



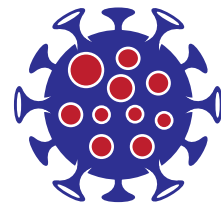
AANPCB 2021 Annual Report

AANPCB had another very productive year. We welcomed over 17,000 newly certified NPs, which resulted in a 11% growth of AANPCB-Certifications over 2020. We also welcomed a new Chief Executive Officer, Diane Tyler, and a new Director of Certification, Kevin Letz. Read more about them in the [AANPCB News](#). The annual 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 2021.

what was **NEW** in **2021?**



- An updated website including a new look and logo along with new candidate handbooks and “how to” videos.



- Temporary certification extensions continue for those affected by COVID-19.

NP-C

- NP-C designation is the trademark credential of AANPCB certifications. Clarification of how to use the designation has and will be embodied in our communication so that the specialty precedes the NP-C credential. For example, FNP-C should be used as opposed to just NP-C.



- A Practice Analysis was completed for the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP examination. The Executive Summary is posted under [About -> Annual Reports](#)



- An Item Writing Workshop is scheduled to occur at the 2022 annual AANP conference on June 25. This will be followed by an item writing drive. Registration can occur as part of the conference registration. www.aanp.org



- New FNP Exam Forms have launched for the 2022 FNP exam. The exam content outline can be found in the appendix of the [Certification Handbook](#).

what is **COMING** in **2022?**



WEBSITE RESOURCES

■ Faculty Portal allows the NP program's Primary Contact to 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' instructional 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 aanpcert.org.

■ Annual Reports and Certification Statistics are available on the website under the About AANPCB tab aanpcert.org/certs/pass.

over **176,800**
AANPCB CERTIFICATIONS



Thank you for your contributions to the successful growth of the NP profession!



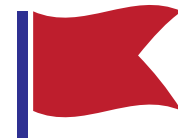
MISSION

■ 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

of **ACCOUNTABILITY**, **QUALITY**, and **TRANSPARENCY** support the mission and vision of the AANPCB.

2021 STATISTICS

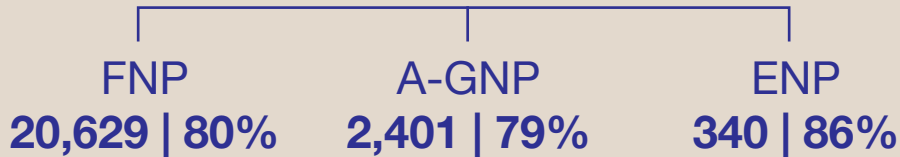
176,809

TOTAL ACTIVE CERTIFICATIONS



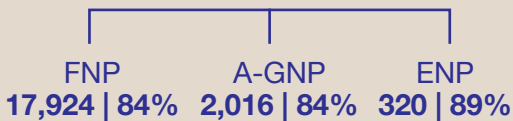
23,370

TOTAL EXAMS ADMINISTERED | PASS RATES



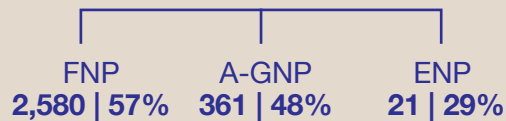
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INITIAL EXAMS | PASS RATES



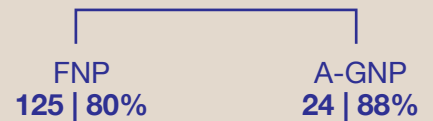
2,961

RE-EXAMS | PASS RATES



149

RE-CERTIFY BY EXAM | PASS RATES



94%

RECERTIFICATION RATE FOR ALL PROGRAMS

THANK YOU

Our staff and governing board members are committed to ensuring excellence in NP certification. To our active certificants who have maintained certification through the renewal process and to the 17,510 new certificants in 2021, we say thank you for choosing AANPCB.

