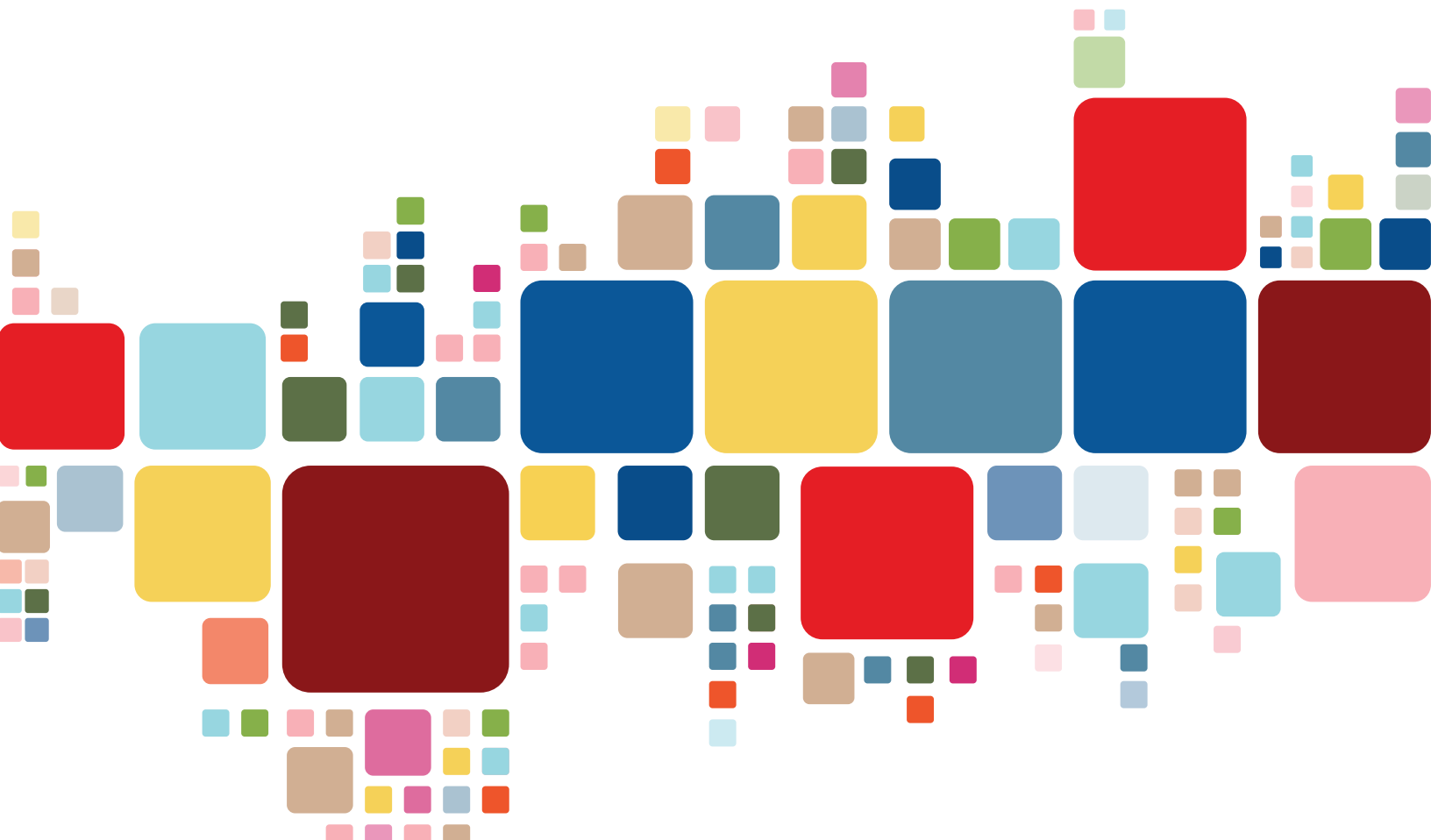




AANPCB

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS CERTIFICATION BOARD

MESSAGE TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO

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 (A-GNP)** and **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 clinical 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 2019.

