

Nurse Practitioners
Certification Board

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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NPCB

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB), operating under the brand NPCB, is an independent nonprofit organization that provides national certification programs for nurse practitioners (NPs).

Vision

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

Mission

Provide excellence in testing and certification for nurse practitioners.

Values

NPCB operates as an ethical and professional organization guided by the principles of **Quality**, **Integrity**, **Respect**, and **Responsiveness**.

Affiliations



The [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.



[Prometric LLC](#) is the test delivery vendor for NPCB certification programs. Prometric is a leading global provider of technology-enabled testing and assessment solutions.



Letter from the Commissioner Chair & CEO

Dear Nurse Practitioner Colleagues,

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 (AGNP), and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (PMHNP). We also offer 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 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 2025. Most primary care trained NPs choose to certify with us because of our reputation for having quality clinical examinations and a responsive and attentive staff. Our board of commissioners initiated a few changes in 2025, which have been launched in 2026. These include a retired certification status option and allowing applicants to sit for the family nurse practitioner exam up to three times in a calendar year. In 2026, candidates will continue to see a commitment to a streamlined application and approval process, along with new branding to reflect the next generation of NPs.

We send a special thank you to our staff, commissioners, and content contributors who made a successful 2025 in supporting our certificants and the nurse practitioner profession.

Lorraine Reiser, Chair

PhD, CRNP, FNP-C, FAANP

Kevin Letz, CEO

DNP, MBA, RN, CNE-RET, FNP-C, ANP-BC, PPCNP-BC, ENP-C, FAANP



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NP-C®

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

Only individuals who have met the standards, qualifications, testing requirements, and maintenance of certification requirements established by NPCB may use this mark.

Family NP

F N P - C

Psychiatric Mental Health NP

P M H N P - C

Emergency NP

E N P - C

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP

A G N P - C

Adult NP

A N P - C

Gerontologic NP

G N P - C

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.

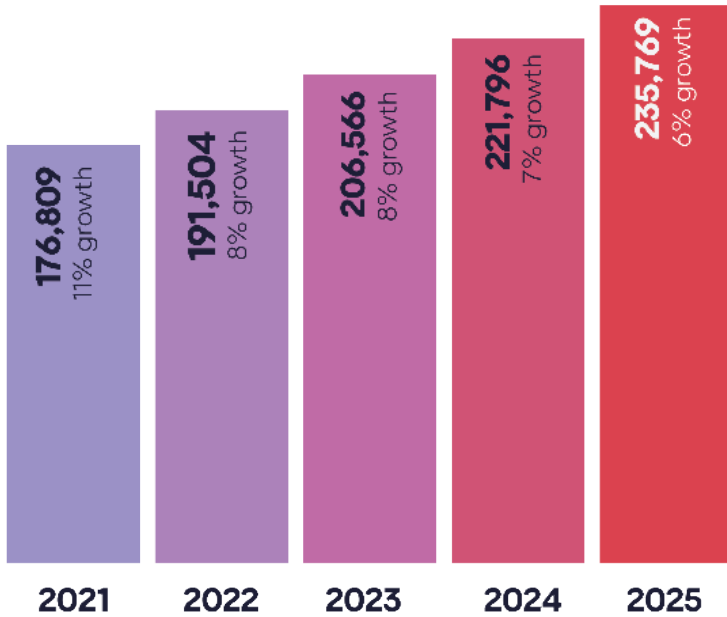


[NCCA](#), the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) accrediting body, serves to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of certification programs and organizations that assess professional competence.

All active NPCB certification programs are dual-accredited by ABSNC and NCCA.

