

# NURSE PRACTITIONER

I'm graduating...now what?

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## First Things First

- Taking the Boards
  - Paying for your New and Improved RN license with a Speciality Certification
    - NPI
      - DEA
        - Getting that first NP Position
          - Getting involved and networking GAPNA!

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## AANP and ANCC



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## MYTHS

### Is the AANP easier than the ANCC exam?

The AANP is rumored to be the easier of the two exams, specifically for those seeking their FNP/AGNP certification as it historically had a higher pass rate than that of the ANCC FNP/AGNP exam. However, in recent years, **the pass rates for these two exams were both about 83% (2024)**, making it difficult to judge which is the more difficult test.



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## Which is better: ANCC Certification or AANP Certification?

There is a stigma that the ANCC is more widely accepted at hospitals nationwide. There was a time when organizations such as the Veterans Administration only recognized the ANCC; however, today, the ANCC and the AANP are both certifying boards, so companies cannot discriminate against one or the other.

ANCC has certifications for many APRNs (not just NP's) so it's more widely known.

**\*Bottom line, no one outside of the NP world is going to know the difference, but make sure you are picking the correct certification.**

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## ANCC CERTIFICATION

- Adult Nurse Practitioner Certification (ANP-BC).\*
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Certification (AGACNP-BC).
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certification (AGPCNP-BC).
- Advanced Diabetes Management Certification (ADM-BC).\*
- Emergency Nurse Practitioner Certification (ENP-BC).\*
- Family Nurse Practitioner Certification (FNP-BC).
- Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Certification (GNP-BC).
- Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certification (PPCNP-BC).\*
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan) Certification (PMHNP-BC).
- School Nurse Practitioner Certification (SNP-BC).\*

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## AANP CERTIFICATIONS

- Family Nurse Practitioner Certification (FNP)
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certification (A-GNP)
- Emergency Nurse Practitioner Certification (ENP)

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## COST



<p><b>AANP</b></p> <p>\$315 - nonmember</p> <p>\$240 - AANP member (\$75 discount)</p>	<p><b>ANCC</b></p> <p>\$395 - nonmember</p> <p>\$295 - ANA or ANCC member (\$100 discount)</p> <p>\$340 - AANP student member (\$55 discount)</p>
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[Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Certification \(AGACNP-BC®\) | ANA Fees - AANPCB](#)

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## TEST CONTENT



<p><b>AANP</b></p> <p>150 questions on each exam: 3 hours</p> <p>Of the 150 questions, 15 are pretest questions that cannot be distinguished from those that are scored. Pretest questions are included to determine how they perform statistically to vet them for use on future exams.</p> <p>A candidate's score is based solely on 135 scored questions.</p>	<p><b>ANCC</b></p> <p>175 questions on this examination. 3.5 hours</p> <p>Of these, 150 are scored questions and 25 are pretest questions that are not scored.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;"><a href="https://www.nursingworld.org/globalassets/certification/certification-specialty-pages/resources/test-content-outlines/ancc-22-1hp-100-2021-5naa-for-web-printing_updated-6-08122022.pdf">https://www.nursingworld.org/globalassets/certification/certification-specialty-pages/resources/test-content-outlines/ancc-22-1hp-100-2021-5naa-for-web-printing_updated-6-08122022.pdf</a></p>
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## REQUIREMENTS



<p><b>AANP</b></p> <p>MSN or Post-Graduate Certificate applicants may begin the application process 6 months prior to completion of their program.</p> <p>Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) applicants may begin the application process as early as 1 year prior to completion of their program. <b>A letter from the NP Program Director is required if the candidate is requesting to test prior to the program completion date.</b></p>	<p><b>ANCC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSN or Post-Graduate Certificate applicants may begin the application process 6 months prior to completion of their program.</li> <li>Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) applicants may begin the application process as early as 1 year prior to completion of their program.</li> </ul> <p><i>Difference: Please note, the Validation of Education form and official/unofficial transcripts showing that coursework (and faculty-supervised clinical practice hours) is completed are required before authorization to test will be issued. ANCC will retain the candidate's exam result and will issue certification on the date the final, degree-conferred and official transcript are received all other eligibility requirements are met, and a passing result is on file.</i></p>
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## AUTHORIZATION



