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2023

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2023 Annual Report

Family NP (FNP)

Adult Gerontology NP (AGNP)

Emergency NP (ENP)

30 Years with AANPCB

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) is a non-profit organization that provides a reliable program to evaluate individuals in the NP profession through the certification process.

Our Vision

Nurse practitioners meet the highest standards of excellence and competence to support quality and optimal health outcomes.

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Message from the Commissioner Chair & CEO

Dear Nurse Practitioner Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2023 AANPCB Annual Report. We look forward to sharing and highlighting several significant milestones and key initiatives. Most notable is our 30-year anniversary of certifying nurse practitioners. In 1993, the certification department within the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, now known as the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), developed and launched its first certification examinations. In June 2023, AANPCB surpassed 200,000 NP certifications. To commemorate these achievements, a reception was held at the AANP National Conference in New Orleans, LA. Learn more about our history on pages 2 and 9.

A significant endeavor that affects all certificants was the revision of the recertification criteria. Building upon the 2022 AANPCB strategic plan and results of the certificant surveys conducted in 2021 and 2022, the Board of Commissioners convened to review and update requirements for recertification. These changes, which were implemented effective April 2023 and published in JAANP November 2023, are summarized on page 3 of this report. The Board also approved changes to the reactivation of expired certification policy, found on page 3. With the official end of the COVID-19 pandemic, the temporary certification extension policy was terminated effective May 11, 2023.

Enhancing communication and marketing were other initiatives for 2023. We expanded our social media presence and implemented text messaging. New metrics to evaluate the impact of these and other activities are underway. The first edition of the CONNECTION, the AANPCB e-newsletter, launched in Spring 2023. Latest editions have featured our new public member, Dr. Ben Reese, Jr., as well as certification resources for students and faculty, such as the Certification 101 webinar and release of new practice exams.

Changes to the NP educational program Aggregate Score Report were made to better differentiate first-time test takers from retake attempts. Also, the ability for new graduates to release their exam results to program faculty was implemented and became available in the Faculty Portal January 2024.

In our commitment to adhering to the highest standards and ensuring excellence in NP testing and board certification, AANPCB programs are accredited by both the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). During 2022-2023, AANPCB obtained reaccreditation of all three programs (AGNP, FNP, ENP) from both certifying organizations.

Lastly, the practice analysis and content outline for the Psychiatric Mental Health NP (PMHNP) certification program were completed in 2023 in preparation to launch the first exams in April 2024. To represent the new certificant population, a PMHNP position was added to the AANPCB Commission. Robin Arends, DNP, CNP, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, CWCN-AP, FAANP was elected to fill this position during the October 2023 elections. The full Board is presented on page 10.

We send a special ‘thank you’ to our certificants, commissioners, staff, subject matter volunteers, and other stakeholders for your contributions in supporting nurse practitioners and the certification process.

LORNA SCHUMANN, CHAIR

PhD, RN, FNP-C, ENP-C, ACNS-BC, ACNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP

DIANE TYLER, CEO

PhD, RN, FNP-C, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN

Celebrating 30 Years

At the time AANPCB was established in 1993, there were an estimated 27,000 nurse practitioners in the United States, a number that has grown to 355,000. In 2023 AANPCB recognized not only our 30-year anniversary of certifying nurse practitioners, but also reaching a total of 200,000 active AANPCB certifications. We celebrated throughout the year, with a reception held at the 2023 AANP National Conference in New Orleans, LA.

Accredited by ABSNC and NCCA, we are known for our excellence in competency-based clinical NP examinations. AANPCB maintains a 94% recertification rate and has a 95% in certificants' overall satisfaction.

To our certificants who have maintained certification through the renewal process, to new certificants in 2023, and to future certificants, we say thank you for choosing AANPCB and for 30 successful years of certifying NPs!



Laissez les bon temps rouler
All are welcome, as we let the good times roll...

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BIG 30th

RECEPTION

in the Big Easy, New Orleans
Morial Convention Center • Rm 260-262
Wednesday • June 21, 2023 • 5:00-6:30 PM

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Live music featuring The Gumbo Trio
Classic Louisiana hors d'oeuvres & beignets
Full bar with drink tickets at the door!

