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ACCREDITATION

The entry-into-advanced practice certification programs offered by AANPCB are accredited by both 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.

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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 base practice for NPs providing emergency care for patients of all ages and acuities. (aaenp-natl.org)

ProExam (Professional Examination Services) A not-for-profit organization collaboratively responsible for conducting detailed test specification, item development, exam construction, and standard setting processes. (proexam.org)

PSI Services LLC (PSI) Provides worldwide testing solutions, including test development and delivery, to corporations, federal and state government agencies, professional associations, certifying bodies and leading academic institutions. (psionline.com)



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.

2016 COMMISSION

AANPCB is an independent, separately incorporated, non-profit organization overseen by a commission composed of nurse practitioners representative of the Certificants, and one public member. Elections are held annually in October; ballots are sent electronically to Certificants' Online Profile email address. The commission governs all major decisions affecting the certification programs and processes, and offers input and guidance into organizational decisions.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

This Annual Report provides an overview of activities, continued growth, and other highlights from 2016. As you may have noticed, we made a few changes since last year, such as updating our name and logo. The purpose of **the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Board, Inc.** remains to serve the public and the nurse practitioner community through excellence in testing and certification for NPs. Since 1993, we have operated as the AANPCP Certification Program (AANPCP). The Board of Commissioners approved revising the business name to the **American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB)** to better reflect our full scope and the multiple certification programs we offer. Our new name, logo, and AANPCB acronym are now in effect.

In 2016, AANPCB provided initial certification for **Adult Nurse Practitioners (ANP)**, **Family Nurse Practitioners (FNP)**, and **Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners (A-GNP)**. The Adult NP certification examination was retired at the end of 2016. AANPCB continues to renew certification for ANPs, FNPs, AGNPs, and **Gerontologic Nurse Practitioners (GNP)** for NPs meeting requirements.

Also in 2016, AANPCB worked diligently with AAENP, numerous emergency care experts, and test consultants to develop the **Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP)** specialty certification program. Look for more information about our new ENP certification on our website and the featured highlights in this report.

2016 statistics:

AANPCB had 81,602 active Certificants as of December 31, 2016, which represents a 17% increase from 2015 and 39% increase over 2014. A total of 20,922 examinations were administered, which represents a 22.4% increase from the previous year, and the total number of Initial examinations administered exceeded 17,600.

- Number of Certificants by population area (TOTAL 81,602):
FNP (67,179) ANP (7,965)
A-GNP (6,257) GNP (201)
- Number of Initial Exams and Pass Rates (TOTAL 17,607/80.6%):
FNP (14,836/81.6%) ANP (137/68.6%)
A-GNP (2,634/75.7%)
- Number of All Exams (TOTAL 20,922):
FNP (17,508) ANP (253)
A-GNP (3,161)
- Recertification rate for all programs: 94.1%

We wish to thank all the clinical experts, who participated in the 2016 examination development activities, for their dedication, expertise, and contributions to fulfilling the mission of AANPCB.

Richard F. (Rick) Meadows
Rick Meadows, MS, RN, ANP-C, FAANP
Chief Executive Officer

MISSION

Provide excellence in testing and certification for Nurse Practitioners

VISION

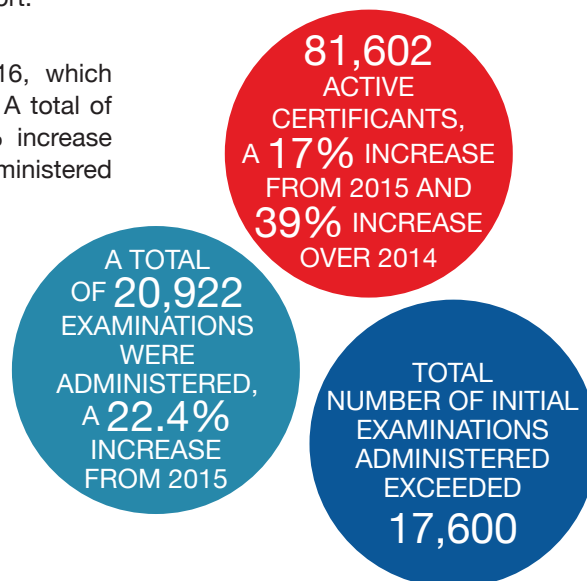
Adhere to and uphold the highest standards for the certification of Nurse Practitioners

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 that support the mission and vision of the AANPCB are:

