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American Academy
of
Nurse Practitioners
Certification Program

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The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program computer based testing has successfully completed another year in over 300 sites across the United States. Last year the examinations were offered during three 12-week windows throughout the year: January/April, May/August and September/December. A total of 3207 candidates sat for the test during that time. Nurse Practitioners who have completed an approved master's, postmaster's or doctoral adult, family or gerontologic nurse practitioner program are eligible to sit for the examinations. The examinations are developed in cooperation with Professional Examination Services (PES) a not for profit organization with over 50 years of experience in the development and administration of national licensing and certification examinations specializing in health related fields.

The examinations test clinical knowledge in the following areas: assessment, diagnosis, formulation and implementation of treatment plans evaluation and follow-up. The family nurse practitioner examination covers knowledge in the area of prenatal, pediatric, adolescent, adult, (including women's health) geriatric and frail elderly primary care. The adult nurse practitioner examination covers knowledge in the area of late adolescent, adult, (including women's health) geriatric and frail elderly primary care. The geron-

tologic examination covers knowledge in geriatric and frail elderly primary care. Knowledge of health promotion and disease prevention, diagnosis and management of acute episodic and chronic illness in the primary care setting is tested. Participants are expected to apply knowledge of pathophysiology, pharmacology, psychology and sociology to the process utilized in the assessment diagnosis and management of patients in their care. A total of 21,831 have sat for the examinations. The overall pass rate for last year examinations was 87%.

The certification program has maintained active participation in the National Organization of Certifying Agencies, the American Board of Nursing Specialties, the Consortium for Quality Nurse Practitioner Education and the Alliance for Nursing Accreditation. It has been an active participant on the APRN Consensus Work Group and is a member of the Joint Dialogue Task Force with NCSBN that is examining issues in advanced practice nursing regulation; licensure accreditation, certification and education. It has been involved in activities examining the credentialing of nurse practitioners in hospitals, as well as JCAHO activities focusing on continuing professional competency, and has participated in summit meetings regarding the regulation of advanced practice nurses and the development of educational programs leading to the practice doctorate (DNP). In addition, the certification program director served on the NCCA Commission as a commissioner and has participated on

Certification Application to Go Online

Beginning with the January 2009 testing window, applicants for the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Examinations will be able to apply for the family, adult or gerontologic examination online. Currently applicants may apply by obtaining an application from the certification program or downloading an application from the certification website: aanpcertification.org. Beginning December 2008, candidates will also be able to apply directly online. Keep checking the website for updates. Directions for completion of the online application will be available at that site. Candidates applying online also will be able to follow the movement of their applications through the approval process by accessing their own personal application site. Questions may be directed to the certification program at 512-442-5202 or emailing certification@aanp.org.

Certification Program to Offer Continuous Testing Windows

Beginning January of 2009, the AANPCP will offer continuous testing windows decreasing the potential for delays and allowing for more flexibility for candidates to schedule their examination dates. The testing window schedule for 2009 is listed on this page. Candidates will be able to move from window to window upon request in order to facilitate testing needs.

The National Certification Computer-Based Examinations will be offered to graduates of Adult, Family, and Gerontologic Master's, Post Master's, and Doctoral Nurse Practitioner Programs during three continuous windows each year—January-April, May-August, and September-December. See Examination Dates.

Watch for Online Application
Availability Coming in January
www.aanpcertification.org

EXAMINATION DATES

January 21-April 30, 2009:

Deadline	December 30, 2008
Late Deadline with \$50 late fee	January 20, 2009

May 1-August 31, 2009:

Deadline	March 30, 2009
Late Deadline with \$50 late fee	April 27, 2009

September 1-December 20, 2009:

Deadline	July 29, 2009
Late Deadline with \$50 late fee	August 27, 2009

Accreditation

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification examinations are fully accredited by NCCA.