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Diane Tyler

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



2021 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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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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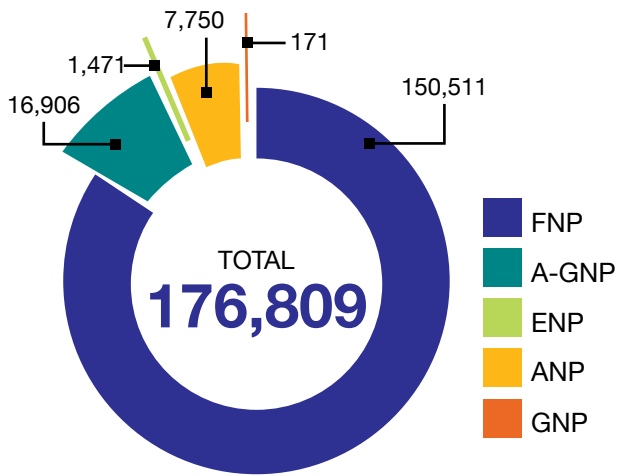


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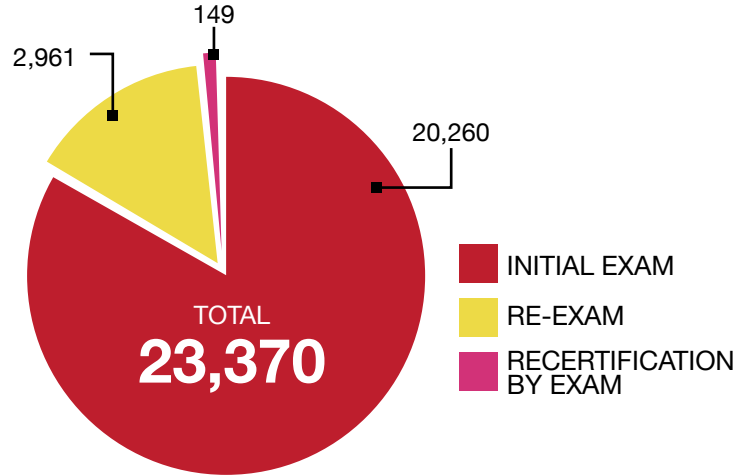
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2021 AT A GLANCE

