



2014 Annual Report

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP) is dedicated to serving the NP community through providing excellence in testing and certification for nurse practitioners. AANPCP develops and provides psychometrically sound, legally defensible certification examinations for graduates of accredited masters, post-graduate, and doctoral level adult, family, and adult-gerontology primary care NP programs. Our purpose remains to provide a valid and reliable certification program for entry-level NPs to recognize their education, knowledge, and professional expertise. AANPCP also provides processes for validation of an APRN's qualifications and knowledge for practice as an NP.

AANPCP began the new-year with receiving accreditation of the Adult-Gerontology primary care NP certification program by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). As a result of this achievement, all three AANPCP certification programs (ANP, A-GNP, and FNP) hold accreditation with the NCCA as well as with the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification, which requires ongoing demonstration of meeting standards for both of these accrediting bodies.

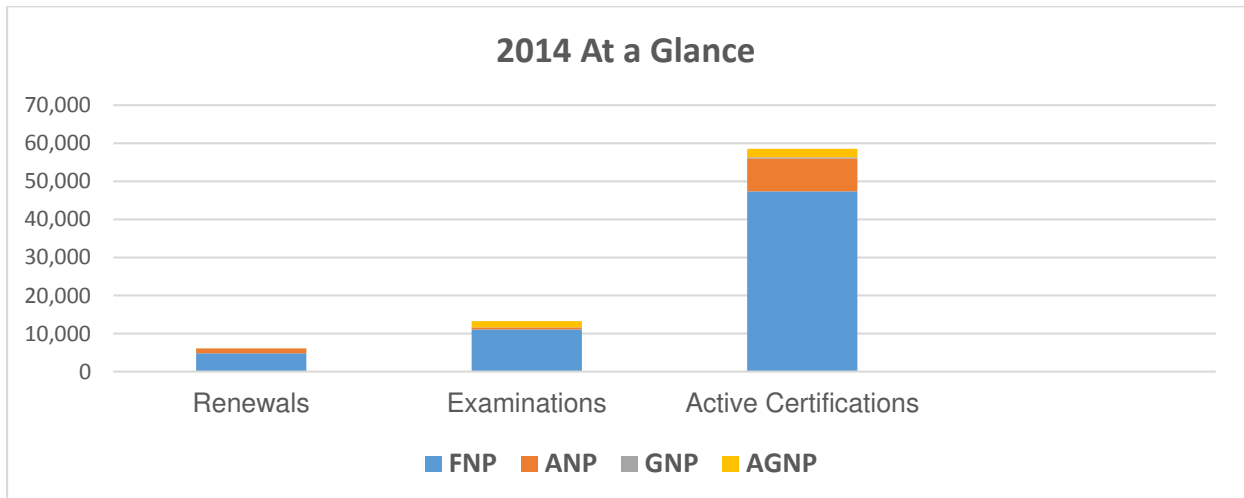
In accordance with the vision of adhering to and upholding the highest standards for the certification of NPs, AANPCP established a task force in 2013 to review the criteria for renewal of certification. Their extensive review was completed in 2014 and resulted in the Commission approving (1) an increase in the minimum continuing education credits from 75 to 100 during the 5-year certification period, (2) the requirement for 25 of these CEs to be pharmacology credits, and (3) acceptance of clinical preceptor hours. These changes become effective January 1, 2017, and were published in the *JNP* (September), *FAANP Forum* (September), and *JAANP* (October).

In June, AANPCP held a workshop at the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) national conference to promote interest in writing test items for the certification examinations and to develop future contributors to the test construction process. AANPCP also sponsored the Leadership Breakfast at the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) annual meeting in which Dr. Loretta Ford delivered an inspiring message to NP educators regarding the attributes of a successful leader and how NPs can continue to impact healthcare. Other activities included exhibits at the AANP National and Specialty conferences, National Council of State Boards of Nursing annual meeting, NONPF annual meeting, National Nurse Practitioner Symposium, and the Texas Nurse Practitioners' annual conference.

On an international level, AANPCP entered into a formal agreement with the Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators, whereby the CCRNR is now accepting the adult-gerontology NP (A-GNP) certification examination for advanced practice licensure.

The number of active certifications as of December 31, 2014 included: FNPs = 47,379; ANPs = 8,664; A-GNPs = 2,246; and GNPs = 281 for a total of 58,570. This represents an overall increase of 25.8% from 2013. There were 18 dual certified ANP/GNPs who converted certification into A-GNP, and 31 GNPs who renewed that certification. The recertification rates for FNPs and ANPs in 2014 were 92% and 88%, respectively, for an overall average of 91%. While this is a decline in the renewal rate compared to 2013 (e.g., 95%), the overall number who recertified in 2014 increased 12%.

A total of 13,270 certification examinations were administered: FNP = 11,078; A-GNP = 1,653; and ANP = 548. This includes all initial, re-takes, and recertification by exams and is a 36.8% increase from the previous year. The passing rates, by specialty, for those taking an initial certification exam were 87.52% (FNP); 85.73% (A-GNP); and 78.02% (ANP).



In summary, 2014 was a remarkable year for AANPCP. We now have over 58,000 Certificants, exceeded 13,000 exams administered, and have acquired dual accreditation for all three certification programs. We continually strive for excellence in certification of nurse practitioners and would like to thank and recognize each of the Commissioners for their dedication, leadership and service.



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Passing Rate Report
For Exams taken 01/01/2014 – 12/31/2014

ADULT NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

<p>Score report indicates the standard state performance for the 2014 Adult Nurse Practitioners National Certification Exam.</p> <p>Standard scores are scores which permit comparison of performance among individuals taking the same examination.</p>		<p>Score report indicates the standard state performance for the 2014 Family Nurse Practitioners National Certification Exam.</p> <p>Standard scores are scores which permit comparison of performance among individuals taking the same examination.</p>		<p>Score report indicates the standard state performance for the 2014 Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioners National Certification Examination.</p> <p>Standard scores are scores which permit comparison of performance among individuals taking the same examination.</p>	
Total Test Standard Score	% Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower	Total Test Standard Score	% Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower	Total Test Standard Score	% Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700 and above	97	700 and above	95	700 and above	93
680	94	680	90	680	88
660	90	660	83	660	81
640	84	640	75	640	74
620	77	620	66	620	65
600	72	600	55	600	55
580	64	580	46	580	47
560	56	560	37	560	38
540	48	540	29	540	29
520	39	520	22	520	23
500	29	500	15	500	17
480	24	480	11	480	12
Total ANP Pass Rate 70.6% Initial Exam Pass Rate 78%		Total FNP Pass Rate 85.3% Initial Exam Pass Rate 87.5%		Total AGP Pass Rate 83.4% Initial Exam Pass Rate 85.7%	