Leadership, Networking and Outreach

AANPCB is actively involved in representing our certificants in areas of NP practice, education, regulation, certification and accreditation. We participate and provide leadership on committees with the LACE Network for APRNs, our accrediting organizations (ABSNC and NCCA), the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, the National Credentialing Forum, and the International Nurses Council/Advanced Practice group. There is also on-going networking with our affiliate membership organizations, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP). Through sponsorship of events and exhibits at NP educational conferences, AANPCB has gained visibility nationally and internationally.

What was new in 2019?

A second **Public Member** was added to the AANPCB Board to enhance representation of our growing number of certificants, who serve highly diverse clients, families, employers, and other stakeholders. We also created a **Faculty Portal** on the website for NP educators to access pass rate and other program information.

We wish to thank the many clinical expert volunteers who have contributed to test development activities in 2019. Their dedication to excellence in certification serves to advance NP practice.

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Chair

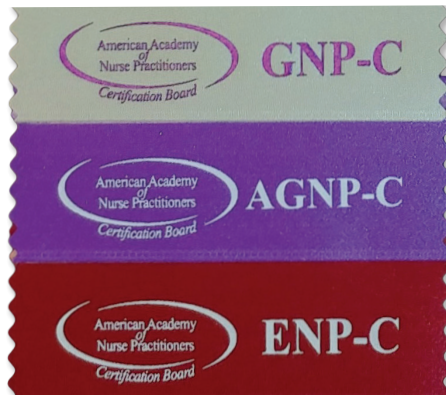
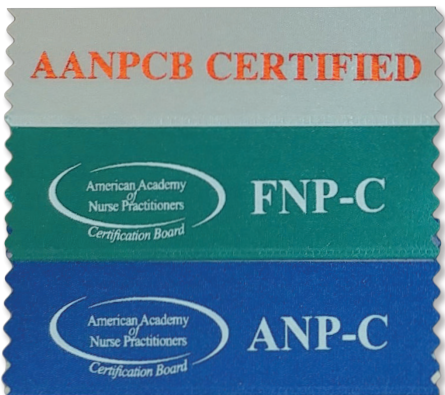
2019 STATISTICS:

- Number of active certifications: **140,744**
- Number of Certificants by population/specialty area:

FNP	118,375	ANP	8,133
A-GNP	13,230	GNP	183
		ENP	823
- Number of Initial Exams and Pass Rates:
(TOTAL 21,777)

FNP	19,031 / 86%	ENP	355 / 87%
A-GNP	2,391 / 84%		
- Number of All Exams administered:
(Total 25,243)

FNP	21,964	ENP	382
A-GNP	2,897		
- Recertification rate for all programs: **94%**



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2019 COMMISSION

AANPCB is an independent, separately incorporated, nonprofit organization overseen by a commission composed of certified nurse practitioners who are representative of Certificants, and two public members. 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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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

Core values of

- ACCOUNTABILITY
- QUALITY
- TRANSPARENCY

support the mission and vision of the AANPCB.

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.

