

## ACNPC™ Certification Exam Eligibility Requirements

Eligible exam candidates must:

- hold current, unencumbered RN or APRN licensure in the United States; and
- complete a graduate advanced practice education program which meets the following requirements:
  1. The education program is offered by an accredited college or university that offers a NLNAC or CCNE accredited master's degree or higher in nursing with a concentration as an acute care nurse practitioner.
  2. Both direct and indirect clinical supervision must be congruent with current American Association of Critical-Care Nurses and nursing accreditation guidelines.
  3. The curriculum includes, but is not limited to:
    - biological, behavioral, medical and nursing sciences relevant to practice as an ACNP, including pathophysiology, pharmacology and physical assessment;
    - legal, ethical and professional responsibilities of the acute care nurse practitioner; and
    - supervised clinical practice relevant to the specialty of acute care.
  4. The curriculum meets the following criteria:
    - curriculum is consistent with competencies of acute care nurse practitioner practice
    - instructional track/major has a minimum of 500 supervised clinical hours overall
    - the supervised clinical experience is directly related to the knowledge and all role components of the acute care nurse practitioner.

For more information, refer to the ACNPC Exam Handbook, available at [www.certcorp.org](http://www.certcorp.org).