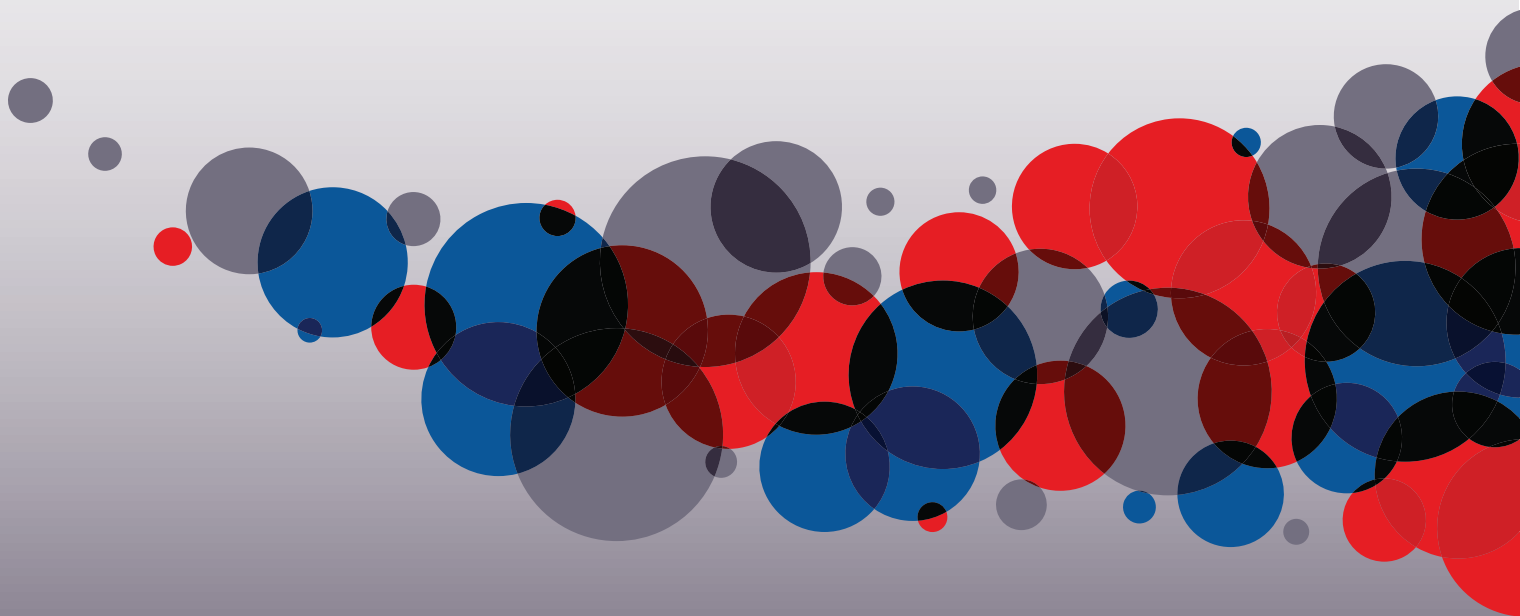




AANPCB

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



American Academy
of
Nurse Practitioners

Certification Board

RECOGNIZING

100,000

NP CERTIFICATIONS

Family NP

Adult-Gerontology PC NP

Emergency NP

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EMERGENCY NURSE PRACTITIONERS



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO AND CHAIR

The Annual Report presents key aspects of our organization and highlights activities from 2017. You will find it has been another very productive and successful year.

We began 2017 with a change to our business name from AANPCP Certification Program (AANPCP) to the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB). In addition to a new name, the logo was updated, our website was redesigned, and a specialty certification program for Emergency NPs was launched.