- ACCOUNTABILITY
- QUALITY
- TRANSPARENCY

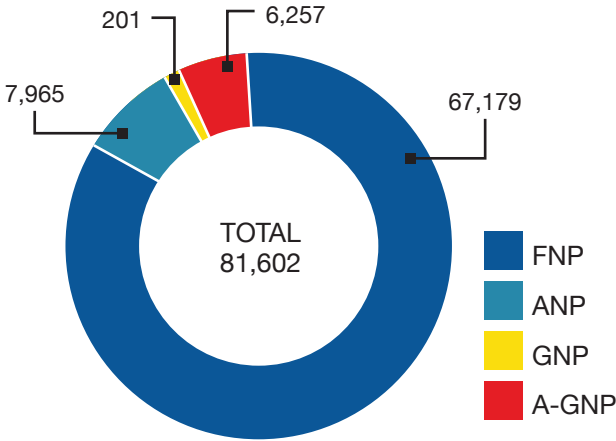


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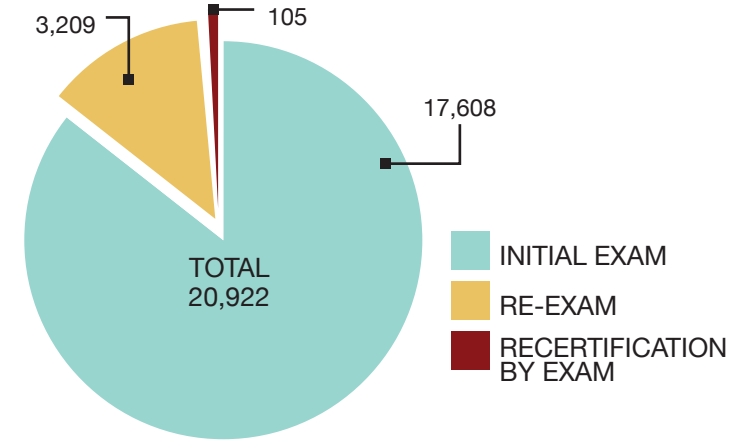
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2016 AT A GLANCE

