

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program

- Is the national certifying body for primary care Adult, Family, Gerontologic, and Adult-Gerontology NPs
- Is recognized by all U.S. states, Commonwealth, and some Canadian provinces
- Is recognized by Medicare, Medicaid, U.S. Veterans Affairs, and insurance companies
- NP-C is the trademark credential used by AANPCP Certificants to indicate their certification status

National Certification Examinations Offered

- ✓ Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) – through 2016
- ✓ Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- ✓ Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGNP)

Join more than 52,000 active
primary care NPs currently
certified by AANPCP

Why become AANPCP certified?

- AANPCP certification examinations are 100% entry-level, clinical-practice, and competency-based
- National certification is required for professional credentialing and billing
- Recertification can be accomplished by sitting for the exam or by clinical practice hours and CEs
- Receive recognition in the industry and among colleagues

Testing Essentials

- Knowledge of health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and management of acute episodic and chronic illness in primary care
- Knowledge of advanced pathophysiology, pharmacology, and health assessment

AANPCP Application Requirements

- ✓ Graduate (or imminent graduate) of an accredited Masters NP, Post-Graduate NP, or DNP program
- ✓ *The 3 P's* - advanced physical assessment, advanced pharmacology, advanced pathophysiology
- ✓ Transcript with interim coursework for approval to test
- ✓ Official final transcript with date degree conferred
- ✓ Completion of program faculty-supervised clinical clock hours
- ✓ Hold a current RN License
- ✓ Submit a complete application and payment

Application processing time, including professional review, averages 4-6 weeks. The certification examination is administered via computer-based testing. Candidates receive a 120-day window to test, preliminary pass/fail notification at the time of testing, and written score notification via U.S. mail. A 75-item multiple choice practice examination is available for FNP and AGNP only.

AANPCP

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Transcripts may be sent to: transcripts@aanpcert.org

AANPCP Certification Fees

AANP Member* online application	\$240
Non-AANP Member online application	\$315
AANP Member* paper application	\$290
Non-AANP Member online application	\$365
Practice Exam	\$ 50

Fees are subject to change without notification

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For more information, to start the online application process, to access your account, or to update your personal information, visit the AANPCP website at www.aanpcert.org

Recertification by clinical practice hours and CE

- Adult Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Gerontologic Nurse Practitioner
- Adult –Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Recertification by examination

- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Adult –Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Nurse Practitioner **through 2016**

Recertification Maintenance Essentials

- Recertify every 5 years without lapse to avoid expiration
- Meet minimum requirements within 5 year period:
 - ✓ 1000 hours of clinical practice hours as an NP-C
 - ✓ 75 CEs in Role and Population-Focus
 - ✓ Current RN or APRN license
 - ✓ A completed application and payment
- May apply as early as 1 year before expiration of certification
 - ✓ Processing time averages 8 weeks
- Continuing education submitted for renewal must be relevant to the NP's Role and Population-Focus
- Knowledge of health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and management of acute and chronic illness, and pharmacotherapeutics in primary care is essential
- The National Certification Examination is an available option for recertification (ANP, FNP only)
 - ✓ Application must be received no later than 120-days prior to date of current certification expiration

AANPCP Recertification Fees

AANP Member*

- By Clinical Practice Hours & CE online application	\$120
- By Clinical Practice Hours & CE paper application	\$170
- By Examination online application	\$240
- By Examination paper application	\$290

Non-AANP Member

- Clinical Practice Hours & CE online application	\$195
- Clinical Practice Hours & CE paper application	\$245
- By Examination online application	\$315
- By Examination paper application	\$365

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Minimum requirements for recertification will change effective January 1, 2017. Please visit www.aanpcert.org/ptistore/control/recert/index for information and updates.

Are you a member of the *American Association of Nurse Practitioners* *?

- **AANP* - the largest professional membership organization for NPs of all specialties**
- NPs who belong to AANP benefit from information and access to leadership, health policy, education, recognition, and promotion of healthcare standards among other resources
- AANP members have access to free CE activities
- AANP members receive a \$75 discount on the certification exam
- Membership in one's professional national organization is important for many reasons
- There is a difference between the AANPCP certification program and the AANP membership organization
- AANPCP is separately incorporated from the AANP (formerly known as the *American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*)

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program endorses the national Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification, and Education (LACE).

The target date for full implementation of the Model is 2015.

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