

# Is A Nurse Practitioner A Doctor

The DNP degree was first offered by the University of Kentucky College of Nursing in 2001. It was officially endorsed in 2004 as a practice-focused doctoral degree by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, recommending transitioning advanced practice nursing preparation from the master's level to the DNP degree by 2015. Both the role of doctors and the meaning of the word itself vary around the world. Degrees and other qualifications vary widely, but there are some common elements, such as medical ethics requiring that doctors show consideration, compassion, and benevolence for their patients.

A nurse practitioner (NP) is an advanced practice registered nurse and a type of mid-level practitioner. NPs are trained to assess patient needs, order and interpret diagnostic and laboratory tests, diagnose disease, prescribe medications, and formulate treatment plans.

== Education == Education and board certification ==

Advanced practice nurse Nurses practising at this level may work in either a specialist or generalist capacity. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist DNP: Doctor of Nursing Practice (the terminal professional degree for APNs) FNP: Family Nurse Practitioner GNP: Gerontological An advanced practice nurse (APN) is a nurse with post-graduate education and training in nursing. APNs are prepared with advanced didactic and clinical education, knowledge, skills, and scope of practice in nursing.

Adult-gerontology nurse practitioner An adult-gerontology nurse practitioner (AGNP) is a nurse practitioner that specializes in continuing and comprehensive healthcare for adults across the lifespan from adolescence to old age.

In the United States, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing along with other nursing authorities and organizations recommend the use of the term and acronym advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) as described in the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation, Licensure, Accreditation, Certification and Education. f1121f06a2 A PMHNP is trained to practice autonomously. In 27 US states, nurse practitioners (NPs) already diagnose and treat without the supervision of a psychiatrist. This is in contrast to 2008, when nurse practitioners could autonomously diagnose and treat in 23 states, and could only prescribe in 12 states. In other states, PMHNPs have reduced or restricted practice, requiring a collaborative... f1121f06a2 == Education and board certification == f1121f06a2 == Overview == f1121f06a2 == History == f1121f06a2 This history of this role began in the 1960s when health care planners and legislators determined that primary health care was not meeting the immediate demands of the United States' citizens. Medical schools were given money to start family practice programs to meet this need, and the practice movement began to grow. f1121f06a2 Following educational preparation at the master's or doctoral level, AGNPs must become board certified by an approved certification body. Board certification must be maintained by obtaining nursing continuing education credits. To align with the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, certification exams and credentials are in transition. Prior to the consensus statement, adult health nurse practitioners (NPs) and gerontological NPs were educated and certified separately. The consensus model combined these into a single population focus. The specialty is further divided into primary care and acute care. In the US, board certification is provided through the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (awards the ACNPC-AG credential for acute care), or the American Nurses Credentialing Center (awards the AGACNP-BC credential for acute care and the AGPCNP-BC credential for primary care), through the... f1121f06a2 Doctors may focus on certain disease categories, types of patients, and methods of treatment, known as specialties. Others work in general practice, providing continuing and comprehensive medical care to individuals, families. Medical practice requires both thorough knowledge of the medical sciences—such as anatomy, physiology, diseases, and their treatment—and strong competence in applying this knowledge in practice, which forms the art or craft of the profession. f1121f06a2 == Terminology == f1121f06a2

**Pediatric nurse practitioner** In order to be a pediatric nurse practitioner, one must be compassionate, resourceful, good at communicating and have good attention to detail. This care is provided to support optimal health of children within their community. Nurse practitioners have an in-depth knowledge and experience in pediatric healthcare including well childcare, and prevention/management of common pediatric acute illnesses and chronic conditions. A pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) is a nurse practitioner who specializes in care for newborns, infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-aged children A pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) is a nurse practitioner who specializes in care for newborns, infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-aged children, adolescents, and young adults f1121f06a2

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Medical doctor Medicine aims to promote, maintain or restore health through the study, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of disease, injury, and other physical and mental conditions. A medical doctor, also known as a physician (American and Canadian English) or medical practitioner (British English), is a health professional who practices A medical doctor, also known as a physician (American and Canadian English) or medical practitioner (British English), is a health professional who practices medicine f1121f06a2

Psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner the United States, a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) is an advanced practice registered nurse trained to provide a wide range of mental In the United States, a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) is an advanced practice registered nurse trained to provide a wide range of mental health services to patients and families in a variety of settings. They may also serve as consultants or as educators for families and staff. PMHNP's diagnose, conduct therapy, and prescribe medications for patients who have psychiatric disorders, medical organic brain disorders or substance abuse problems. The PMHNP has a focus on psychiatric diagnosis, including the differential diagnosis of medical disorders with psychiatric symptoms, and on medication treatment for psychiatric disorders. They are licensed to provide emergency psychiatric services, psychosocial and physical assessments of their patients, treatment plans, and manage patient care f1121f06a2

Nurse anesthetist They are involved in the administration of anesthesia in a majority of countries, with varying levels of autonomy, which may include some or all anesthesia services before, during, and after surgery. They are involved in the administration A nurse anesthetist is an advanced practice nurse who administers anesthesia for surgery or other medical procedures. The International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists was established in 1989 as a forum for developing standards of education, practice, and a code of ethics. They are also concerned with patient advocacy, safety and professional development. In some localities, nurse anesthetists provide anesthesia to patients independently; in others they do so under the supervision of physicians. A nurse anesthetist is an advanced practice nurse who administers anesthesia for surgery or other medical procedures f1121f06a2

Mid-level practitioner The legal scope of practice for mid-level practitioners varies greatly among jurisdictions, with some having a restricted and well-defined scope, while others have a scope similar to that of a physician. Apart from doctor and nurses there was a list of Mid-level practitioners, also called non-physician practitioners, advanced practice providers, or commonly mid-levels, are health care providers who assess, diagnose, and treat patients but do not have formal education or certification as a

physician. Some mid-level practitioners work under the close supervision of a physician (such as doing pre-op and post-op assessment and management, thus allowing surgeons to spend more of their time operating), while others function independently and have a scope of practice difficult to distinguish from a physician. The scope of a mid-level practitioner varies greatly among countries and even among individual practitioners. Likewise, the training requirement for mid-level practitioners varies greatly between and within different certifications and licensures. Officer or Nurse practitioner, Physician Associate/Assistant are other names for mid-level practitioner f1121f06a2

Doctor of Nursing Practice states, nurses are bringing their own legal arguments to facilitate their legal use of the title. Advanced practice nurses Nurse practitioner Nurse midwife A Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a professional doctorate in nursing offered in the United States f1121f06a2

Because of their diverse histories, mid-level providers' training, functions, scope of practice, regulation, and integration into the formal health system vary from country to country. They... f1121f06a2

Family nurse practitioner A family nurse practitioner (FNP) provides continuing and comprehensive healthcare for the individual and family across all ages, genders, diseases, and A family nurse practitioner (FNP) provides continuing and comprehensive healthcare for the individual and family across all ages, genders, diseases, and body systems. Primary care emphasizes the holistic nature of health and it is based on knowledge of the patient in the context of the family and the community, emphasizing disease prevention and health promotion f1121f06a2

APNs or APRNs are intended to demonstrate effective integration of theory, practice and experiences along with increasing degrees of autonomy in judgments and interventions, while remaining under physician supervision. Post-graduate education is designed to teach an APRN to use multiple approaches to decision-making, manage the care of individuals and groups, engage in collaborative practices with the patient or client to achieve best outcomes; provide a supportive environment for colleagues; manage the utilization of staff... f1121f06a2 Following educational preparation at the master's or doctoral level, FNPs must become board certified by an approved certification body. Board certification must be maintained by obtaining continuing nursing education credits. In the US, board certification is provided either through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (awards the FNP-BC credential) or through the American Association of Nurse Practitioners certification program (awards the NP-C credential). f1121f06a2 Becoming a pediatric nurse practitioner can take anywhere from 7-10 years, depending on the route taken. First, one must earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) by attending a four-year bachelor's degree program at an accredited college or university, majoring in nursing. After completing their BSN, they must take the National Council

Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to obtain their registered nurse (RN) license. After completing and passing the NCLEX, they must gain experience in the nursing field, preferably in pediatrics. Recommended experience is anywhere from 1... f1121f06a2

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