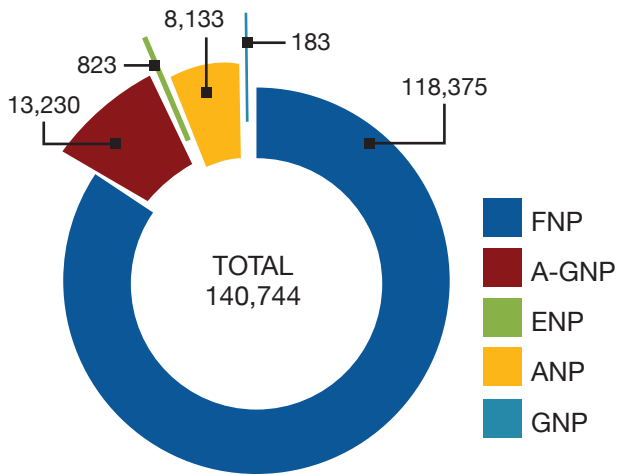


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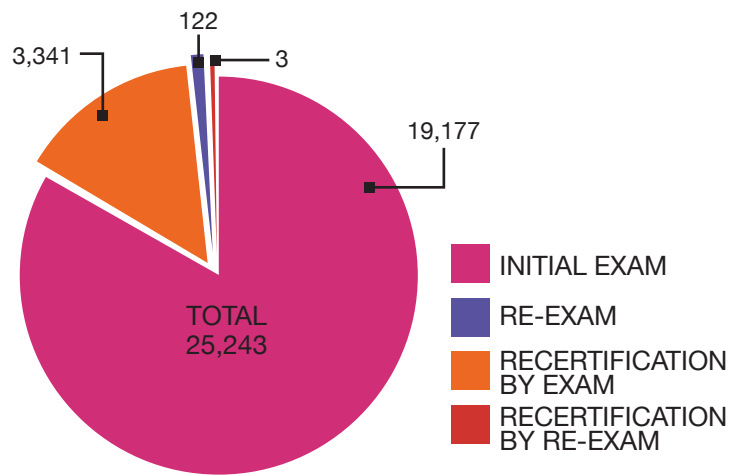
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2019 AT A GLANCE