NUMBER OF NPs CERTIFIED

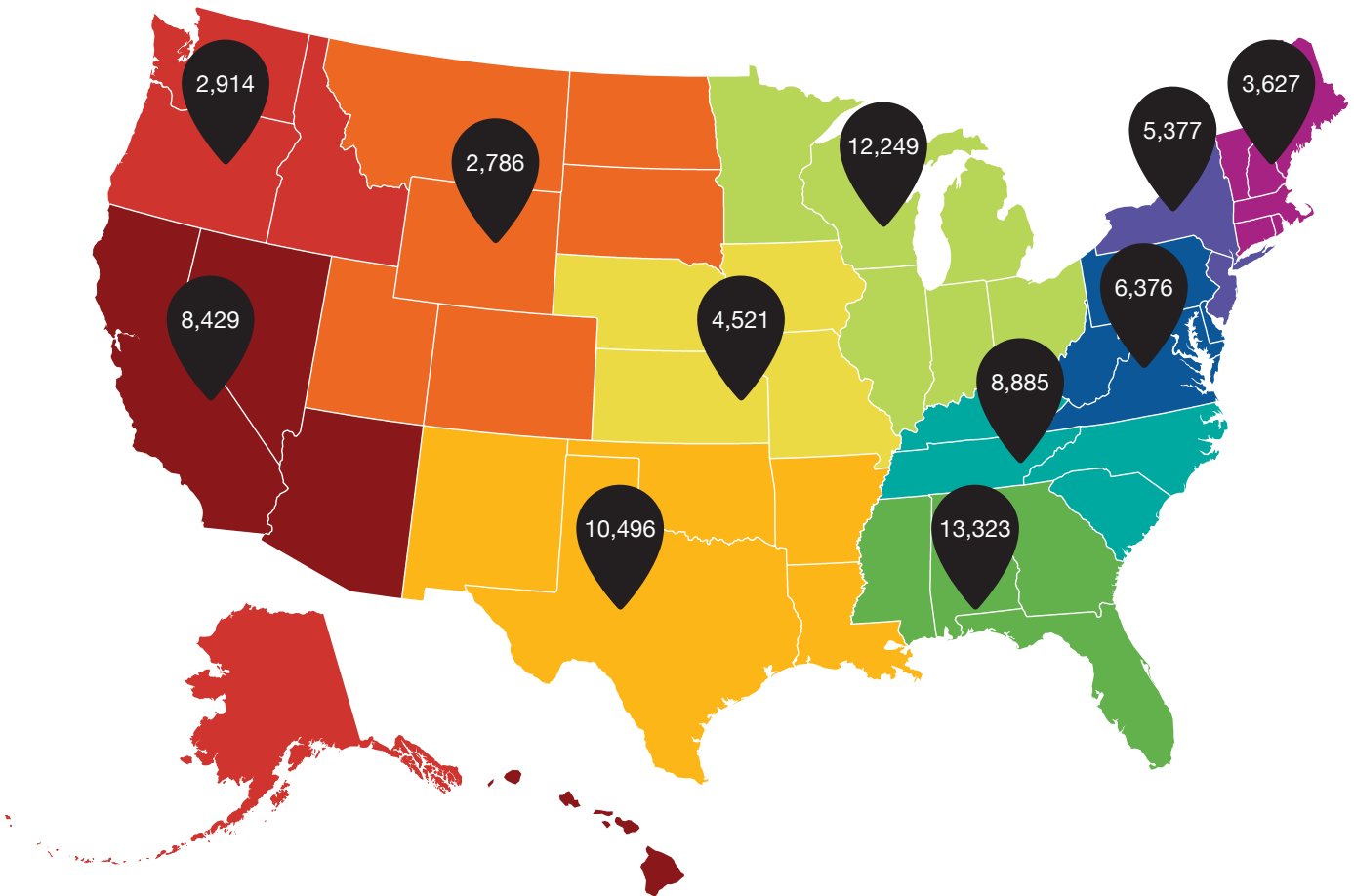


NUMBER OF EXAMS



ACTIVE CERTIFICANTS BY AANP* REGIONS 1-11

*The American Association of Nurse Practitioners



PASSING RATE REPORT

For exams taken 01/01/2016 - 12/31/2016

This Score Report indicates the standardized score performance for the 2016 Family and Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioners National Certification Examinations. Standard scores permit comparison of the performance among individuals taking the same certification examination.

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

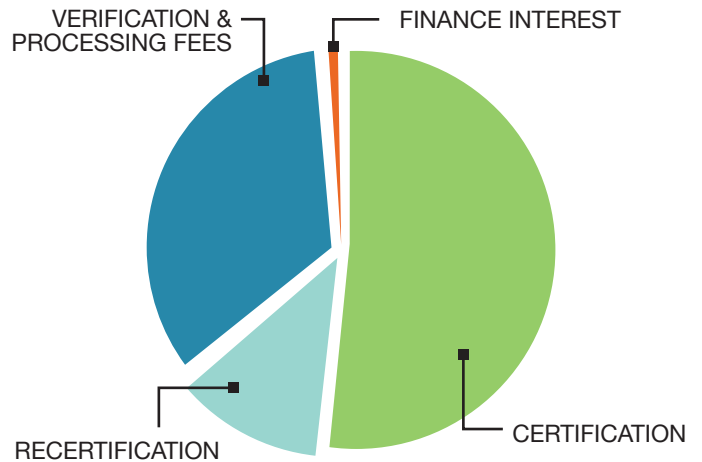
Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700	95
680	90
660	83
640	77
620	68
600	60
580	51
560	43
540	36
520	29
500	22
480	19
Total FNP Pass Rate	77.7%
Initial Exam Pass Rate	81.6%

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER

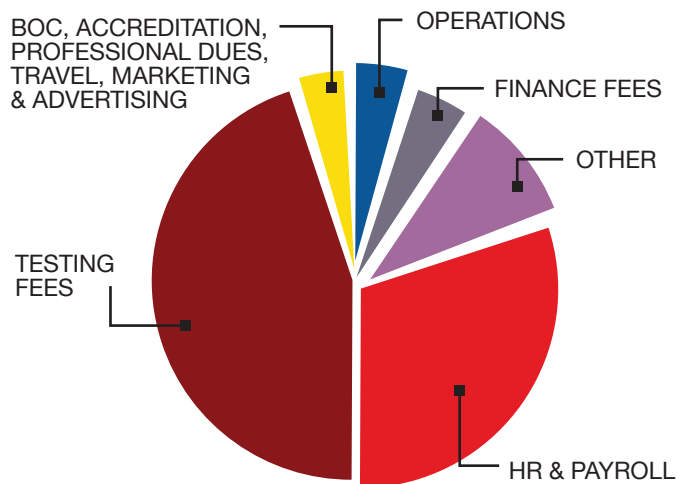
Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700	97
680	94
660	89
640	84
620	77
600	68
580	60
560	51
540	43
520	36
500	28
480	22
Total AGNP Pass Rate	71.8%
Initial Exam Pass Rate	75.7%

FINANCE REPORT

REVENUES



EXPENSES



OUTLOOK FOR 2017

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) remains conservative with budgeted projections for 2017. Revenue sources are primarily from certification examination, employer verification, and recertification fees. Costs associated with exam development and administration fees remain our greatest expense. This statement represents an unaudited income statement report for the Fiscal Year ending 12/31/2016.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

EMERGENCY NP SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION BY EXAMINATION

The Emergency NP (ENP) certification program was initiated in February 2016 by establishing a task force of clinical experts. The task force guided the ENP role delineation study (i.e., practice analysis), development of the examination testing domains, and content blueprint. The task force and other emergency care clinical experts collectively wrote hundreds of competency-based test items to establish the ENP Test Bank. We wish to thank all who contributed to the many components of ENP test construction.


