

**Nurse Portfolio Credentialing Commission
(NPCC)**

“PREPARING NURSES FOR THE FUTURE”

***BENEFITS of the ACGN and the
CGN***

***Evidence of competence and clinical
expertise based upon the Scope and
Standards of Genetics Clinical Nursing
Practice***

***Recognition of ability to provide genetic
health care by professional colleagues and
consumers***

***Pride in accomplishment of advanced
practice knowledge and skills in genomic
health care***

Title and Rights of the ACGN and CGN

The nurses with the ACGN or the CGN credential use these letters after his/her name, degree(s), and license(s). The credential allows the nurse to receive recognition for his/her clinical practice abilities in an appropriate health care setting. Advanced practice nurse licensure by state boards of nursing (or their equivalent) and reimbursement by third party payors (or their equivalent) are governed by laws and statutes in effect in the jurisdiction(s) of clinical practice

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The Advanced Clinical Genomics Nurse credential, abbreviated as ACGN, is offered to nurses with a Masters degree who practice nursing in genetic healthcare settings. The Clinical Genomics Nurse credential, abbreviated as the CGN, is offered to nurses with a Baccalaureate degree who practice in any healthcare setting where genetic concerns arise. Both the ACGN and the CGN are awarded upon successful completion of a PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO that is scientifically evaluated using carefully designed rating scales based upon criteria defined in the GENETICS/ GENOMICS NURSING SCOPE and STANDARDS of Practice. Published by the American Nurses Association (Revised 2016).

The requirements for ACGN and CGN include:

- Current RN license
- Education - ACGN requires the Masters in Nursing or equivalent; CGN requires the Baccalaureate in Nursing or equivalent
- Specialty practice clinical hours for ACGN 1500h/3years; CGN 750h/3 years
- 30 CE in genetic content within the past 3 years
- Three genetics-related professional development activities within past three years (ex, posters, lectures, patient handouts, publications, etc.)



**THE NURSE PORTFOLIO
CREDENTIALING
COMMISSION, Inc.
(NPCC)**

offers the credentials for

**THE ADVANCED CLINICAL
GENOMICS NURSE (ACGN)**

AND

**THE CLINICAL GENOMICS
NURSE (CGN)**



NURSES IN GENETICS WORK WITH PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN MANY SETTINGS

- SPECIALTY CLINICS WHERE GENE-BASED DIAGNOSES AND THERAPIES ARE OFFERED
- PRENATAL AND REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTERS
- CANCER CENTERS
- PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SETTINGS
- INDUSTRIAL HEALTH
- SCHOOL HEALTH
- RESEARCH CENTERS
- BIOTECH AND INSURANCE INDUSTRIES

WHAT DO ADVANCED CLINICAL GENOMICS NURSES DO?

- Take detailed family histories, including pedigrees; perform health assessments
- Develop plans of care, carry out health care interventions and make appropriate referrals
- Provide genetic counseling
- Provide health teaching to patients, families, and communities
- Receive referrals from other health care providers to care for patients and families who have conditions that are influenced by genetic factors
- Provide continuing education to other health professionals
- Coordinate health care with patients, families, other health care providers, and community resources
- Conduct research in nursing and genetics
- Write articles for the professional and lay literature

WHAT DO CLINICAL GENOMICS NURSES DO?

- Take family histories, including pedigrees; perform health assessments
- Develop plans of care and carry out health care interventions
- Provide support counseling and make referrals for genetic evaluation and genetic counseling
- Provide health teaching to patients, families, and communities
- Coordinate health care with patients, families, other health care providers, and community resources

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