Drinks & Hors d'oeuvres • Music & Entertainment

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AANPCB Expands Recertification Requirements

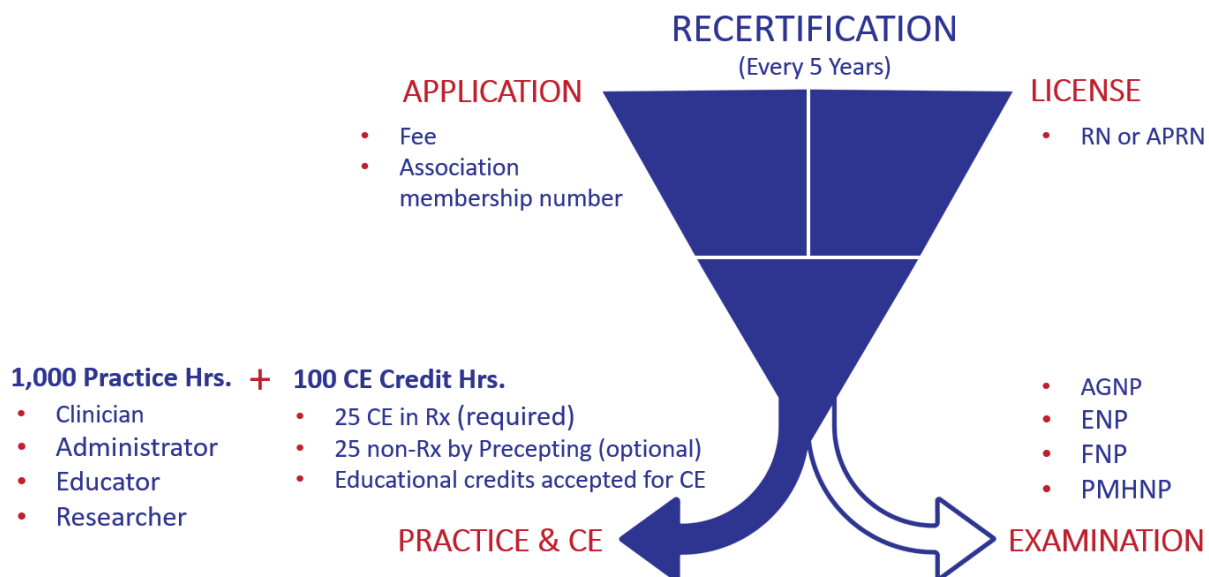
To better fit the scope of clinically focused roles available to nurse practitioners today, AANPCB updated recertification requirements for practice and CE effective April 1, 2023. To qualify for recertification by *Practice and CE*, a certificant must complete a minimum of 1,000 practice hours as a nurse practitioner in the population focus of their certification, within their 5-year certification period. In addition to direct patient care, eligible practice hours now include administrative, educational, and research roles. Guidelines for each role include:

Direct Patient Care duties can include direct patient care and faculty clinical supervision of NP students. Telehealth and volunteer practice are included.

Administrative duties involve overseeing and interacting with advanced practice providers and/or faculty.

Education includes clinical supervision and/or didactic teaching in an NP program or providing education to advanced practice providers in other settings.

Research must be outcomes related and patient driven. Activities include QI, evidence-based science, and practice innovation.



NPs also have the option to recertify via examination. This option is available for **FNP, AGNP, PMHNP, and ENP.**

AANPCB Announces Reactivation Options

Certification is limited to 5 years. If you miss submitting your recertification application before your certification expiration, AANPCB has a process to reactivate your expired certification. Email certification@aanpcert.org for an Expired Certification Application by CE & Practice or an Expired Certification Application by Exam*. If your recertification expiration date is greater than 60 days, additional practice hours & CE will be required. Applications may also be subject to a late fee.

*Certifications with expirations greater than 5 years are not eligible for reactivation. Individuals whose certification expires risk potential loss of employment, insurance reimbursement, credentialing privileges, among other interruptions to clinical practice.

New In 2024: **PMHNP Certification Exam**

As the need for mental healthcare grows, so does the need for mental health professionals. AANPCB is excited to announce the launch of its Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certification exam (PMHNP-C). Applications for the exam were made available in January 2024, for testing dates beginning April 25, 2024. Candidates must have completed an accredited PMHNP master's, post-graduate, or doctoral program to be eligible to sit for the certification.