NUMBER OF NPs CERTIFIED

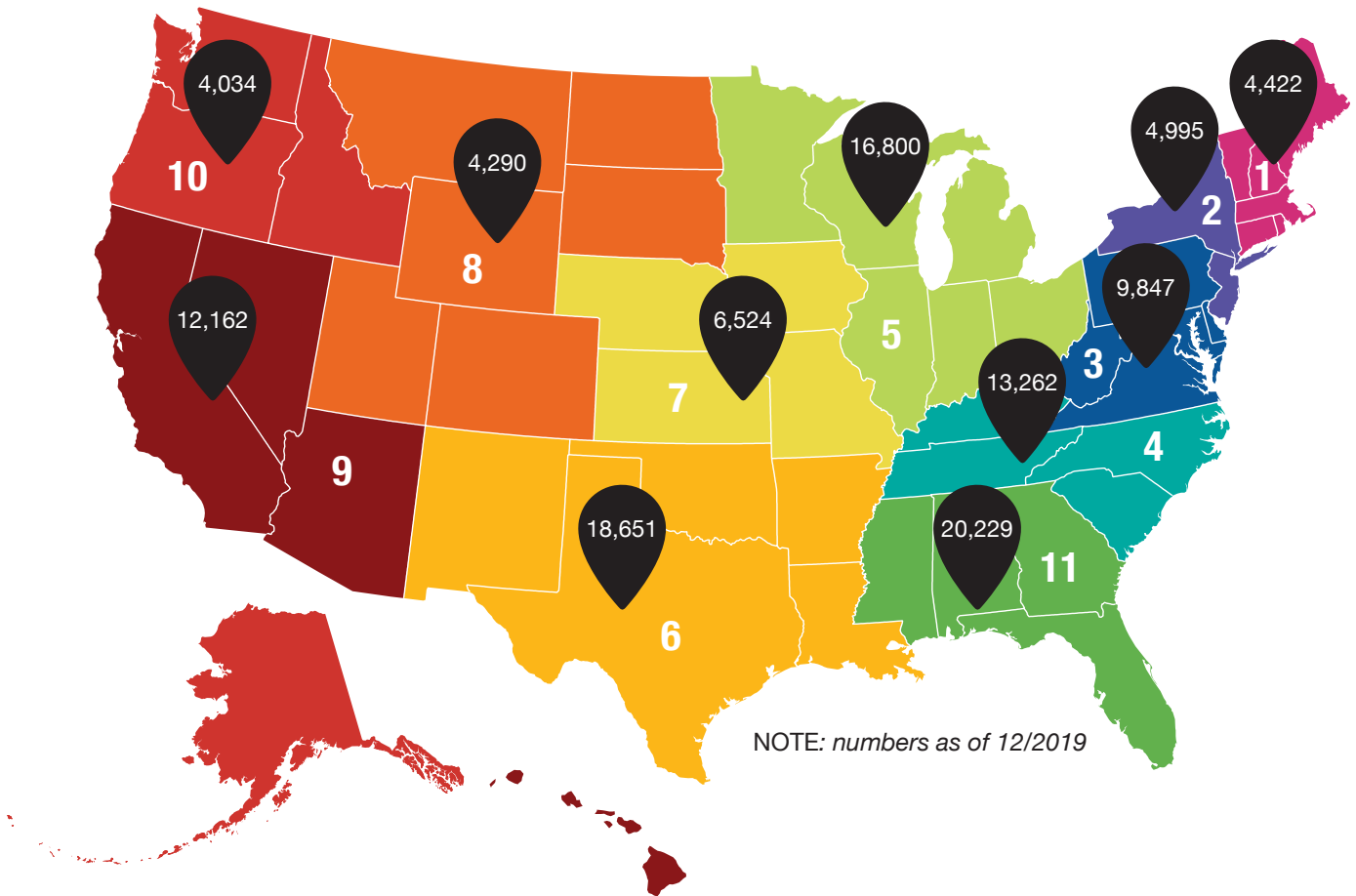


NUMBER OF EXAMS



ACTIVE CERTIFICANTS BY AANP* REGIONS 1-11

*The American Association of Nurse Practitioners



PASSING RATE REPORT

For exams taken 01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019

This Pass Rate Report indicates the standardized score performance for the 2019 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.

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700+	95
680	90
660	84
640	77
620	67
600	58
580	48
560	39
540	31
520	24
500	18
480	14
Initial Exam Pass Rate	86%

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER

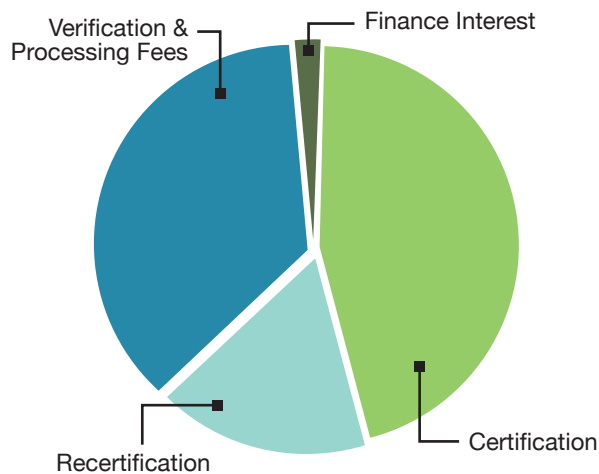
Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700+	91
680	87
660	88
640	73
620	65
600	57
580	49
560	43
540	34
520	29
500	22
480	19
Initial Exam Pass Rate	84%

EMERGENCY NURSE PRACTITIONER

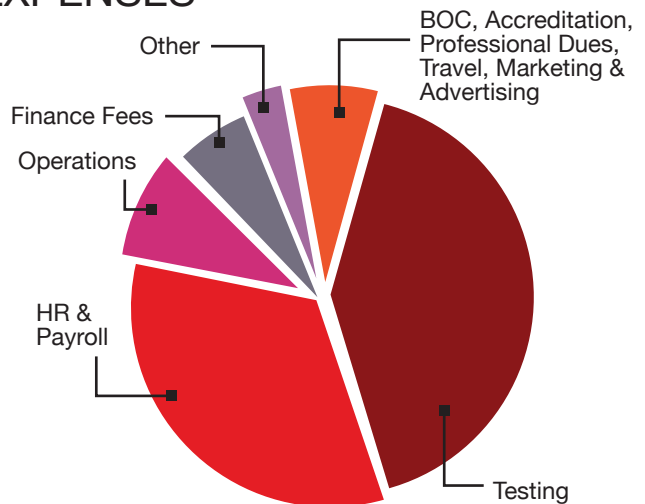
Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
700+	100
680	99
660	97
640	91
620	84
600	72
580	58
560	46
540	33
520	24
500	13
480	9
Initial Exam Pass Rate	87%

FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES



EXPENSES



OUTLOOK FOR 2020

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) budgeted projections for 2020 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 12/31/2019.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