As conveyed in our mission, vision and purpose statements, AANPCB serves the public and the nurse practitioner community through excellence in testing and certification for NPs. AANPCB offers initial and renewal certifications for **Family Nurse Practitioners (FNP)**, **Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners (A-GNP)** and now **Emergency Nurse Practitioners (ENP)** as a specialty certification. Certification renewal continues to be available for AANPCB-certified **Adult Nurse Practitioners (ANP)** and **Gerontologic Nurse Practitioners (GNP)**. Dual certified ANPs and GNPs have the option to transition these certifications into the A-GNP.

By year end, we achieved a significant milestone when we reached 100,000 active certifications. To commemorate this event and acknowledge our certificants, we placed an announcement in the January 2018 issue of the *Journal for Nurse Practitioners*. A copy of that announcement is included on page 2 of this report. Other marketing announcements from 2017 are also included, such as the ENP postcard on page 7 that was sent to educational programs and the ad on page 9 that was in the June issue of the *Journal for Nurse Practitioners*.

2017 Statistics:

- Number of active certifications: **101,403**
- Number of Certificants by population/specialty area:

FNP	83,758	ANP	8,558	
A-GNP	8,713	GNP	190	ENP 184
- Number of Initial Exams and Pass Rates (TOTAL 19,177):

FNP	16,421 / 80%	ENP	190 / 88%
A-GNP	2,566 / 82%		
- Number of All Exams administered:

FNP	19,681	ENP	196
A-GNP	3,137		
- Recertification rate for all programs: **94%**

Due to the highly valued competency-based examinations, AANPCB is the leading certifier of primary care NPs. We wish to thank the many clinical expert volunteers who have contributed to test development activities. Their dedication to excellence in certification serves to advance NP practice.

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

Mary Ellen Roberts
Mary Ellen Roberts, DNP, ANP-C,
FNAP, FAANP, FAAN – Chair

101,403
ACTIVE
CERTIFICANTS, A
24% INCREASE
FROM 2016

23,014
EXAMINATIONS
WERE
ADMINISTERED,
A 10%
INCREASE
FROM 2016

TOTAL
NUMBER OF INITIAL
EXAMINATIONS
ADMINISTERED
EXCEEDED
19,000



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ACCREDITATION

The AANPCB entry into advanced practice certification programs are accredited by 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. (nursingcertification.org)

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.



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

PSI Services LLC (PSI)

PSI has over 70 years of experience providing worldwide testing solutions to corporations, federal and state government agencies, professional associations, certifying bodies and leading academic institutions. (psionline.com)



2017 COMMISSION

AANPCB is an independent, separately incorporated, nonprofit 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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Lorna Schumann — Vice Chair

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Kathy Wheeler — Secretary

PhD, FNP-BC, FNAP, FAANP

Dixie Harms — Treasurer

DNP, ARNP, FNP-C, BC-ADM, FAANP

Vickie Anderson — Member at Large

MSN, RN, FNP-C

Marianne Hurley — Member at Large

MS, FNP-C, GNP-C, CDOE, FAANP

Kerri L. Rupe — Member at Large

DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC, FAANP

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

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.

Susan D. Ruppert — Member at Large

PhD, RN, FNP-C, ANP-BC, FCCM, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN

Barbara Safriet — Public Member

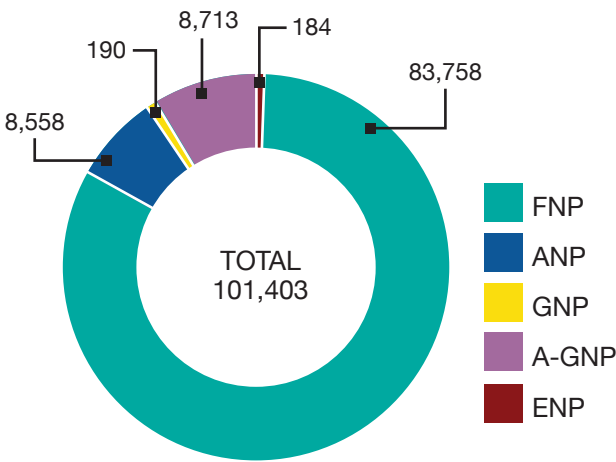
JD, LLM, FAANP (H), FAAN (H)

