

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES RELATIVE TO
NP LICENSURE, ACCREDITATION, CERTIFICATION, & EDUCATION**
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UPDATES FROM NP CERTIFYING BODIES

	AACN <i>American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) Certification Corp.</i>	AANPCP <i>American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board</i>	ANCC <i>American Nurses Credentialing Center</i>	NCC <i>The National Certification Corporation</i>	PNCB <i>Pediatric Nursing Certification Board</i>
NP Exams offered & other Relevant Offerings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) exam through 12/31/2014. • Adult ACNP Certification program continues as long as needed. 	ANP, FNP, and GNP Primary Care	Acute Care NP (adult population) Adult NP Adult PMH NP Family NP Family PMHNP (across the life span) Gerontological NP Pediatric NP (primary care)	Neonatal NP Women's Health NP	Primary Care PNP Acute Care PNP Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Specialist (PMHS)
Changes over last 12 months to exams and organizational work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult-Gerontology ACNP job analysis completed. • Revised ACNP renewal requirements and endorsement options. • Free online verification of all certifications 	New blueprint for ANP and FNP.	ANCC conducts RDS to update the test content outline every 3 years. In 2011, the RDS was conducted to update the Family NP, Family PMHNP, and PNP to meet APRN Consensus Model. In addition, to meet the requirements of the Consensus Model, role delineation studies were conducted to create two new certification examinations- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP and Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP. Individuals seeking information regarding the APRN Consensus model and/or the implementation of the	None relative to exams. Start of Phase 2 of Continuing Competency Initiative with over 30,000 already participating. Full implementation will be in place by 2014.	None required. New forms launched annually.

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			Consensus Model can contact ANCC at 1.800.924.4194 or APRNInfo@ana.org Dedicated faculty email: APRNFaculty@ana.org		
New exams and/or activities within past 12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacted and surveyed all Adult ACNP program directors regarding implementation of Consensus Model and need for resources. • AACN national task force revised ACNP Scope and Standards; release projected May 2012. 	Practice analysis for A-GNP is complete and test construction is scheduled. Plan to offer it in January of 2013.	Developing Adult-Gerontology Acute Care and Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP examinations to meet requirements of the APRN Consensus Model	Rule went into effect in 2010 that requires taking the exam within 3 years of graduation or applicants will need to go back to school to qualify Online education plans for self assessment with ongoing CE maintenance application that can keep CE records through the recertification period. Populates the plan as you enter hours.	PMHS launched Dec. 2011 Reaccredited by NCCA until 2016.
Changes to exams forthcoming over next 18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot test of Adult-Gerontology ACNP exam scheduled for November 2012. • Launch of new exam planned for February 2013. 	Retiring the GNP exam in December 2012.	NP certifications to meet the consensus model will be available in 2013 Rename the PNP certification name to Pediatric Primary Care NP	Content validation studies will be conducted next year	No exams to be retired. Exam titles will not change as they are in compliance with the 2008 APRN Consensus Model
New activities forthcoming over next 18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online resources for certificant applications. • Program director portal to include program pre-approval, online candidate eligibility verification process, real-time exam results with diagnostic profile. 	Practice Exam for FNP to be offered starting in April, 2012. Developed with PES and TesTrac.	Published changes to the certification renewal requirements become effective 1.1.2014	Testing by virtual proctor; establishment of testing website for applicants to track application processing; take exam virtually and get results.	Job analysis updates to content outlines due in 2012 for PC; in 2014 for AC. No new exams to be developed in next 18 months.