We want to send a special 'Thank You' to our NP volunteers, it's with their dedication and work we reached this milestone. Developing a new certification program is a multi-step process requiring contributions from clinical experts from diverse geographic and practice settings. Keeping these programs up to date with valid source material requires regular review and input from these experienced clinicians.



Do you want to expand your NP experience and contribute to exam development?

Become one of our NP volunteers! Participate in content creation or exam review. Successful contributions rely on NPs from a wide range of practice settings, at different career stages, and from across the country. Our exam populations include:

- *Psychiatric Mental Health | PMHNP*
- *Adult Gerontology Primary Care | AGNP*
- *Family | FNP*
- *Emergency/Urgent Care | ENP*

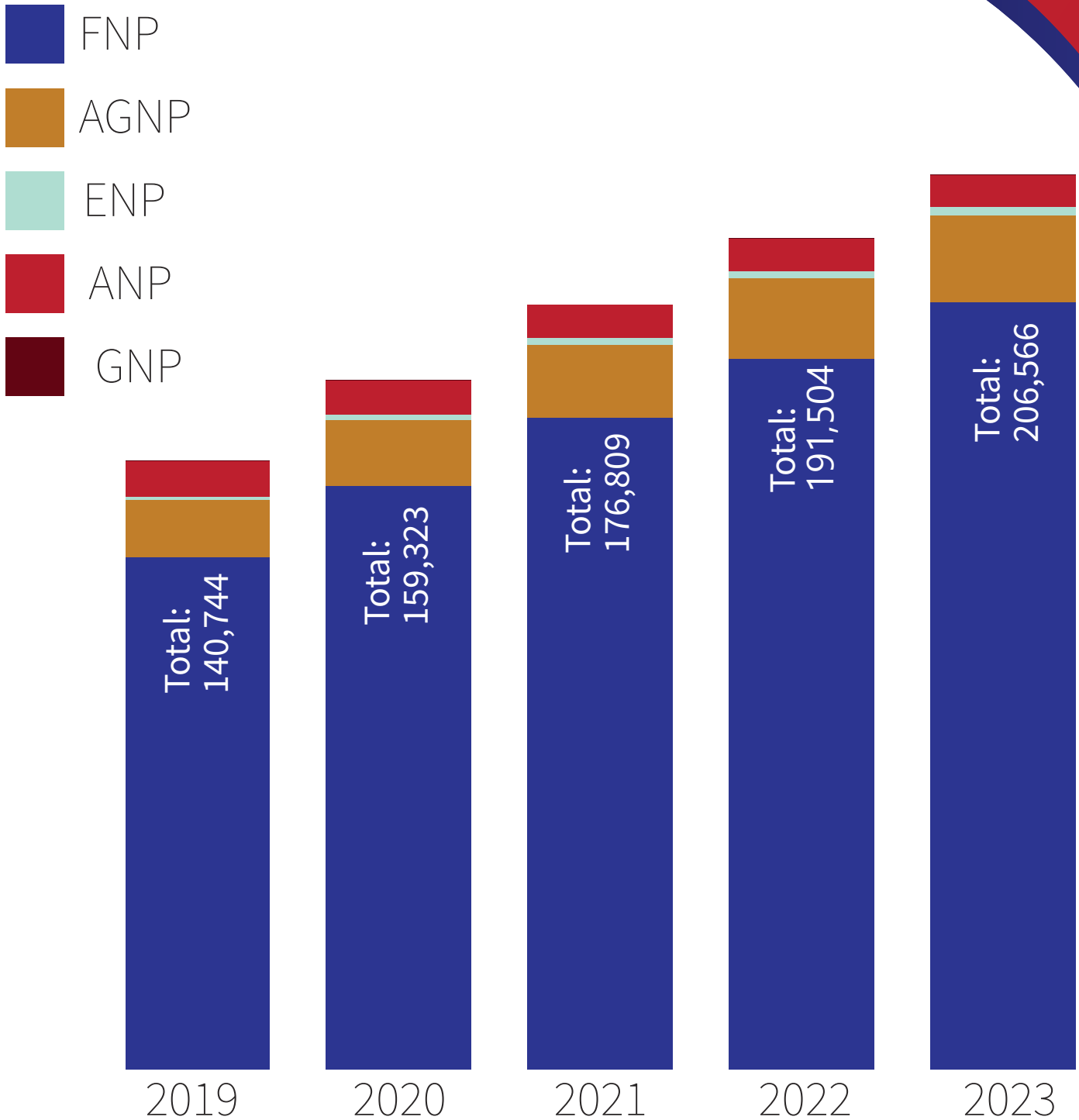
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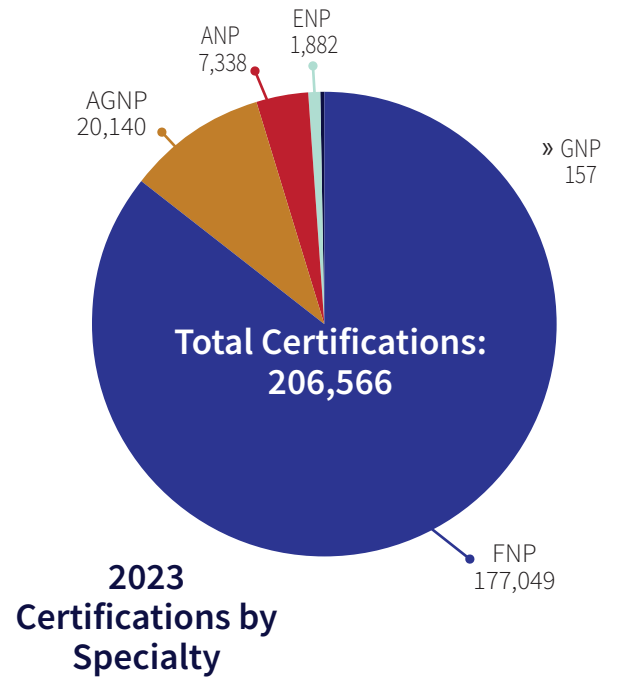
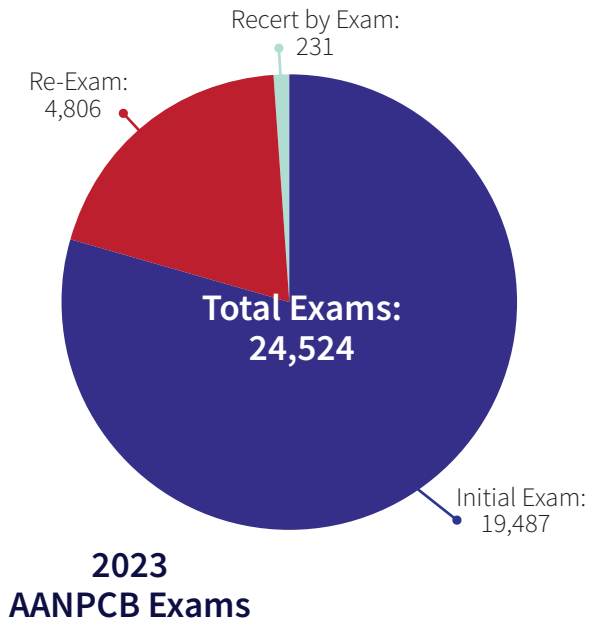
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Certification Growth

