



# NCC Competency Area Descriptions

The CANNP Conference sessions are not labeled by competency or code. CANNP and NCC leave that determination to you. The NCC Website offers a description and keywords for each competency area that you may use to compare against the content delivered at this conference. Descriptors for the core competencies are included with this document.

Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
<p><b><u>General assessment (Code 1)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical and Gestational Age Assessment</li> <li>Maternal Factors Affecting Neonatal Outcomes</li> <li>Risk Assessment</li> <li>Thermoregulation</li> <li>Fluids and Electrolytes</li> <li>Nutrition and Feeding</li> <li>Oxygenation and Acid Homeostasis</li> <li>Developmental Care</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Physical Assessment (Code 1)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maternal factors affecting the Newborn</li> <li>Physical Examination</li> <li>Diagnostic Procedures and Laboratory Evaluation</li> <li>Gestational Age Assessment</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Physiology and Pathophysiology (Code 2)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drug Therapies</li> <li>Pharmacologic Principles</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Physiology and Pathophysiology (Code 2)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All body systems, and</li> <li>Genetics</li> <li>Intrauterine Drug Exposure</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Pharmacology (Code 3)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All body systems, and</li> <li>Genetics</li> <li>Discharge Planning and Follow Up</li> <li>Grieving Process and Family Integration</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>General Management (Code 3)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developmental Care</li> <li>Fluids and Electrolytes</li> <li>Nutrition, Thermoregulation</li> <li>Resuscitation</li> <li>Family Integration</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Professional Practice (Code 4)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Practice</li> <li>Patient Safety</li> <li>Ethical Principles and Theories</li> <li>Legal Issues affecting Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing</li> <li>Professional Practice Standards</li> <li>Research</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Pharmacology (Code 4)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drug Therapies</li> <li>Pharmacokinetic Principles</li> </ul>
	<p><b><u>Professional Practice (Code 5)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient Safety</li> <li>Ethical Principles and Theories</li> <li>Legal Issues affecting Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing</li> <li>Professional Practice Standards</li> <li>Research</li> </ul>