

# 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.

1,348

CNSs are licensed to practice in Texas.

CNS

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



## Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Most cost-effective model when they are the sole anesthesia provider, with an exceptional



safety record.

CRNA

4,000+

More than 4,000 CRNAs practice in Texas.



Trained to deliver anesthesia care, regardless of whether an anesthesiologist is involved.

Practice in every setting where anesthesia is provided.

## Certified Nurse Midwife

12,100 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.

# APRN Alliance



*The APRN Alliance is a partnership of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse organizations who seek to advance common interests through a unified voice*