NPCB at a Glance

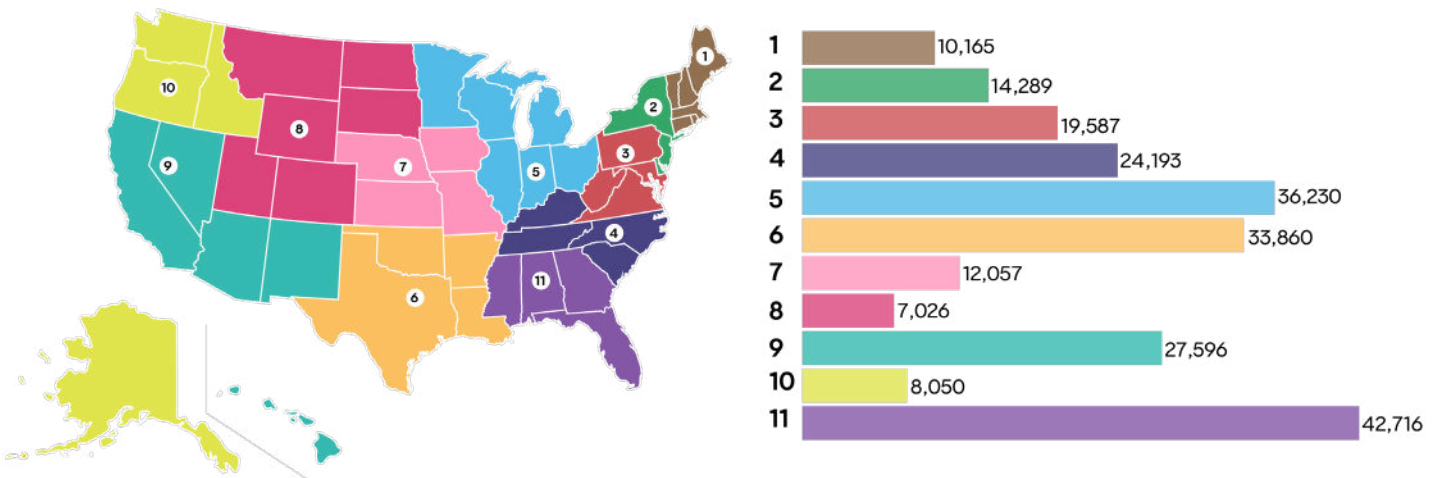
Overall Certification Growth by Year



2025 Total Certifications by Specialty

Certification	Number of Certificants
FNP-C	202,048
AGNP-C	22,590
PMHNP-C	1,717
ENP-C	2,279
ANP-C	6,981
GNP-C	154
Total	235,769

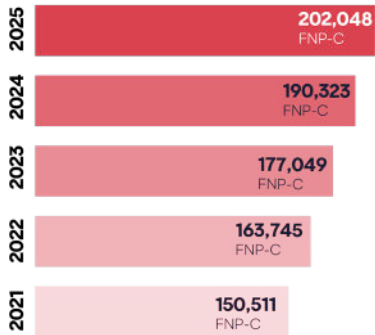
AANP* Region MAP: 2025 Active NPCB Certificants



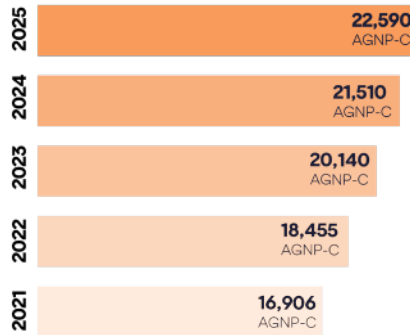
*American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Certification Specialty Growth by Year