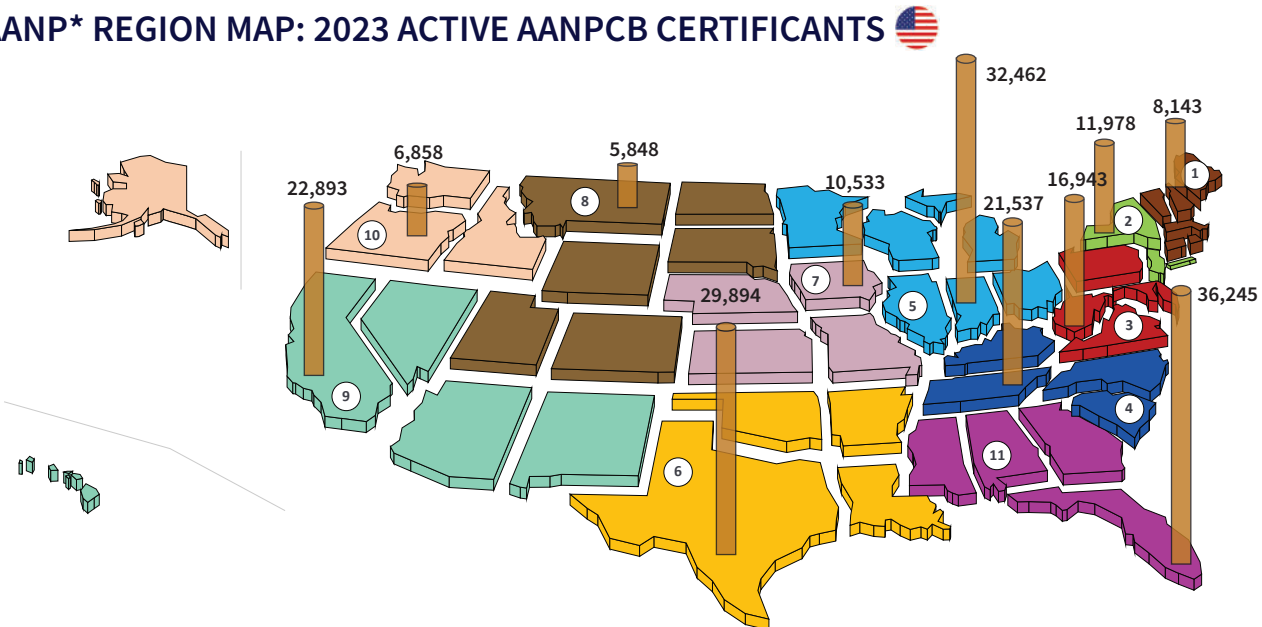
Total active AANPCB certifications by year.



