# ABPANC Celebrates Certified Nurses Day March 19

Certified Nurses Day honors and recognizes the outstanding patient care and dedication to safety provided by certified nurses.

On this day – and every day – ABPANC salutes the more than 12,000 CAPA and CPAN certified nurses who serve to promote quality patient care while enhancing the awareness and respect of perianesthesia nursing.

To learn more about what it means to be a CAPA or CPAN certified nurse, read some [personal certification stories](https://cpancapa.org/benefits/my-certification-story/)

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