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Recommended online resources or other handouts	www.certcorp.org www.aacn.org/apnresources Article in AACN Advanced Critical Care "APRN Regulation: The Licensure-Certification Interface"; see website for link.	Materials available on our website below.	Faculty Tool Kit: http://www.nursecredentialing.org/Certification/FacultyEducators/APRN-FacultyToolkit.aspx APRN Consensus Model: http://www.nursecredentialing.org/Certification/APRNCorner.aspx	NCC website News: See supplemental information handout.	On the PNCB website according to specialty
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UPDATES FROM ACCREDITATION, EDUCATION, & LICENSURE

	CCNE <i>Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education</i>	NLNAC <i>National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission</i>	NCSBN <i>National Council of State Boards of Nursing</i>	AACN <i>American Association of Colleges of Nursing</i>	NONPF <i>National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties</i>
Focus of organization's activities	<i>Update pending</i>	<i>Update pending</i>	Excellence in nursing regulation, achieving APRN Consensus is high priority	Dissemination of accurate information to all member schools, including timelines. Recently, worked with the APRN certification bodies to disseminate letters that delineate changes in the certification examinations, new examinations being developed, examinations being retired, and the expected timelines, to the deans/directors of the schools that have APRN programs	NONPF provides leadership in NP education for preparing a quality NP workforce. We identify & maintain competencies and standards that serve as guides for NP curriculum development. We develop faculty resources and other materials to support NP programs. As well, we facilitate collaborations and exchange of information with other NP-focused organizations to support resource development and implementation of the APRN Consensus Model.
Changes over last 12 months to standards, policies, procedures, and/ or other organizational work			Revision of NCSBN Accreditation and Certification Standards, aligning even more with Consensus.	With funding from the JAHF, and in collaboration with the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at NYU, NONPF, and NACNS, AACN has facilitated the development and dissemination of consensus-based competencies: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Competencies (2012), Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Competencies (2010), and Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Competencies (2010).	New core competencies released in April 2011 and further amended in April 2012; new population focused competencies task force work over the past 12 months; revision to <i>Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs</i> through NTF; updated distance learning guidelines released in fall 2012; and NONPF statement on AC/PC NP practice released in fall 2012.
New activities within past 12 months			APRN maps outlining progress in adopting APRN Consensus, updates to APRN changes	With funding from the JAHF and in conjunction with the HIGN, developed an on-line APRN Resource Center	New publication releases: <i>Integrating Adult Acute Care Skills and Procedures into Nurse Practitioner Curricula</i>

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			in 2012 Legislative Sessions	<p>(http://consultgerirn.org/aprncenter/) that houses an array of resources compiled or developed to facilitate the transition to the adult-gerontology curriculum. Resources include case studies, curricular exemplars, list of possible consultants/speakers, and other curricular resources.</p> <p>Created a brochure, <i>Retooling NP & CNS Curricula: Implementing the Adult-Gerontology APRN Education Requirements Faculty Resources</i>. The brochure highlights the <i>Consensus Model</i>, the Adult-Gerontology Competencies, faculty development webinars, and the material available on the APRN Resource Center. Copies of the brochure can be downloaded at http://www.aacn.nche.edu/geriatric-nursing/aPRN-Resource-Brochure.pdf/</p>	and <i>Leading Quality NP Programs: A Guide for Program Directors</i> ; fall Webinar series
Changes forthcoming over next 18 months to standards, policies, procedures, and/ or other organizational work.			Advisories on grandfather application for APRN Consensus, continued review of certification process		Release of new edition of NTF <i>Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Competencies</i> ; Finalization and release of the new population-focused competencies (Family/Lifespan, Neonatal, Pediatric Primary Care, Pediatric Acute Care, Psych-Mental Health, and Women's Health/Gender)
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					Manual; new Web-based resources in development
Recommended online resources or other handouts			Ncsbn.org/APRN Consensus		Most new statements and documents posted on the NONPF Web site. Publications available to purchase.
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APRN Roundtable Meeting Update on NCC Activities

Promotion of Certification

The Just Ask Campaign

This is a public education program designed to empower the public to be knowledgeable about certified nurses and nurse practitioners. Through a 30 second TV ad, it promotes the expertise; knowledge and commitment to quality care of the NCC certified community. The campaign was initiated last year and this year it has continued in the Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, LA, Miami, New York and Raleigh Durham regions. The commercial was produced in conjunction with CBS Community Partnerships.

