

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES RELATIVE TO
NP LICENSURE, ACCREDITATION, CERTIFICATION, & EDUCATION
Friday Plenary Session, NONPF 39th Annual Meeting
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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 NP (ACNP) exam through 12/31/2014. • Adult ACNP Certification program continues as long as needed. 	ANP, FNP, and A-GNP Primary Care Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute Care NP (adult) • Adult NP • Adult PMH NP • Family NP • Family PMHNP (across the life span) • Gerontological NP • Pediatric NP (primary care) • Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP (January 2013) • Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP (January 2013) 	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 and new Test Plan released/ • Revised ACNP renewal requirements and endorsement options. • Free online verification of all certifications now available. • Online APRN exam application process launched. 	Retired the GNP exam in December, 2012. Received 5 year accreditation by ABSNC and re-accreditation by NCCA for ANP and FNP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certifications launched January 2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP ○ Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP • New test content outline for FNP, PNP, and PMHNP available on website • Curriculum Review Program http://www.nursecredentialing.org/CECRP.aspx 	None relative to exams. Start of Phase 2 of Continuing Competency Initiative with over 50,000 already participating about 8,000 are ARNPs. Full implementation will be in place by 2014.	None required. New forms launched annually.

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<p>New exams and/or activities within past 12 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot testing of Adult-Gerontology ACNP exam in October-November 2012 with senior students and recent graduates from programs in AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, MD, IL, NY, OH and TN • Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP exam launched in January 2013. New certificants have not experienced any difficulty in obtaining state APRN licensure/recognition. • Free year of electronic AACN membership being offered to all ACNP students in their final year of studies, and to ACNP program directors. • Adult-Gerontology ACNP exam fee includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Free access to AACN's ACNPC-AG Review Course Online (list price \$199) ○ Free access to ACNPC-AG Practice Exam Questions 	<p>Launched the A-GNP in January. New practice exam for A-GNP as of 1 April.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP (launched January 2013) • Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP (launched January 2013) • FNP, PNP, & PMHNP (across the life span) exams based on the new test content outline available August 2013. • Effective August 2013: name and credential for PNP changes to Pediatric Primary Care NP (PPCNP-BC) • Effective August 2013: Family PMHNP name changes to PMHNP with descriptor – across the lifespan, credential remains (PMHNP-BC) 	<p>Rule went into effect in 2010 that requires taking the exam within 8 years of graduation or applicants will need to go back to school to qualify (was three years but the Board extended the time to 8 years)</p>	<p>PMHS launched Dec. 2011</p> <p>Reaccredited by NCCA until 2016.</p> <p>Primary Care PNP Role Delineation Survey completed 2012 with updated content outline.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New voluntary Adult-Gerontology ACNP program pre-approval process available at no cost. Information at: http://www.aacn.org/wd/certifications/content/apr n-approved-programs-adult-gero-np.pcms?menu=certification • Advantages of pre-approval for <i>programs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved programs will be listed on AACN's website, providing prospective students with valuable program information. ○ Program directors save time with AACN's secure online portal when completing student eligibility forms populated with approved curriculum. • Advantages of pre-approval for <i>graduates</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assurance that the program they complete will meet AACN's educational eligibility requirements for the Adult-Gerontology ACNP exam 				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expedited exam application evaluation process - 2 to 3 business days 				
Changes to exams forthcoming over next 18 months	Renewal-only competency exam in development for current Adult ACNPs who may be unable to meet clinical practice hour requirements during their renewal period.	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New test content outline for FNP, PNP, and PMHNP effective August 2013 • Applications accepted until Dec. 31. 2014 for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acute Care NP ○ Adult NP ○ Adult PMHNP ○ Gerontology NP • Individuals holding a certification scheduled for retirement who need to test to renew can submit an application at any time on or before Dec. 31. 2014. • Certification Date Chart http://www.nursecredentialing.org/Documents/Certification/APRN-Materials/APRN-CertificationNameChart.pdf 	Content validation studies will be conducted this 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 certification applications. • Program Director portal to include online candidate eligibility verification process, real-time exam results with diagnostic profile 	Accreditation application for A-GNP exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published changes to the certification renewal requirements are effective 1.1.2014 • Specialty Emergency NP certification through portfolio in development 	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 2014 for AC. No new exams to be developed in next 18 months.