Richard F. (Rick) Meadows —

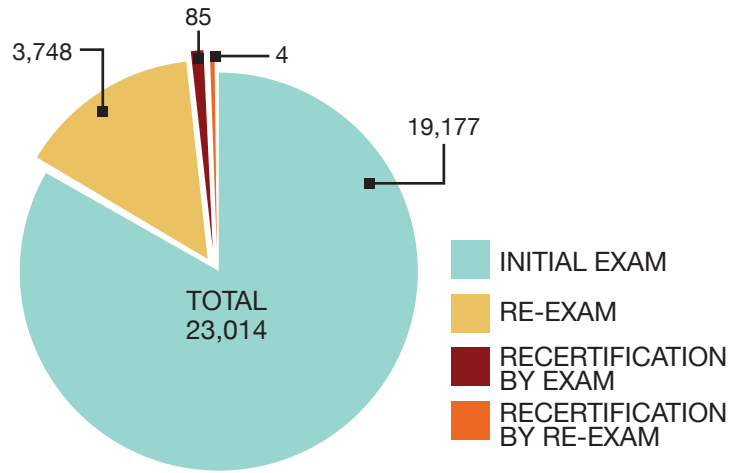
Ex-Officio, Chief Executive Officer
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2017 AT A GLANCE

NUMBER OF NPs CERTIFIED

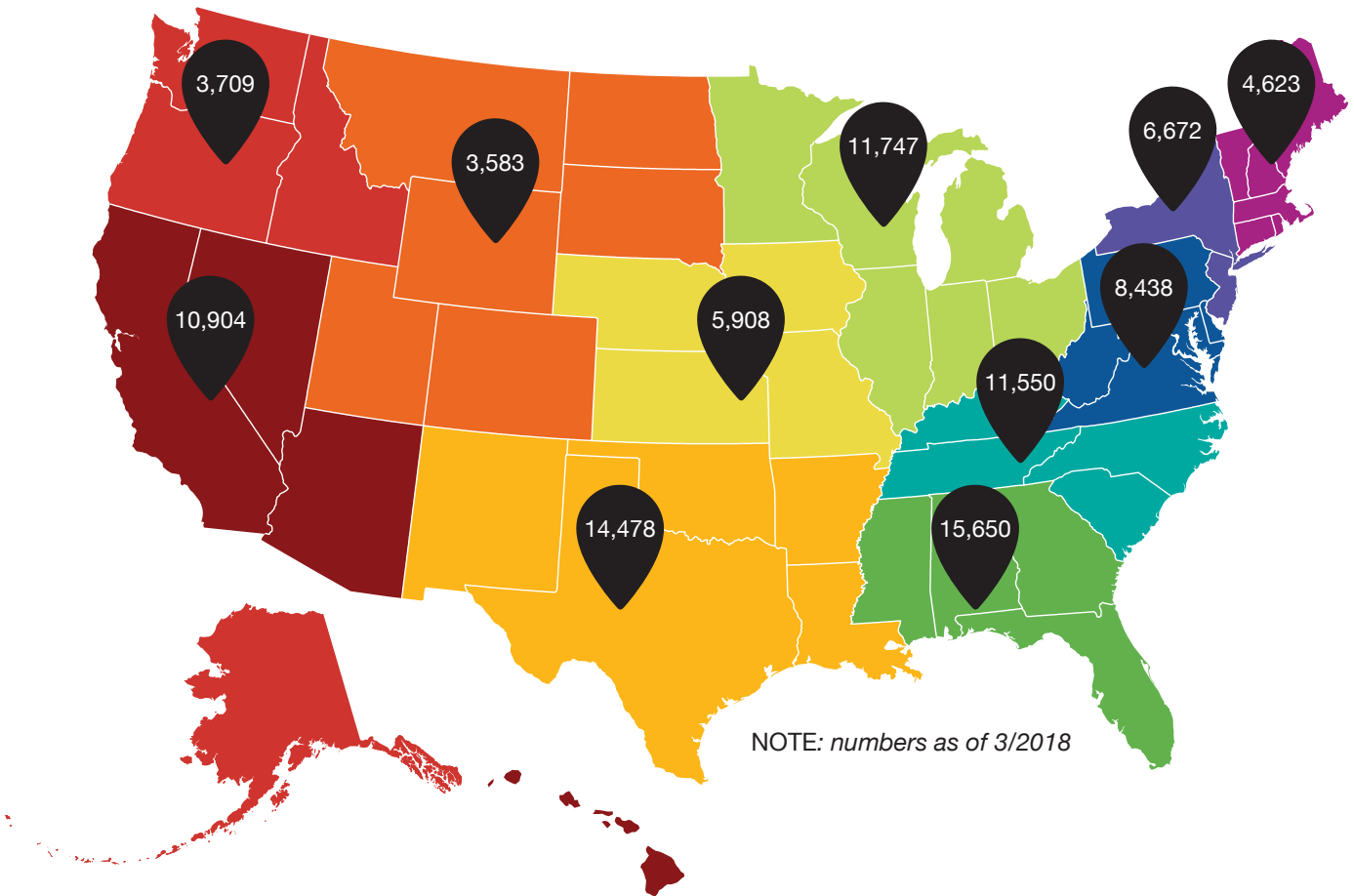


NUMBER OF EXAMS



ACTIVE CERTIFICANTS BY AANP* REGIONS I-XI

*The American Association of Nurse Practitioners



PASSING RATE REPORT

For exams taken 01/01/2017 - 12/31/2017

This Pass Rate Report indicates the standardized score performance for the 2017 Family NP, Adult-Gerontology NP, and Emergency NP Specialty National Certification Examinations. Standard