

AFSC 46Y4*, Staff
AFSC 46Y3*, Qualified
AFSC 46Y1*, Entry

★ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (APRN)
(Changed 31 Oct 23)

1. Specialty Summary. Includes nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, and nurse practitioners. Provides professional nursing care within scope of practice, established standards of care and federal/state laws. Acts as patient advocate and advances desired health outcomes through patient/family education. Coordinates with and makes recommendations to staff agencies concerning applicable policies, plans and programs. Participates in cross-functional collaboration to improve patient care delivery. Supports research activities. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260502/260504/260505/260511/260514/260516/260519.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

- 2.1. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Possess an advanced academic degree in selected nursing specialties for entry into practice. Independent privileged health care provider who uses clinical judgment to render direct patient care, including comprehensive health assessment, differential diagnoses, plans and prescribes pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment in management of acute and chronic conditions, promotes health, and delivers preventive care within the specialized area of practice. Sub-roles include patient and staff education, research, and consultation to promote wellness and prevent illness and injury.
- 2.2. Clinical expert may serve as consultant or instructor (does not apply to Air Force Reserves). Collaborates with other disciplines and health care team members to improve patient care delivery. Formulates training programs and instructs both medical and non-medical personnel in a variety of health-related topics. Evaluates professional practice parameters through peer review.

3. ★Specialty Qualifications:

- 3.1. Knowledge. Knowledge of principles and practices within scope of advanced practice is Mandatory.
- 3.2. Education. The following formal education is mandatory as indicated:
 - 3.2.1. A master's or doctoral degree in the suffixed specialty from an accredited program with specialty board certification; or
 - 3.2.2. For award of AFSC 46Y1A/B/C/G/H/M/P, must be enrolled full time in an AFIT-funded or Health Profession's Scholarship Program graduate level accredited program.
 - 3.2.2.1. For non-AFIT and non-HPSP trained APRNs, award of AFSCs 46Y1A/B/C/G/H/M/P, must be approved by the Nurse Corps Development Team. (ANG: Approval will be accomplished at the ANG Command Nurse Equivalent level.) (AFR: Approval will be accomplished at the AFRC Command Nurse level.)
- 3.3. Training. The following are mandatory as indicated:
 - 3.3.1. For entry and award of AFSC 46Y1F, must be a fully qualified Family Nurse Practitioner (AFSC 46Y3H) with at least 24 months experience in a primary care setting, selected to an Aeromedical Nurse Practitioner position, and completion of the aerospace medicine primary course IAW AFI 48-149, *Flight and Operational Medicine Program (FOMP)* as outlined in Initial Qualification Training (IQT). Air Force Reserve does not have the 46YXF billets, therefore the 46YXF AFSC will not be awarded in the Air Force Reserve at this time.
 - 3.4. Experience. The following is mandatory for the award of AFSC 46Y3A/B/C/G/H/M/P:
 - 3.4.1. Minimum of 6 months full-time nursing practice in the APRN specialty is required. Member must have at least 12 months experience as a registered nurse which MAY INCLUDE the 6 months as a privileged practitioner.
 - 3.4.2. Must be assigned to or pending immediate assignment to a position requiring the corresponding 46YXX identifier.
 - 3.4.3. For award of AFSC 46Y3F, completion of Mission Qualification Training (MQT) while performing the work typical of a base level Aeromedical Nurse Practitioner in duty AFSC 46Y1F and designated Fully Mission Capable (FMC) IAW AFI 48-149 as outlined in MQT.
 - 3.5. Other. For entry, award and retention of AFSCs 46YXA/B/C/G/H/M/P, the following apply:
 - 3.5.1. Approval by the Chief Nurse. For the Air Force Reserves, approval by the HQ AFRC Command Nurse is Mandatory.
 - 3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSC, 46Y3F the following apply:
 - 3.5.2.1. Obtain MQT requirements.
 - 3.5.2.2. MTF/SGP endorsement and MAJCOM/SGP approval in consultation with Chief Nurse.
 - 3.5.3. ★Must obtain and maintain clinical privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, *Medical Quality Operations* (or be immediately eligible for said privileges if assigned to a non-clinical position).
 - 3.5.4. ★For retention of AFSCs 46YXA/B/C/F/G/H/M/P must not have a revocation of privileges or permanent and substantial reduction, restriction, or denial of privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119.
 - 3.5.5. For the Air Force Reserve, a secondary AFSC of 46YXA/B/C/H/M/P may be awarded by the AFRC Command Nurse solely for manning assistance to RegAF. Upon completion of manning assist tour, the secondary AFSC will NOT be utilized by the Reservist.

4. *Specialty Shredouts:

<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Portion of AFS to Which Related</i>
A Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner	Privileged health care provider. Manages health care of female patients from menarche through menopause.
B Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	Privileged health care provider. Manages health care of infants, children, and adolescents.
C Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	Privileged health care provider. Provides intensive/critical care for patients in inpatient setting.
F Aeromedical Nurse Practitioner	Privileged health care provider. Administers the Aerospace Medicine Program; conducts medical examinations and provides medical care for aircrew, missile crew, and others who require special standards of medical qualification and readiness functions. Evaluates living and working environments to detect and control health hazards and prevent disease and injury within the Air Force community.
G Certified Nurse Midwife	Provides prenatal, perinatal, and postpartum nursing care. Manages newborn care immediately following delivery until discharge.
H Family Nurse Practitioner	Privileged healthcare provider. Manages health care of infants, children, adolescents and adults.
M Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	Privileged health care provider. Administers anesthetic agents to patients, performs other specialized nursing duties, and manages anesthesia department.
P Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	Privileged MH care provider. Manages acute and chronic MH conditions through assessment, diagnosing, planning, and prescribing MH intervention within scope of practice and credentials.