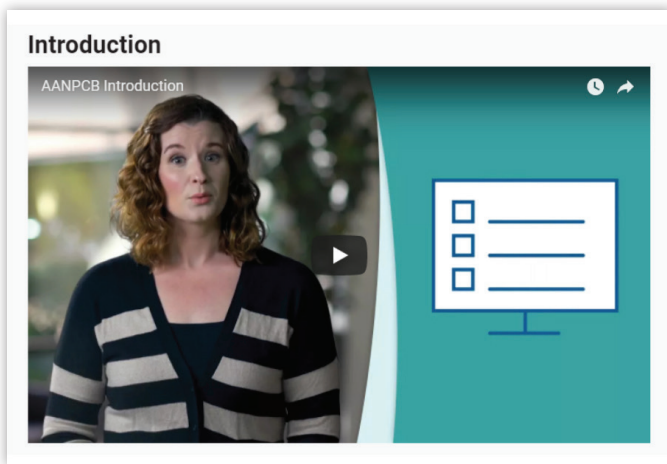
WHAT WAS NEW IN 2019?

Faculty Portal

A Faculty Portal on the AANPCB website is now available. Login credentials for the portal were emailed to designated program contacts in August 2019. While multiple program representatives may receive annual score reports, each college/university has one Primary Program Contact who receives the portal login information. On the portal, the Primary Contact can access current and prior program reports and enter updates, such as NP curricula changes and faculty contact information. To learn more about the Faculty Portal email Certification@aanpcert.org.

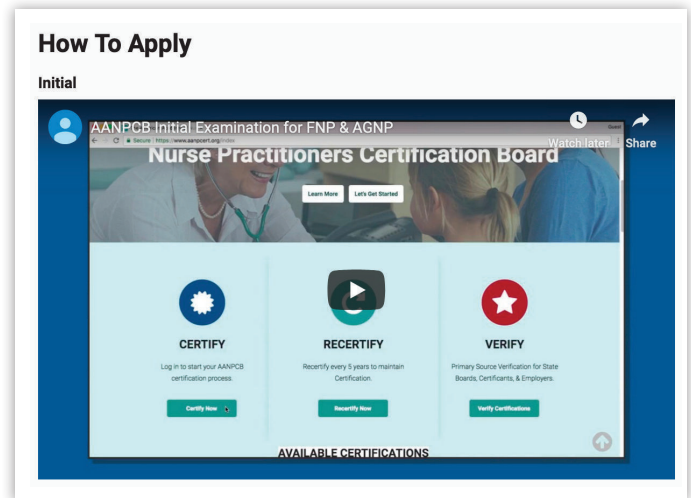
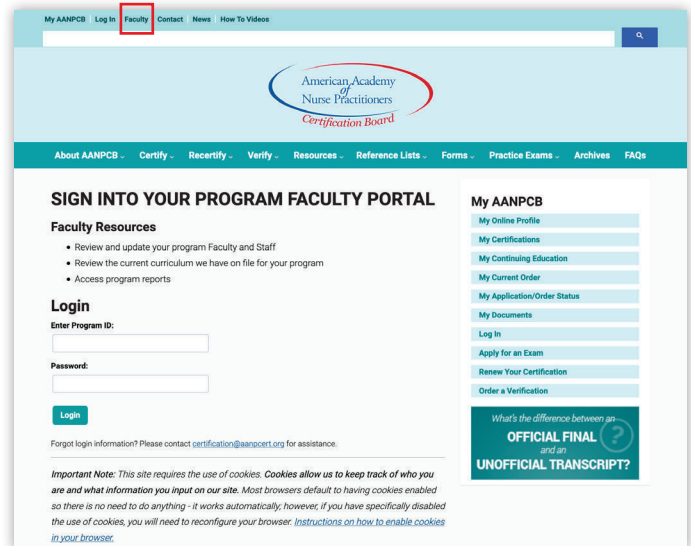
HOW TO APPLY VIDEOS

For 2019, the 'How to' instructional videos had over 14,800 views. These brief videos are 2 to 6 minutes in length and are particularly useful for students completing their initial certification applications, as well as for certification renewals. See the videos on the AANPCB homepage www.aanpcert.org and share with your students and colleagues.



CERTIFICANT OUTREACH

As a measure to promote on-going communication and maintain current contact information, we initiated an outreach campaign to our new Certificants. The campaign involves sending an electronic and a mailed postcard to Certificants six months after their initial certification. Information about the renewal process and a notice to update their Online Profile for name and address changes is provided. The new Certificants also receive a third mailing that contains a magnet renewal notice reminder with our contact information.