scores permit comparison of the performance among individuals taking the same certification examination.

EMERGENCY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700+	100
680	100
660	100
640	96
620	91
600	76
580	61
560	43
540	33
520	21
500	13
480	8
Total ENP Pass Rate	87.2%
Initial Exam Pass Rate	88.0%

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

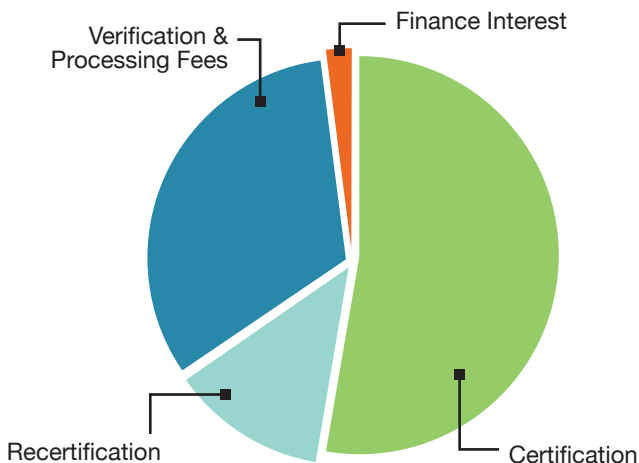
Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700+	94
680	90
660	84
640	77
620	69
600	61
580	53
560	45
540	37
520	31
500	25
480	20
Total FNP Pass Rate	75.4%
Initial Exam Pass Rate	80.0%

