

CANDIDATE for DISTRICT 5 REP



Debra Walker DNP, FNP-BC, APRN

Dr. Walker earned her BSN from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas in 1991. She earned her MSN and Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate in 1996 from the University of Texas at Arlington. She went on to obtain her DNP from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center at Memphis in 2008.

She was a founding member of the Texhoma Nurse Practitioners Group and an active member in the Texas Nurse Practitioners Association for over 20 years. She received the Health Sciences Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award from MSU in 1997.

Her career has taken her from an emergency room nurse to owning her own family practice clinic in Texas. She also served as nursing faculty at Midwestern State University teaching in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program as well as serving as the Graduate Nursing Coordinator until moving to Arkansas in 2015.

Debra is the Nursing Director of Northwest Technical Institutes nursing programs, and a practicing FNP at Mission Family Practice in Fayetteville. Dr. Walker has a great passion for encouraging nurses to continue their education in nursing. Her ultimate goal is to see the State of Arkansas become a full practice authority state.

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

- #1 I have been an active member of the Texas Nurse Practitioners Association for over 20 years
- #2 I have an extensive background as a Nurse Practitioner and understand the barriers to practice
- #3 I want to organize the NPs in NWA to become an active collective voice for health care in the State of Arkansas