NUMBER OF NPs CERTIFIED

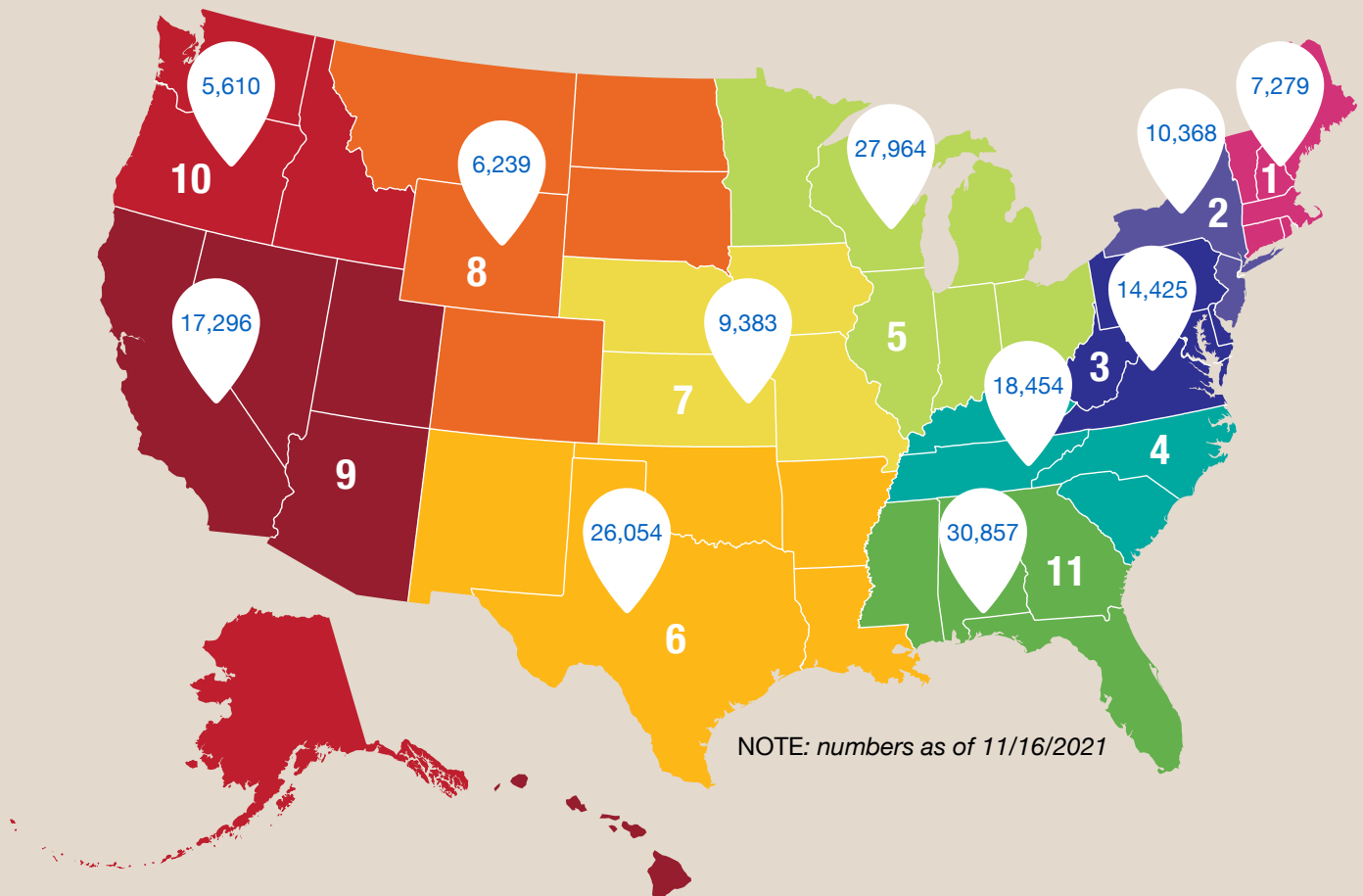


NUMBER OF EXAMS



ACTIVE CERTIFICANTS BY AANP* REGIONS 1-11

*American Association of Nurse Practitioners

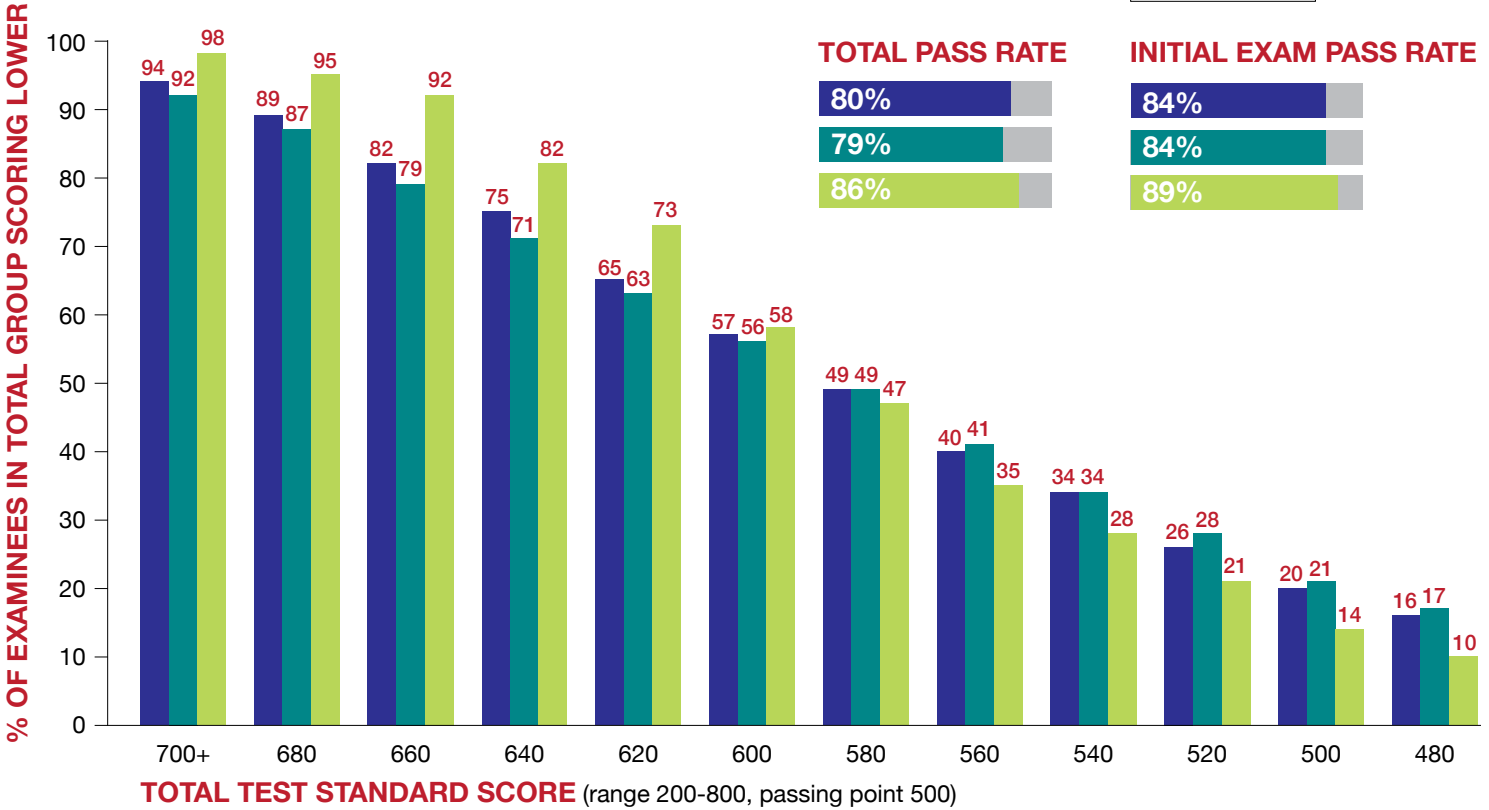
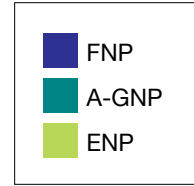