Dear NP-C,

Congratulations on your recent certification as a Nurse Practitioner!

Credentials awarded by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) are valid for a 5-year period.

It is never too late to think about recertification. Apply as early as possible before your certification expires.

Questions? Contact:
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RECERTIFICATION OPTIONS

- 1 Continuing Education + Practice
- 2 Exam

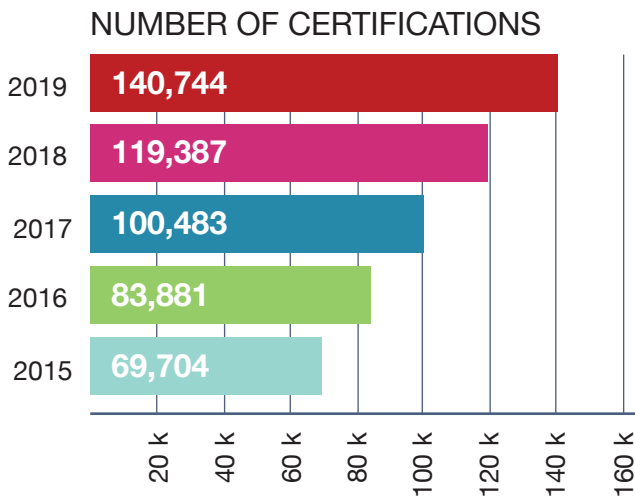
Requirements:

- (clinical hours as an NP-C)
- 100 CE contact hours* (25 must be Pharmacology)
- Current, active NP license
- Completed application and payment

*Additional CE contact hours are optional and may qualify for up to 25 hours of non-pharmacology CE credit

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

The chart below shows our certification growth over the past 5 years.



EMERGENCY NP CERTIFICATION

Launched in 2017, the ENP certification program continues to grow. Below are the number of first-time testers (Initial Exams) and pass rates by ENP eligibility option* for 2017 to 2019:

	2017 Initial Exams (Pass %)	2018 Initial Exams (Pass %)	2019 Initial Exams (Pass %)
ENP-CE	129 (88%)	236 (85%)	242 (88%)
ENP-AP	57 (88%)	86 (93%)	106 (86%)
ENP-FP	4 (100%)	5 (80%)	7 (86%)

*ENP eligibility option: **CE** – Continuing Education; **AP** – Academic ENP Program; and **FP** – Fellowship Program

2019 OUTREACH AND SPONSORSHIP EVENTS

AANPCB participated and represented our certification services through the following activities:

JANUARY

AACN Doctoral Conference
Coronado, CA

FEBRUARY

AANP Health Policy Conference
Washington DC

MARCH

ABNS Spring Conference Lunch Sponsorship
Tampa, FL

APRIL

Annual Report sent to stakeholders;
NONPF Exhibit, Sponsored Lunch with Exhibitors, Fun Run, & Full-page Ad
Atlanta, GA