AANPCB at a Glance



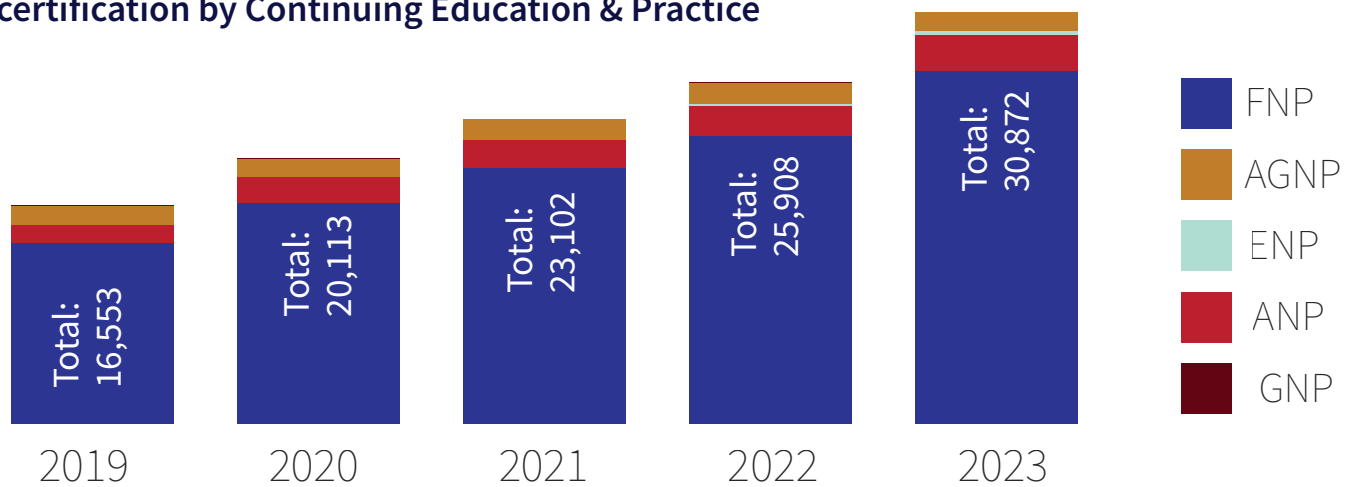
AANP* REGION MAP: 2023 ACTIVE AANPCB CERTIFICANTS



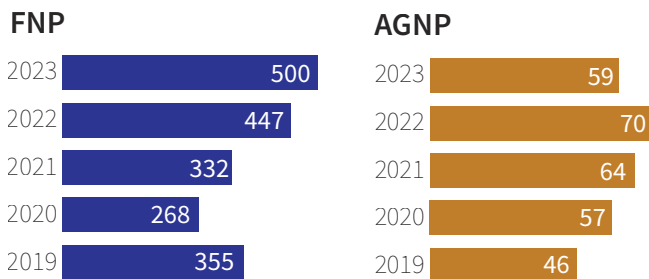
*American Association of Nurse Practitioners

