MESSAGE TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) serves the public and the nurse practitioner community through excellence in testing and certification for NPs. Initial and renewal certifications are offered for Family Nurse Practitioners (FNP), Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners (A-GNP) and Emergency Nurse Practitioners (ENP) as a specialty certification. AANPCB-certified Adult Nurse Practitioners (ANP) and Gerontologic Nurse Practitioners (GNP) continue to be eligible for recertification by meeting clinical practice and continuing education requirements.

This report provides an overview of our annual activities and year-end number of certifications, exams administered, passing rate report, financial profile and featured events from 2019.

2019 STATISTICS:

• Number of active certifications: 140,744
• Number of Certificants by population/specialty area:
  - FNP 118,375
  - ANP 8,133
  - A-GNP 13,230
  - GNP 183
  - ENP 823
• Number of Initial Exams and Pass Rates:
  - (TOTAL 21,777)
    - FNP 19,031 / 86%
    - ENP 355 / 87%
  - A-GNP 2,391 / 84%
• Number of All Exams administered:
  - (Total 25,243)
    - FNP 21,964
    - ENP 382
    - A-GNP 2,897
• Recertification rate for all programs: 94%

Leadership, Networking and Outreach
AANPCB is actively involved in representing our certificants in areas of NP practice, education, regulation, certification and accreditation. We participate and provide leadership on committees with the LACE Network for APRNs, our accrediting organizations (ABSNC and NCCA), the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, the National Credentialing Forum, and the International Nurses Council/Advanced Practice group. There is also on-going networking with our affiliate membership organizations, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP). Through sponsorship of events and exhibits at NP educational conferences, AANPCB has gained visibility nationally and internationally.

What was new in 2019?
A second Public Member was added to the AANPCB Board to enhance representation of our growing number of certificants, who serve highly diverse clients, families, employers, and other stakeholders. We also created a Faculty Portal on the website for NP educators to access pass rate and other program information.

We wish to thank the many clinical expert volunteers who have contributed to test development activities in 2019. Their dedication to excellence in certification serves to advance NP practice.

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MISSION
Provide excellence in testing and certification for Nurse Practitioners

VISION
Adhere to and uphold the highest standards for the certification of Nurse Practitioners

PURPOSE
Provide a valid and reliable program for nurse practitioners to recognize their education, knowledge, and professional expertise, and to provide a process for validation of an advanced practice registered nurses’ qualifications and knowledge for practice as a Nurse Practitioner

CORE VALUES
Core values of
• ACCOUNTABILITY
• QUALITY
• TRANSPARENCY
support the mission and vision of the AANPCB.

RECOGNITION
Certifications by AANPCB are recognized by all State Boards of Nursing, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Veterans Administration, private managed care organizations, institutions, and health care agencies for credentialing purposes.
2019 AT A GLANCE

NUMBER OF NPs CERTIFIED

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ACTIVE CERTIFICANTS BY AANP* REGIONS 1-11

*The American Association of Nurse Practitioners

NOTE: numbers as of 12/2019
PASSING RATE REPORT

For exams taken 01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019

This Pass Rate Report indicates the standardized score performance for the 2019 Family NP, Adult-Gerontology NP, and Emergency NP Specialty National Certification Examinations. Standard scores permit comparison of the performance among individuals taking the same certification examination.

### FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

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Initial Exam Pass Rate: 86%

### ADULT-GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER

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Initial Exam Pass Rate: 84%

### EMERGENCY NURSE PRACTITIONER

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Initial Exam Pass Rate: 87%

OUTLOOK FOR 2020

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) budgeted projections for 2020 remain conservative. Revenue sources are primarily from certification examination, employer verification, and recertification fees. Costs associated with exam development and administration (testing service fees) remain our greatest expense. This statement represents an unaudited income statement report for the Fiscal Year ending 12/31/2019.
2019 HIGHLIGHTS

WHAT WAS NEW IN 2019?

Faculty Portal

A Faculty Portal on the AANPCB website is now available. Login credentials for the portal were emailed to designated program contacts in August 2019. While multiple program representatives may receive annual score reports, each college/university has one Primary Program Contact who receives the portal login information. On the portal, the Primary Contact can access current and prior program reports and enter updates, such as NP curricula changes and faculty contact information. To learn more about the Faculty Portal email Certification@aanpcert.org.

HOW TO APPLY VIDEOS

For 2019, the ‘How to’ instructional videos had over 14,800 views. These brief videos are 2 to 6 minutes in length and are particularly useful for students completing their initial certification applications, as well as for certification renewals. See the videos on the AANPCB homepage www.aanpcert.org and share with your students and colleagues.

CERTIFICANT OUTREACH

As a measure to promote ongoing communication and maintain current contact information, we initiated an outreach campaign to our new Certificants. The campaign involves sending an electronic and a mailed postcard to Certificants six months after their initial certification. Information about the renewal process and a notice to update their Online Profile for name and address changes is provided. The new Certificants also receive a third mailing that contains a magnet renewal notice reminder with our contact information.