MAY

NCNP Spring Conference
Chicago, IL

JUNE

AANP National Conference – Exhibit and AANPCB Report
Indianapolis, IN

JULY

National NP Symposium
Keystone, CO

AUGUST

NCSBN Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL

SEPTEMBER

TNP Fall Conference
Austin, TX

NCNP Fall Conference
Las Vegas, NV

OCTOBER

ABNS Lunch Sponsorship
Rosemont, IL

NPAC Conference
Baltimore, MD

NOVEMBER

ICE sponsored Research Activities;
AAENP West Conference
Las Vegas, NV

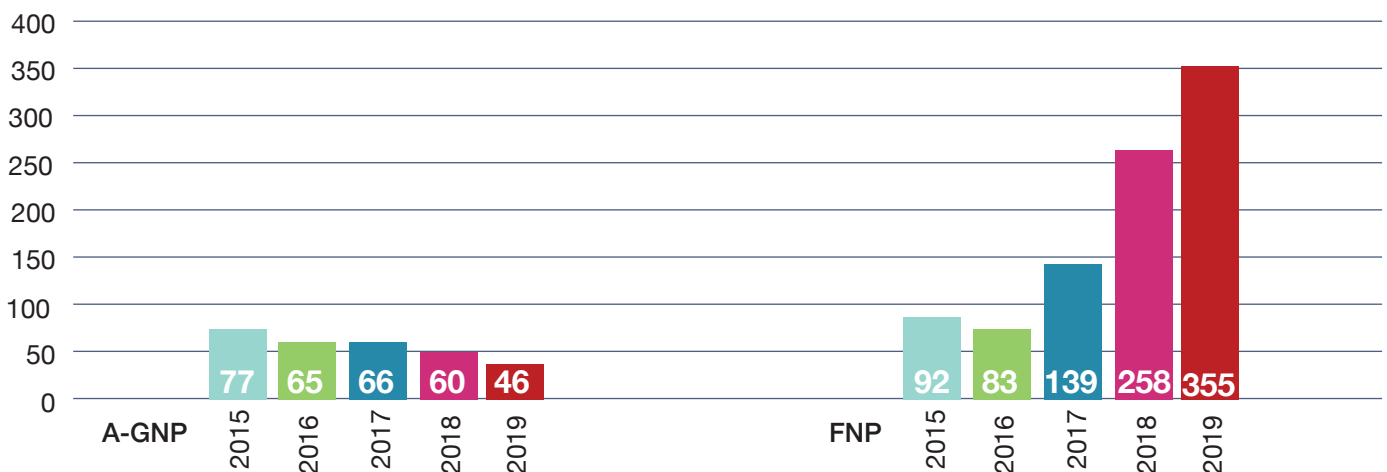
DECEMBER

Holiday card

CANADIAN CERTIFICANTS

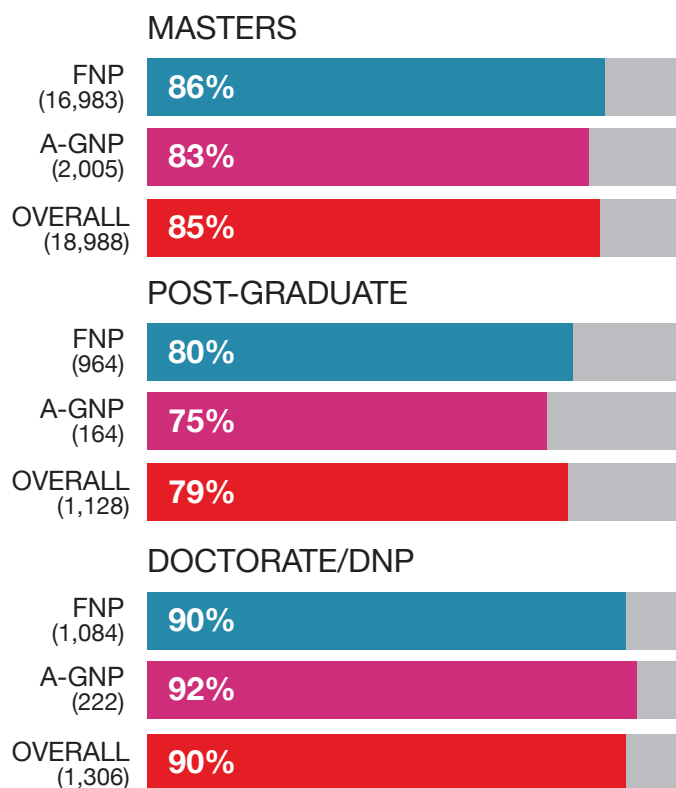
In addition to U.S. resident NPs, applicants who completed approved Canadian NP programs may take the AANPCB certification examinations.

Initial Applications from Canadian NPs over the past 5 years



PASS RATES BY EDUCATION CATEGORY

Since 2016, AANPCB has reported the certification examination pass rates of graduates by educational category of NP program completed. These comparisons are presented on our website under the About AANPCB tab. While the number of Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) graduates has increased each year, the percentage across educational categories remains stable with 90% of applicants completing Master's level NP programs, and 5% who completed DNP and post-graduate programs, respectively.



NP-C®

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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. (absnc.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. (credentialingexcellence.org/ncca)

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 in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team. (aaenp-natl.org)



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