AANPCB at a Glance

Recertification by Continuing Education & Practice



Canadian NP: 2023 Initial Applications



Emergency NP: 2023 Initial Exams by Eligibility Options

Continuing Education	Academic Program	Fellowship
129	125	7
Pass Rate 83%	Pass Rate 88%	Pass Rate 100%

NP-C®

- ANP-C** Adult NP
- AGNP-C** Adult-Gerontology NP
- ENP-C** Emergency NP
- FNP-C** Family NP
- GNP-C** Gerontological NP
- PMHNP-C** *Psychiatric Mental Health NP**

NP-C is a registered trademark. This designation presents NP certification by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB). The population/specialty certification precedes the NP-C credential.

Only individuals who have met the standards, qualifications, testing requirements, and maintenance of certification established by AANPCB may use this mark. NPs who allow their AANPCB certification to expire may not use the NP-C credential or represent themselves as being certified by AANPCB.

**Available in 2024*

National Pass Rate Report

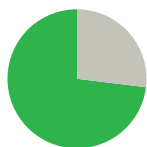
This report refers to initial exams taken from 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023 for Family NP, Adult-Gerontology NP, and Emergency NP national certification examinations.

EMERGENCY NP EXAM



1ST TIME EXAMS: 261
PASS RATE 86%

FAMILY NP EXAM



1ST TIME EXAMS: 17,362
PASS RATE 73%

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY NP EXAM



1ST TIME EXAMS: 1,864
PASS RATE 90%

Outreach in 2023

We understand there are many questions about preparing for certification with AANPCB. To help students navigate this crucial step as they begin their NP careers, AANPCB provides faculty **Certification 101**, a free seminar walking students through the certification process. These sessions are hosted virtually or on-site in person and, as of 2023, a pre-recorded version is available through the AANPCB [Faculty Portal](#).

Informational and promotional material are also available for students. If you are a faculty member who would like to learn more about Certification 101 or request material be sent for your students, please email us at certification@aanpcert.org.

Don't forget to follow us on social media to stay updated with AANPCB! New certificants can now tag us in a selfie with their "I am NP-C" mailer, which they will receive with their NP certificate. #aanpcbCERTIFIED.



2023 AANPCB Conference Exhibits

- AACN Doctoral Conference
- AANP Health Policy Conference
- AACN Deans Meeting
- ISPN 2023
- NONPF Annual Conference
- AANP National Conference
- APNA 21st Annual Clinical Psychopharmacology Institute
- ICN Congress
- NNP Symposium
- GAPNA Annual Conference
- TNP Annual Conference
- AANP Leadership Conference
- APNA Annual Conference

30 Years of Leadership

AANPCB has been fortunate to experience exceptional leadership over these past 30 years, from NPs who have played a crucial role in the growth and success of our organization and the NP profession.

A founding member of AANP, Jan Towers, PhD, CPRN, NP-C, FAAN, FAANP established AANPCB in 1993 and served as Executive Director 1993-2009. AANPCB issued its first NP certification in 1994 and achieved national accreditation for the Family NP and Adult NP certification programs in 1996.

Rick Meadows, MS, RN, ANP-C, FAANP spearheaded AANPCB's largest growth period, serving as CEO 2009-2021. With the retirement of the ANP and GNP certification exams, AANPCB launched the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP certification program in 2013. In coordination with AAENP (American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners), the Emergency specialty NP certification program launched in 2016.

