Nurse Midwife
Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs) are registered nurses who are educated at a graduate level in midwifery. They hold national certification and provide services including primary care to women. CNMs also provide care during and after pregnancy, including delivery.

APRNs are required to pass advanced level courses such as advanced pharmacology, advanced health assessment, advanced pathophysiology, research, and content specific to their role and population.
APRNs are required to complete precepted clinical practicums and attain/maintain national certification in their APRN role and population.

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