NOTE: numbers as of 11/16/2021

PASSING RATE REPORT

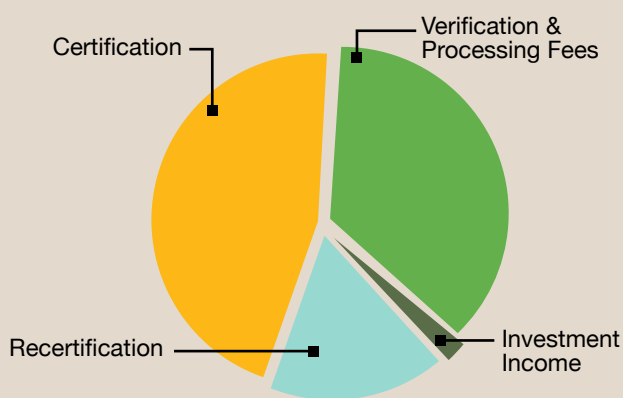
For exams taken 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

This Pass Rate Report indicates the standardized score performance for the 2021 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.

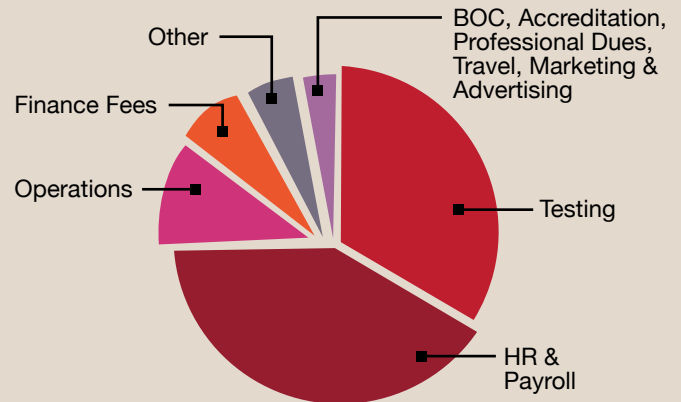


FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES



EXPENSES

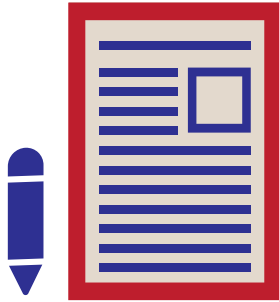


OUTLOOK FOR 2022

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) budgeted projections for 2022 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 12/31/2021.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



» AANPCB conducts a national practice analysis for each certification program every five years. This type of study serves to identify and validate current clinical practice within the certified population. The Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Practice Analysis and Emergency Nurse Practitioner Practice Analysis were conducted in 2021, which resulted in updates to the exam content outlines which will be published in late 2022. These updated outlines will be the basis for the A-GNP and ENP certification examinations released in 2023.

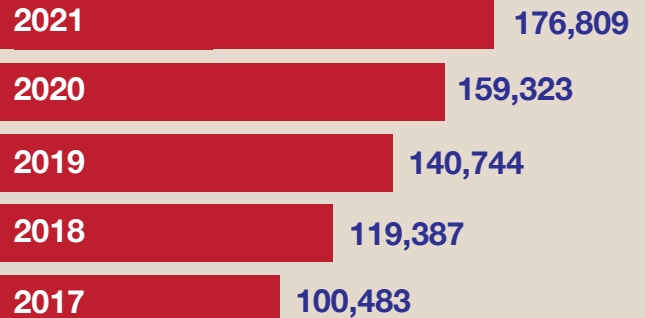
» Remote Item Writing was also held for the ENP certification program.

We wish to thank the many clinical expert volunteers who contributed to test development activities in 2021.



