

## CANDIDATE for DISTRICT 1 REP

My name is Debbie Shelton. I have been a nurse practitioner since 1992. I graduated from Arkansas State University with a BSN with RNP status in 1990. I worked as a registered nurse from 1990 – 1992 at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In 1992, I began work as a Registered Nurse Practitioner at Riverside Clinic in Marked Tree, AR until 2005. I completed a MSN in adult health at ASU in 1995 and a post-master's FNP option in 1996 from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. In 2012, I completed the DNP Public Health option from UTHSC. From 2005 – 2018, I have taught as an Associate Professor of Nursing at Arkansas State University. Clinical practice hours have been spent in the Emergency Department at NEA Baptist Hospital as a provider in fast track services.

Professional service includes being a member of the Arkansas Nurses Association in a variety of leadership positions including membership on the Health Policy Committee, Liaison to the Health Policy Committee, Treasurer, APRN Council Chair, Treasurer and Executive Committee. I am a co-founder to the Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association being one of the original eight nurse practitioners who met and finalized the organizational structure for ANPA.

Please provide three statements on why you should be considered for election to the ANPA Board of Directors:

- #1 I strive to advance NP practice at the state and national level.
- #2 I enjoy collaboration and networking with NPs throughout the state.
- #3 I desire to be more involved in District 1 through leadership opportunities provided by ANPA.