Nondiscrimination Policy

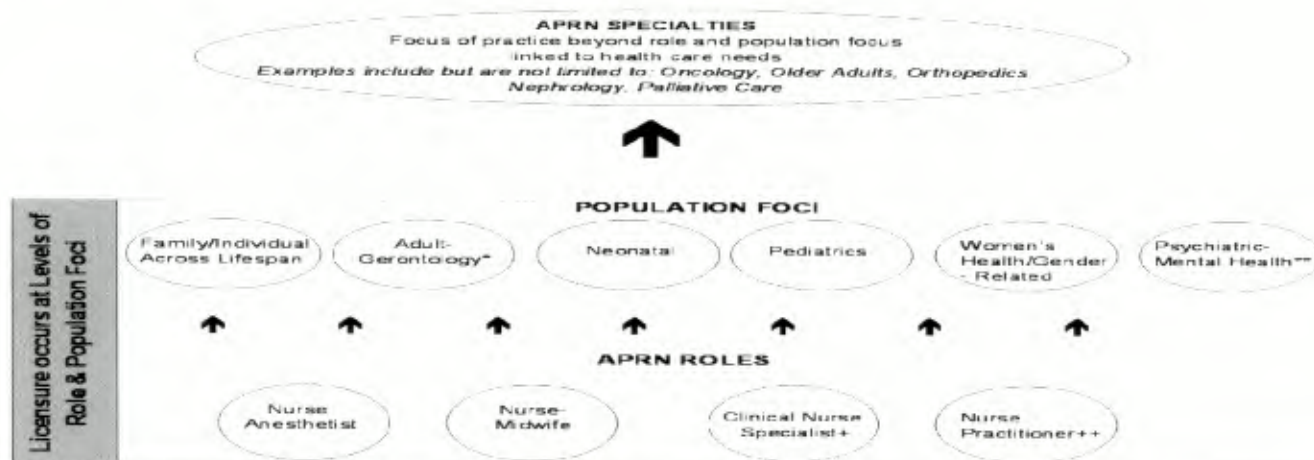
The Certification Program does not discriminate against an individual with respect to age, sex, color, race, religion, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or disability.



APRN Consensus Paper Endorsed

Thirty Five organizations including the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program Inc. and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners have endorsed this document. The APRN Consensus Paper focuses on standardizing the requirements for the regulation of advanced practice registered nurses in the United States. Model statute and regulation have been drafted by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to reflect the implementation of the contents of this document for regulatory purposes. In this model, regulation for licensure by state boards of nursing will be based on the role and population focus of the advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). Hence, nurse practitioners will be licensed based on their educational preparation and national certification in primary or acute care as family, adult/gerontologic, pediatric, neonatal, women's health or psych/mental health nurse practitioners. In this model, additional specialty preparation such as oncology, palliative care or nephrology, will be built on and extend beyond the requirements for licensure. (See below) The entire document and its recommendations may be viewed on the certification website at: aanpcertification.com.

APRN REGULATORY MODEL



++The certified nurse practitioner (CNP) is prepared with the acute care CNP competencies and/or the primary care CNP competencies. At this point in time the acute care and primary care CNP delineation applies only to the pediatric and adult-gerontology CNP population foci. Scope of practice of the primary care or acute care CNP is **not setting specific** but is based on patient care needs. Programs may prepare individuals across both the primary care and acute care CNP competencies. If programs prepare graduates across both sets of roles, the graduate must be prepared with the consensus-based competencies for both roles and must successfully obtain certification in both the acute and the primary care CNP roles. CNP certification in the acute care or primary care roles must match the educational preparation for CNPs in these roles.

Source: *Consensus Model for APRN Regulation. Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education, July 7, 2008*

ADULT NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

Score report indicates the standard score performance for the 2007 Adult Nurse Practitioners National Certification Examination. Standard scores are scores, which permit comparison of performance among individuals taking the same examination.

Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700 and above	93
680	85
660	78
640	70
620	57
600	52
580	46
560	38
540	29
520	22
500	10
480	05

Total ANP Pass Rate: 90.2%

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

Score report indicates the standard score performance for the 2007 Family Nurse Practitioners National Certification Examination. Standard scores are scores, which permit comparison of performance among individuals taking the same examination.

Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700 and above	90
680	88
660	74
640	66
620	57
600	48
580	40
560	32
540	23
620	18
500	14
480	10

Total FNP Pass Rate: 85.3%

GERONTOLOGIC NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

Score report indicates the standard score performance for the 2007 Gerontologic Nurse Practitioners National Certification Examination. Standard scores are scores, which permit comparison of performance among individuals taking the same examination.

Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700 and above	100
680	91
640	83
620	78
600	70
580	61
560	56
540	48
520	30
500	17
480	09

Total GNP Pass Rate: 82.6%