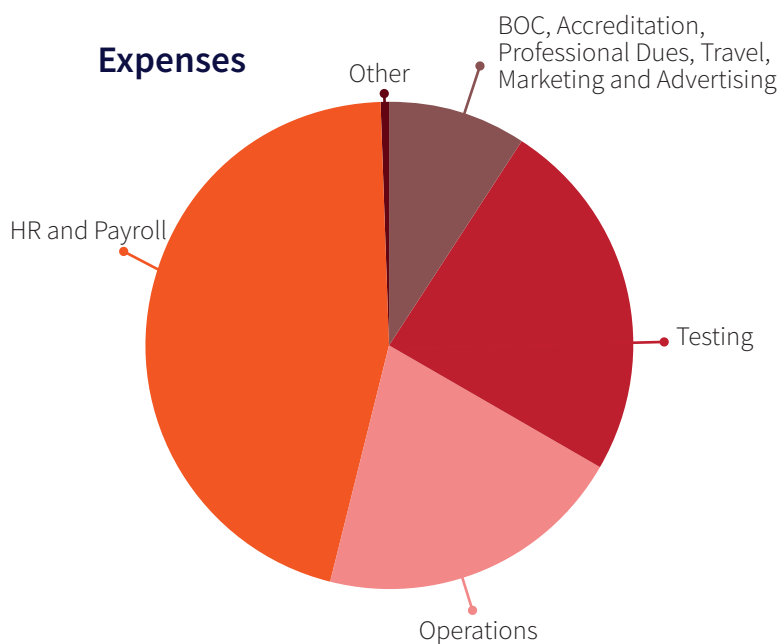
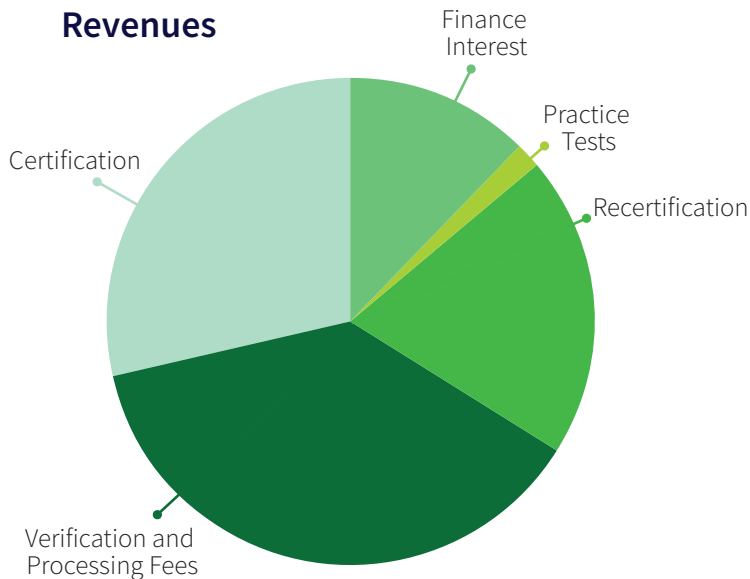
Current CEO, Diane Tyler, PhD, RN, FNP-C, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN guided AANPCB through the COVID pandemic era and organizational restructure. In 2023, AANPCB surpassed 200,000 active certifications, while also celebrating our 30-year anniversary. Development of the Psychiatric Mental Health NP certification program was initiated in 2022 with exams to be administered and accreditation achieved in 2024.

AANPCB is indebted to this remarkable leadership and the milestones they achieved.



From left:
Jan Towers, Rick Meadows,
Diane Tyler celebrating AANPCB's 30th
anniversary

Financial Statement



Outlook for 2024

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) budgeted projections for 2024 remain conservative. Revenue sources are primarily from certification examinations, employer verification, and recertification fees. Cost associated with exam development and administration (testing service fees) remains one of our greatest expenses. 2023 experienced a growth in HR & Payroll as AANPCB brought on additional staff to meet certification demand.

This statement represents an unaudited income statement report for the fiscal year ending 12/31/23.

Accreditation



ABSNC 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.



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.

In 2023 ABSNC and NCCA granted 5-year reaccreditation to our AGNP-C and ENP-C certification programs. The FNP-C program was reaccredited by ABSNC and NCCA in 2022.

Affiliations



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



American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (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.



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2024 Commissioners

The 2024 commissioner election was held October 15-28, 2023. AANPCB is pleased to announce new board members Ken Stackhouse, MSN, MBA, APRN, FNP-C, ENP-BC (TX) and Kristen Childress, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, AGNP-C, CWCN-AP (WA). Karen Moore, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC, FNP-C, FAANP, FAAN (MO) was reelected and Robin Arends, DNP, CNP, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, CNE, FAANP, FAAN (SD), who stepped down from her board position representing FNPs, was elected to the new PMHNP representative position. AANPCB would like to express gratitude to Kerri L. Rupe, DNP, ARNP, FNP-C, COHN-S, FAANP, whose term ended on December 31, 2023, for her _____ years of service to our nurse practitioners and certifying board.



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