American Milestones

NCC has been invited by American Milestones to create a public TV documentary hosted by Joan Lunden. The focus of the documentary will be to show real life ways certified nurses in obstetric, gynecologic and neonatal nursing specialties use their achievement of certification to positively affect individuals and how they work within the health care system to advocate for quality patient care and improve patient safety. These documentaries usually are aired in conjunction with Frontline broadcasts. Filming starts this May. Airtime at this time is not known.

New NCC Pin and Plaque

NCC created a mini firestorm when we started to issue a new recognition pin to all our certified constituents. Our initial plan was to issue them when individuals were first certified and then to distribute the pin with certification maintenance for the currently certified. As soon as the pins "hit the street" we got deluged with "where's my pin?" We have subsequently mailed the pin to all those certified and continue to distribute with the new certification informational packets. This probably has been the most successful promotion certification in the history of the organization. It has created an uptick in registration, as it was a motivator for those not certified in the unit or office to pursue certification to "be part of the group."

We have also updated our group plaque whereby institutions can feature their certified nurses and their specialties in the workplace.

NCC PR Releases

At the end of last year, NCC provided a method whereby individual certified nurses could initiate a press release to those of their choice announcing either their initial or maintenance of a NCC certification credential. Since the institution of that option, nearly 10,000 PR releases have been issued by our constituents.

Continuing Competency Initiative Reaches a Milestone

Our Continuing Competency Initiative, an innovative addition to the maintenance program requires certified nurses and nurse practitioners to take a 125 question assessment of the core certification competencies to generate an education plan they need to follow to maintain their certification credential. The program was introduced in the summer of 2010. This past week, 30,000th individual participated in the program. The program was introduced in two stages, Stage 1 was an orientation and not binding so individuals could get used to the new assessment aspect and Stage 2 is where the education plan becomes binding. All those due for

maintenance in 2014 and beyond are in Stage 2 of the program. The nature and amount of CE individual will need to maintain is based on the assessment result.

New offerings for our Self Assessment CE program.

We have introduced a new NCC Lectures Series (audio Power Points). The presentations consist of an audio lecture with a video slide show. It can be streamed on any digital device that allows for video. The first ones are on the topic of Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension of the Newborn, and Neonatal X-ray Interpretation. We have also added continuing competency lecture focusing on review of high risk, low frequency procedures. The first one is on Insertion of Neonatal Chest Tubes.

Under development is Interactive Simulation Education (Avatar-like) program on Neonatal Resuscitation. The program includes a debriefing segment for each resuscitation scenario where feedback on individual performance is discussed. We are also developing EFM Tracing Identifier. Again, focused on interaction, the user will "play the game" name that tracing including identification of the correct NICHD category.

These programs are in addition to our online CE module program that currently offers nearly 60 CE modules covering core competency categories among our certification specialties.

NP Activities

- Testing statistics
For 2011, 348 took the NNP exam with 82% pass rate and 461 took the WHNP exam with a pass rate of 88%. Total registration for all NCC exams in 2011 was 11, 128.
- Program director reports: These reports for 2011 were issued this month. The report provides information to program directors regarding the exam performance of their students.
- State boards of nursing portal - This portal allow state boards to verify NCC NP credentials free of charge. Access is by password at the NCC website.
- NCC developed a Essential Overview document regarding Consensus Paper and this has been distributed program directors and is available to all on the NCC website
- The NCC Board of Directors has endorsed the newest version of the NTF Guidelines

New Testing Mode

NCC is exploring individualized testing for our certification examinations. Through the use of virtual proctoring, individuals will be able to test from any location via computer with instantaneous result reporting.

All Online Transactions

Beginning in 2012, NCC has initiated a Go Green initiative whereby no application for certification or maintenance will be accepted except online at the NCC website. No mail applications will be accepted. In addition to reduction of paper usage, the entire process of maintenance and registration has become more streamline.