<p><b>AANP</b></p> <p>When a candidate becomes eligible to test (as verified during the application review process), AANPCB will export the name of candidate to PSI and send an Eligibility to Test and Schedule Exam Notification email to the candidate from certification@aanpcert.org.</p> <p>This email provides important instructions for scheduling a testing appointment at PSI Testing Centers and authorizes the 120-day testing window.</p>	<p><b>ANCC</b></p> <p><b>Needs a validation of education Links to an external site, form before getting ATT (authorization to test).</b></p> <p><b>Link information &amp; form to fill out:</b></p>
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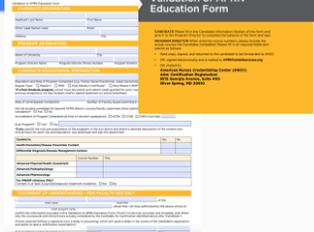


## ANCC Authorization to Test



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**Link information & form to fill out:**



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## AANP Link to Apply

Visit [www.aanpcert.org](http://www.aanpcert.org) to create an Online Profile account.

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## ANCC Link to Apply

Clinicians who have received an authorization to test (ATT) notice may self-schedule their test at a Prometric Testing Center .

Apply [www.nursingworld.org](http://www.nursingworld.org)

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## What if I need to retake my exam?

ANCC: If you fail the ANCC FNP exam, you will have the ability to retake the test after 60 days of the last testing date; however, you cannot take the exam more than three times in any 12-month period.

AANP: If you fail the AANP FNP exam, then you must complete 15 hours of continuing education credit in the area or areas of weakness identified on the score report.

<https://www.boardofnurses.com/blog/ancc-aanp-fnp-exam>

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## RENEWAL



### AANP

every 5 years

- Minimum 1,000 practice hours as NP
- Minimum 100 CE's
  - Pharm 25 w/i 5yrs (must include)
  - Precepting up to 25ce (optional)
- Hold current RN or APRN licensure

### ANCC

Every 5 years

- Minimum 75 CE's
  - Pharm 25 w/i 5 yrs
- Complete at least 1 of 8 options...

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## 1 of 8 renewal ANCC

- Additional 75 CE
- Academic Credits
- Presentations
- Evidenced based Practice/quality improvement project
- Preceptor Hours
- Professional Service
- Practice hours (1,000hrs)
- Retake Test

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## Study Information

- [Barbary's Live Review](#) [Links to an external site.](#)
- [BoardVitals](#)
- Fitzgerald
- [Leik Review Book](#)
  - Apps are available
- [Cohen Review](#)
- [Armindo Hasudungan](#)
- [Links to an external site.](#) - best videos for pathophysiology IMO and free!
- [Osmosis](#)
- [Links to an external site.](#) ([YouTube Links to an external site.](#)) - great patho videos, as well. You have to pay to use their website, though. Plenty of free YT vids.
- [Picmonic](#)
- Uworld now has a FNP boards review

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## GAPNA Excellence Awards, Foundation Grants, and Scholarships

- **GAPNA Foundation Research Grant**  
Research focused on improving the quality of care, health or well-being of older adults
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- **(NEW) GAPNA Foundation Barbara Phillips Historical Research Grant**  
The Barbara Phillips Historical Research Grant honors the multiple contributions of Dr. Barbara Phillips and her commitment to GAPNA and historical research. This grant supports research or a project related to the history of gerontological nursing care, creative interventions for older adults or Gerontological Nursing Professors.
- **GAPNA Foundation Virginia Lee Core Research/Project Grant**  
Research or project focused on APN practice with older adults and their families (can be non-traditional families)
- **GAPNA Foundation Project Grant**  
Quality Improvement, project focused on care of older adults
- **Barbara Resnick Health Promotion Grant**  
Research or project focused on health promotion of older adults

<https://www.gapna.org/membership/awards-and-scholarships/foundation-grant>

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- ✓ PRACTICE PLACEMENT & RESOURCES
- ✓ ALTERNATE & HYBRID
- ✓ CAREER CENTER & SUPPORT

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## Questions



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- Practicingclinicians.com

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