CERTIFICATION GROWTH

over the past **5** YEARS



EMERGENCY NP CERTIFICATION

The ENP certification program has continually grown since its launch in 2017. Below are the number of first-time testers (Initial Exams) and pass rates by ENP eligibility option for those who tested in 2021. The similar pass rates across the three eligibility options provides supporting evidence that there is equivalence among these options to qualify for certification.

2021 INITIAL EXAMS (Pass %)

ENP-CE (84%)

189

Continuing Education

ENP-AP (88%)

145

Academic ENP Program

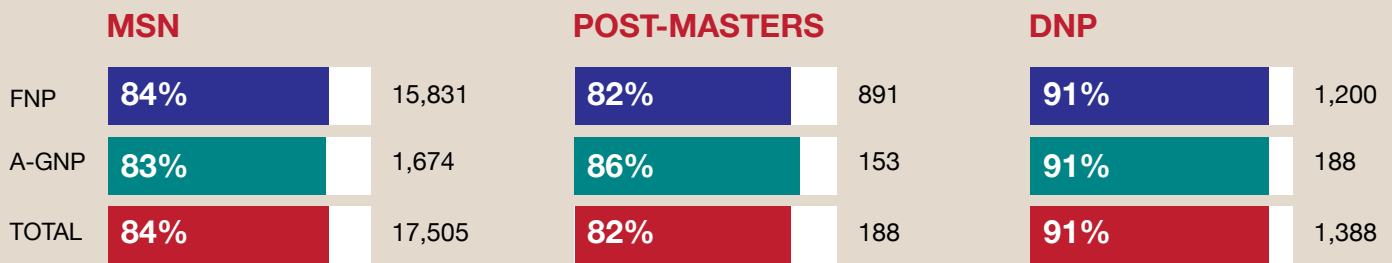
ENP-FP (86%)

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Fellowship Program

PASS RATE BY EDUCATION CATEGORY

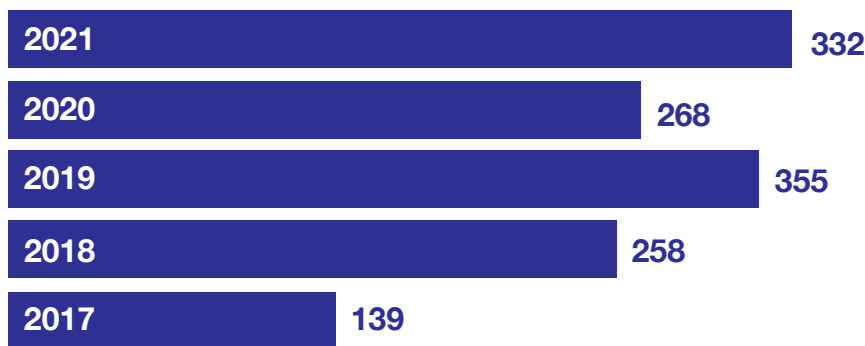
Since 2016, AANPCB has reported the certification examination pass rates of graduates by educational category of NP program completed. These comparisons are reported annually and presented on our website under the About AANPCB tab.



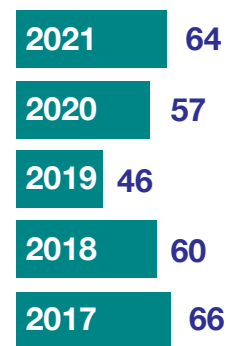
INITIAL APPLICATIONS FROM CANADIAN NPs OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS

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

FNPs



A-GNPs



ANP-C Adult NP
A-GNP-C Adult-Gerontology NP
ENP-C Emergency NP

FNP-C Family NP
GNP-C Gerontologic NP

NP-C is a registered trademark. This designation presents NP certification by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Board, Inc. (AANPCB).

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 AANPCB may use this mark. NPs 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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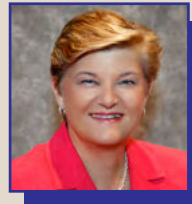
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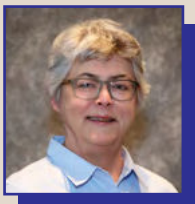
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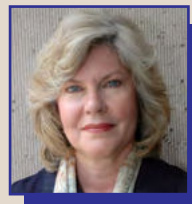
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ABSNC provides a peer-review mechanism that allows nursing certification organizations to obtain accreditation of their certification programs by demonstrating compliance with the highest quality standards available in the industry.

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/accreditation/earn-accreditation/NCCA

AFFILIATIONS



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aanp.org



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aaenp-natl.org



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