ADULT NP EXAMINATION RETIRED

The AANPCB Adult NP (ANP) examination was retired in December 2016 to comply with the Consensus Model for

APRN Regulation. ANPs certified by AANPCB can continue to renew certification through clinical practice and continuing education, but recertifying by examination is no longer an option. ANPs who wish to become certified as an Adult-Gerontology NP (AGNP) should contact their educational program to verify if their program of study meets AGNP requirements or contact AANPCB to inquire if they are eligible to take the AGNP certification examination.

NP EDUCATION PROGRAM ANNUAL PASS RATE REPORTS

The annual aggregate score report sent to NP education program faculty and administrators now includes statistics by educational category. In accordance with accreditor reporting requirements for educational programs, AANPCB provides the Initial Examination Pass Rates by education categories for program graduates on the Annual Program Reports. The categories are Master's, Post-Graduate and Doctoral level NP program completion.



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NEW!

Have you completed your application for the Emergency NP Certification exam? Know anyone that would be interested in this certification?

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) launched the Emergency Specialty Certification examination in January 2017. The ENP certification program aligns with the APRN Consensus Model for specialty nursing practice and meets national accreditation standards. Members of AANP and AAENP are eligible for a \$75 application discount.

There are three application eligibility options:

- Option 1.** A minimum of 2,000 direct, emergency care practice hours in the past five (5) years as a FNP and evidence of 100 credits in emergency-related CE with a minimum of 30 of those CE credits in emergency care procedural skills within those 5 years; or
- Option 2.** Completion of an approved academic emergency care graduate or post-graduate NP program; or
- Option 3.** Completion of an approved emergency fellowship program.

Candidates must hold an *active FNP certification* and a *current RN license*. For more information about eligibility requirements visit the [ENP Certification Candidate Handbook](http://www.aanpcert.org) at www.aanpcert.org.

PRACTICE ANALYSES FOR ENP AND A-GNP PROGRAMS

In addition to the initial practice analysis for the ENP program, a practice analysis was also conducted for the Adult-Gerontology NP (A-GNP) certification program in 2016. Summaries of these studies are available on the AANPCB website www.aanpcert.org.

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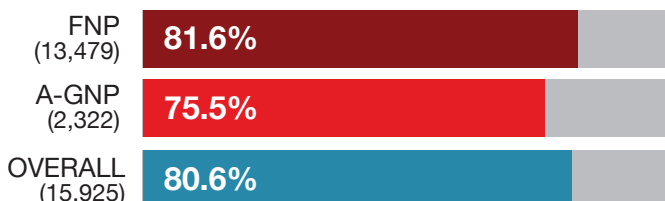
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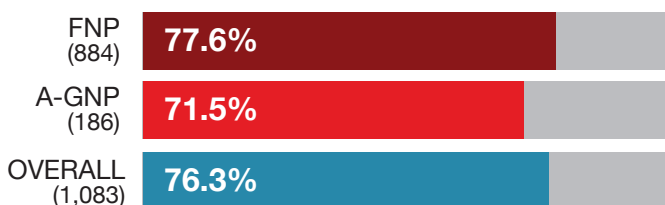
INITIAL PASS RATES BY EDUCATION CATEGORY

The number of initial exams taken with pass rates by population and education category is published on our website under About Us. Below is a summary of the 2016 statistics:

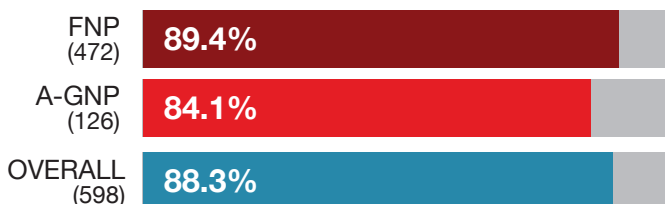
MASTERS



POST-GRADUATE



DOCTORATE/DNP



NP-C

NP-C is the trademark credential of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Board, Inc. It is the credential authorized for use by those individuals who have met the standards, qualifications, testing requirements, and maintenance of certification requirements established by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Board, Inc. Individuals who allow their AANPCB certification to expire may not use the NP-C credential and may not represent themselves as being certified by AANPCB.

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