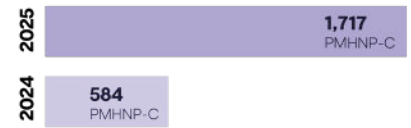
FNP-C



AGNP-C

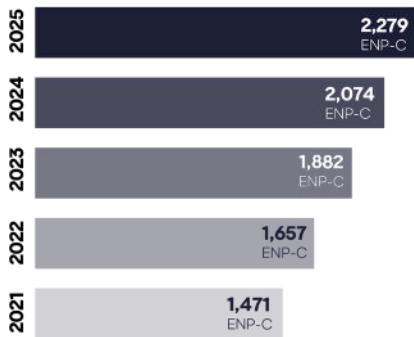


PMHNP-C

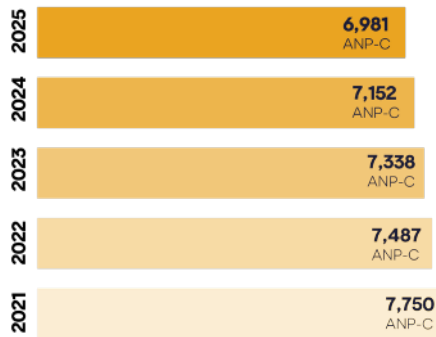


PMHNP exam became available in 2024

ENP-C

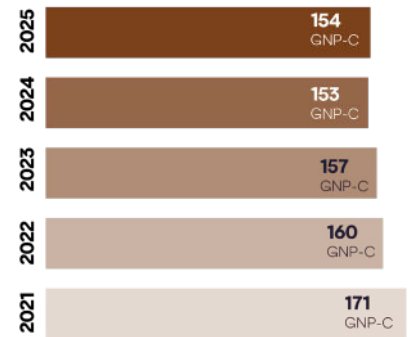


ANP-C



ANP exam retired in 2016

GNP-C

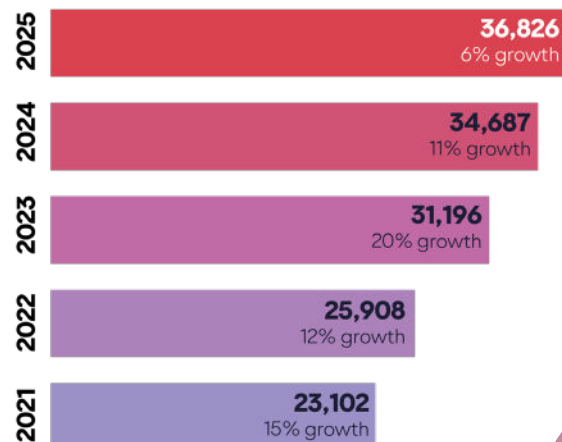


GNP exam retired in 2011

2025 Recertification by Practice & CE

Certification	Number of Recertifications
FNP-C	31,664
AGNP-C	3,697
ENP-C	303
ANP-C	1,139
GNP-C	23
Total	36,826

Recertification by Practice & CE Growth by Year





National Pass Rate Report

This report refers to initial exams taken from 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025.



NPCB administered a total of **18,461** first time exams in 2025.

Financial Statement

Revenue

Revenue	Percent Earned
Verification & Processing Fees	60.8%
Recertification	21.9%
Financial Interest	15.3%
Practice Tests	1.8%
Certification	0.2%

Expenses

Expense	Percent Spent
HR & Payroll	50.7%
Operations	22.8%
Testing	21.9%
BOC Accreditation, Professional Dues, Travel, Marketing & Advertising	4.5%
Other	0.1%

2026 Outlook

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) budgeted projects for 2026 remain conservative. Revenue sources are primarily from certification examinations, employer verification, and recertification fees. The cost associated with exam development and administration (testing service fees) remains one of our greatest expenses. This statement represents an unaudited income statement report for the fiscal year ending 12/31/25.



2025 Board of Commissioners

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In Memoriam

NPCB honors the memory of Board Members Kathleen S. Jordan and Barbara Safriet, who passed away in 2025. Their dedication, leadership, and commitment to advancing the NP profession left a lasting impact on our organization and the NP community. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families, friends, and colleagues.

2026 Board of Commissioners

The 2026 Commissioner election was held September 15-30, 2025. NPCB is pleased to announce that Humberto Reinoso, PhD, FNP-BC, ENP-BC, PMHNP-BC, and Lorraine M. Reiser, PhD, FNP-C (reelected), will represent FNPs on the NPCB Board of Commissioners beginning January 1, 2026, for a three-year term.

Additionally, Rachele Campbell, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, EBP-C, has been appointed by the NPCB Board to serve in a term ending on December 31, 2027. Brian Vivona, Ed.D., has been appointed to serve on the NPCB Board of Commissioners as a public member beginning January 1, 2026, for a three-year term.

NPCB would like to express gratitude to Commission Vice Chair Josie A. Weiss, PhD, RN, PMP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, whose term ended on December 31, 2025, for her years of service to our nurse practitioners and certifying board.



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2025 Outreach

NPCB provides **How to Apply to NP Certification**, a free webinar guiding students through the NP certification process. Faculty can request virtual sessions for their students via email at certification@aanpcert.org.

Stay up to date by following us on social media and reading our bi-annual newsletter, [The Connection!](#)



2025 Conference Exhibits & Sponsorships

AACN Doctoral Conference
AANP Health Policy Conference
CANP Education Conference
ABNS Spring Conference
NONPF Annual Conference

AANP Annual Conference
GAPNA Annual Conference
TNP Annual Conference
APNA Annual Conference
NONPF Fall Conference

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