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER

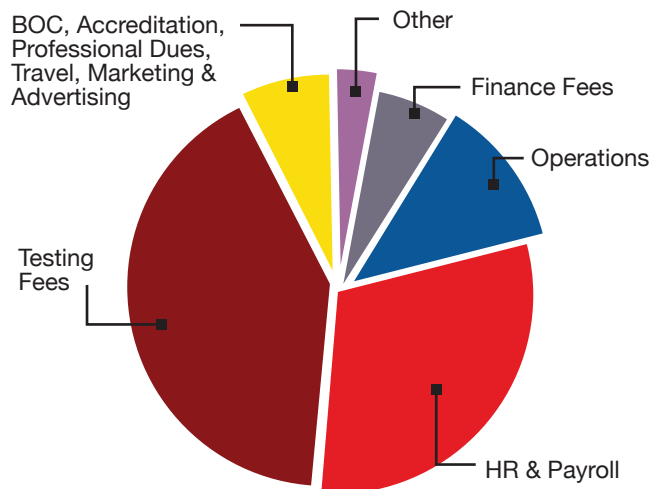
Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700+	95
680	90
660	85
640	78
620	70
600	62
580	55
560	46
540	38
520	31
500	23
480	17
Total AGNP Pass Rate	77.4%
Initial Exam Pass Rate	82.0%

FINANCE REPORT

REVENUES



EXPENSES



OUTLOOK FOR 2018

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) budgeted projections for 2018 remain conservative. Revenue sources are primarily from certification examination, employer verification, and recertification fees. Costs associated with exam development and administration (testing service fees) remain our greatest expense. This statement represents an unaudited income statement report for the Fiscal Year ending 12/31/2017.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

EMERGENCY NP SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION BY EXAMINATION

The **Emergency NP (ENP) specialty certification program** was launched January 2017. During its first year, 196 ENP examinations were administered with an overall pass rate of 87%. The three options for certified Family NPs to meet eligibility criteria include completion of a graduate or post-graduate academic ENP program (**ENP-AP**), a post-graduate emergency fellowship program (**ENP-FP**), or qualifying emergency-related continuing education and practice (**ENP-CE**). The education and practice requirements for each eligibility option are described in the ENP Certification postcard below.

The number of first-time testers and pass rates by ENP eligibility option for 2017 were:

ENP-CE	129 / 88%
ENP-AP	57 / 88%
ENP-FP	4 / 100%

FNP PROGRAM RECEIVES RE-ACCREDITATION

In 2017 the **Family Nurse Practitioner certification program** was re-accredited by both the Accreditation Board

for Specialty Nursing Certification (**ABSNC**) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (**NCCA**). Accreditation is a peer-reviewed mechanism that allows certifying organizations to obtain program accreditation by demonstrating compliance with the highest quality standards in the industry. To maintain accreditation, programs must exhibit continuing adherence to the standards set forth.

Accreditation renewal dates for each program are:

	ABSNC	NCCA
A-GNP	12/2018	1/2019
FNP	10/2022	12/2018

Applications for initial accreditation of the ENP program will be submitted in 2018.

CELEBRATING 100,000 CERTIFICATIONS

AANPCB celebrated a new marker of success when we reached 100,000 certifications. By the end of 2017, there were 101,403 active certifications. The largest number of certifications are FNPs (82.7%) followed by A-GNPs (8.6%), ANPs (8.3%), GNP (0.2%), and ENP (0.2%). Several of the dual-certified ANPs and GNPs have converted their certifications into the A-GNP. To recognize all of our certificants, an announcement was placed in the January 2018 issue of the JNP, which is shown on page 2 of this report.



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.