Dear NP-C,

Congratulations on your recent certification as a Nurse Practitioner!

Credentials awarded by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) are a 5-year period.

It is never too early to thinking about recertification. Apply as early as possible to avoid unexpected delays.

How To Apply

Initial

AANPCB Initial Examination for FNP & AGNP

Nurse Practitioners Certification Board

CERTIFY

On-line via AANPCB registration

RECERTIFY

On-line via AANPCB registration

RENEW

On-line via mailing list

RECERTIFICATION OPTIONS

1. Continuing Education + Practice

2. Exam

Requirements:

- Earned degree in Nursing

- 100 CE contact hours* (at least 50 in Pharmacology)

- Completed application and payment

*Hours are optional and may qualify for up to 35 hours of non-continuing education credit.

Questions? Contact www.aanpcert.org
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

The chart below shows our certification growth over the past 5 years.

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATIONS

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<th>Year</th>
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<th>2018</th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2016</th>
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<td>140,744</td>
<td>119,387</td>
<td>100,483</td>
<td>83,881</td>
<td>69,704</td>
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EMERGENCY NP CERTIFICATION

Launched in 2017, the ENP certification program continues to grow. Below are the number of first-time testers (Initial Exams) and pass rates by ENP eligibility option* for 2017 to 2019:

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<td>2017</td>
<td>129 (88%)</td>
<td>236 (85%)</td>
<td>242 (88%)</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>57 (88%)</td>
<td>86 (93%)</td>
<td>106 (86%)</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>4 (100%)</td>
<td>5 (80%)</td>
<td>7 (86%)</td>
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*ENP eligibility option: CE – Continuing Education; AP – Academic ENP Program; and FP – Fellowship Program

2019 OUTREACH AND SPONSORSHIP EVENTS

AANPCB participated and represented our certification services through the following activities:

JANUARY
AACN Doctoral Conference
Coronado, CA

FEBRUARY
AANP Health Policy Conference
Washington DC

MARCH
ABNS Spring Conference
Lunch Sponsorship
Tampa, FL

APRIL
Annual Report sent to stakeholders;
NONPF Exhibit, Sponsored Lunch with Exhibitors, Fun Run, & Full-page Ad
Atlanta, GA

MAY
NCNP Fall Conference
Chicago, IL

JUNE
AANP National Conference – Exhibit and AANPCB Report
Indianapolis, IN

JULY
National NP Symposium
Keystone, CO

AUGUST
NCSBN Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL

SEPTEMBER
TNP Fall Conference
Austin, TX

NCNP Fall Conference
Las Vegas, NV

OCTOBER
ABNS Lunch Sponsorship
Rosemont, IL

NPAC Conference
Baltimore, MD

NOVEMBER
ICE sponsored Research Activities;
AAENP West Conference
Las Vegas, NV

DECEMBER
Holiday card

CANADIAN CERTIFICANTS

In addition to U.S. resident NPs, applicants who completed approved Canadian NP programs may take the AANPCB certification examinations.

Initial Applications from Canadian NPs over the past 5 years

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>65</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>FNP</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>139</td>
<td>258</td>
<td>355</td>
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PASS RATES BY EDUCATION CATEGORY

Since 2016, AANPCB has reported the certification examination pass rates of graduates by educational category of NP program completed. These comparisons are presented on our website under the About AANPCB tab. While the number of Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) graduates has increased each year, the percentage across educational categories remains stable with 90% of applicants completing Master’s level NP programs, and 5% who completed DNP and post-graduate programs, respectively.

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<th>Education Category</th>
<th>FNP Pass Rate</th>
<th>A-GNP Pass Rate</th>
<th>Overall Pass Rate</th>
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<td><strong>Masters</strong></td>
<td>(16,983)</td>
<td>(2,005)</td>
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<td>85%</td>
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<td><strong>Post-Graduate</strong></td>
<td>(964)</td>
<td>(164)</td>
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<td>79%</td>
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<td><strong>Doctorate/DNP</strong></td>
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Whenever this information is used in part or in whole, or when referencing it as part of a report or article, we request that acknowledgment be given to the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB).
ACCREDITATION

The AANPCB entry into advanced practice certification programs are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABSNC) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

ABSNC, the only accrediting body specifically for nursing certification, provides a peer-review mechanism that allows nursing certification organizations to obtain accreditation of their certification programs by demonstrating compliance with the highest quality standards available in the industry. (absnc.org)

NCCA, the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) accrediting body, serves to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of certification programs and organizations that assess professional competence. Accreditation by NCCA indicates AANPCB’s compliance with the NCCA Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs. (credentialingexcellence.org/ncca)

AFFILIATIONS

AANPCB is affiliated with:

American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
The largest full-service national professional membership organization for NPs of all specialties. (aanp.org)

American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP)
AAENP promotes high quality, evidence-based practice for NPs providing emergency care for patients of all ages and acuities in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team. (aaenp-natl.org)

PSI Services LLC (PSI)
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