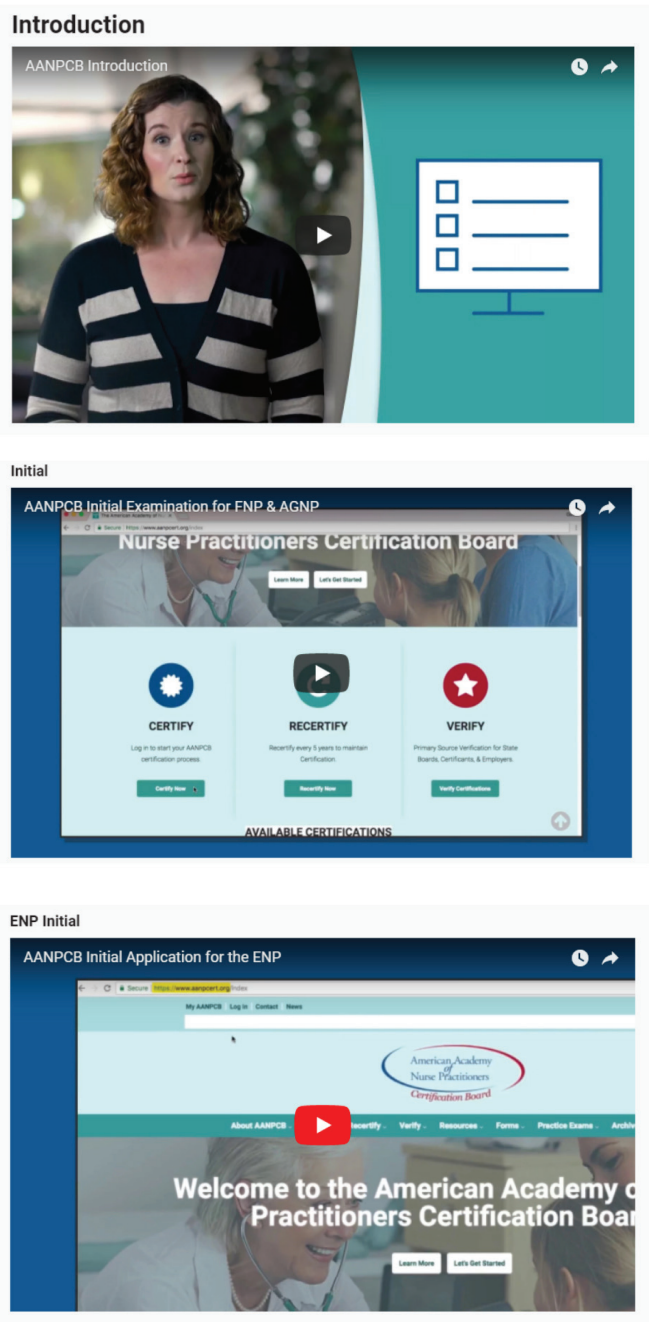
There are three application eligibility options:

- 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.

NEW! - HOW TO APPLY VIDEOS

Five videos were produced that describe AANPCB testing services. Four of the videos provide information about the certification application process and one presents an introductory overview of AANPCB. The videos are placed under the How To Videos on our home page. We invite you to visit our website and view these videos.



INITIAL PASS RATES BY EDUCATION CATEGORY

The number of initial exams taken in 2017 with pass rates by population and education category is presented below. It is also published on our website under About AANPCB. Compared to 2016, DNP candidates increased 59%, Master's rose 7%, and Post-Graduates declined by 9%.

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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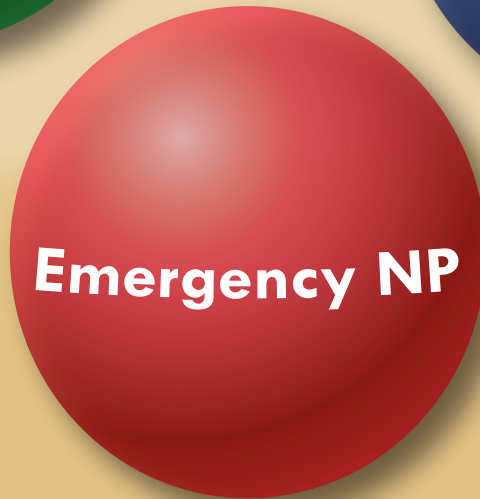
PROUDLY CERTIFYING



Family NP



**Adult-Gerontology
Primary Care NP**



Emergency NP



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