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	and ability to run reports whenever desired.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDS will be conducted for NP certifications 2014 		
Recommended online resources or other handouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty resources: www.certcorp.org www.aacn.org/apnrresources Curriculum map with crosswalk of national competencies, standards and new Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Test Plan http://www.aacn.org/wd/certifications/docs/aprn-curriculum-map-acnpc-ag.pdf 	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	Since September 2011, the CCNE Standards Committee has been actively engaged in its work to revise the <i>Standards for Accreditation</i> . Proposed revisions to the <i>Standards for Accreditation</i> conform to the APRN Consensus Model. CCNE is now in the final stage of its standards revisions process.	<i>Update pending</i>	Excellence in nursing regulation, achieving APRN Consensus is high priority	Dissemination of accurate information to all member schools, including timelines. Over the past year 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. Presented a series of three webinars on Enhancing Gerontology in APRN Education and the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation. These webinars are archived and available to all faculty at http://www.aacn.nche.edu/geriatric-nursing/aprn-webinar-series . AACN hosted a panel discussion, Implementing the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education (LACE), at the March 2013 Annual Spring Meeting. All PowerPoint presentations from this session will be posted on the Members Page of the AACN website, http://aacn.nche.edu	NONPF is the leader in quality nurse practitioner education. 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,	Multiple national forums were held to solicit feedback about the proposed <i>Standards for Accreditation</i> and to		Revision of NCSBN Accreditation and Certification Standards, aligning even more with Consensus. APRN	With funding from the JAHF, and in collaboration with the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at NYU, NONPF, and NACNS, AACN has facilitated the	The NONPF-facilitated work of identifying the NP population-focused competencies came to completion in March 2013.

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and/ or other organizational work	<p>provide updates to constituents. A general Call for Comment about the 2009 <i>Standards for Accreditation</i> was issued in December 2011. A Call for Comment about proposed revisions to the <i>Standards for Accreditation</i> was issued in October 2012. CCNE also conducted a broad based, electronic survey about the proposed revisions to solicit feedback from constituents. More than 400 constituents commented and/or completed the survey.</p> <p>The Standards Committee has received and considered all comments that have been submitted to CCNE to date. Changes have been made in response to feedback.</p>		<p>Grandfather advisory for Boards of Nursing. Review of jurisdictional issues for distance education programs for APRNs.</p>	<p>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). All three documents can be accessed at http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education-resources/competencies-older-adults.</p>	<p>The multi-organizational task force identified competencies needed for congruence with the APRN Consensus Model: Family/Across the Lifespan; Neonatal; Acute Care Pediatric; Primary Care Pediatric; Psychiatric-Mental Health; and Women's Health/Gender-Specific. Competencies will be available on the NONPF Web site – www.nonpf.org – and on other organization's Web sites.</p> <p>In 2012, the National Task Force on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education completed the revision and updating of the <i>Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs</i>. NONPF and AACN co-facilitated the task force work</p>
New activities within past 12 months	<p>A final Call for Comment has been broadly disseminated to CCNE constituents. The deadline to comment is April 15, 2013.</p> <p>Review the FINAL DRAFT of the proposed <i>Standards for Accreditation</i> here</p>		<p>APRN maps outlining progress in adopting APRN Consensus, updates to APRN changes in 2012 Legislative Sessions; tracking 2013 Legislative efforts; APRN public service message</p>	<p>With funding from the JAHF and in conjunction with the HIGN, developed an on-line APRN Resource Center (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</p>	<p>NONPF offered two Webinars to assist NP educators with implementation of the 2012 <i>Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs</i>. Archived versions are available from www.nonpf.org</p>

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	<p>(clean and tracked versions): http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/proposed-standards.</p> <p>Access the latest Call for Comment about the FINAL DRAFT of the Proposed <i>Standards for Accreditation</i>: http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/Call-for-Comments-2013.pdf.</p>			<p>possible consultants/speakers, and other curricular resources. Brand new this month, assessment items for each interactive case study. Contact hours are awarded for completing the case study and assessment items; the student can also print out a certificate of completion as documentation.</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>	<p>NONPF launched its series of "What's on Your Mind?" questionnaires, starting with a focus on the 2012 <i>Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs</i>. The topic of the second questionnaire was the challenges in clinical NP education.</p> <p>NONPF facilitated a multi-organizational work group in drafting a statement on acute and primary care NPs with a target audience of employers of NPs. The group conducted 2 focus group conferences calls to obtain external feedback. The work group is presently finalizing the statement.</p> <p>NONPF completed the update of several DNP-related resources and is presently looking at the research-related content in DNP NP programs. NONPF will convene a Town Hall session at the 39th Annual Discussion for presentation and discussion of new resources and the ongoing studies.</p>
Changes forthcoming over next 18 months to standards, policies,	The CCNE Board of Commissioners is the final decision-making body and will consider the proposed <i>Standards for Accreditation</i> for		Advisories on grandfather application for APRN Consensus, continued review of certification process, and updates to APRN webpages		

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procedures, and/ or other organizational work.	<p>approval at its meeting in late April 2013. The Board will also determine the date on which the revised <i>Standards</i> will go into effect. The proposed revisions to the <i>Standards</i> address not only degree programs, but also post-graduate certificate programs <u>preparing APRNs</u>.</p> <p>Language is proposed to ensure that the <i>Standards</i> document is consistent with the APRN Consensus Model [e.g., with respect to review of APRN programs, role and population foci, APRN core (3 Ps)]. In addition, the proposed <i>Standards</i> incorporate both <i>The Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing</i> (AACN, 2011) and the <i>Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs</i> (NTF, 2012).</p>				
New activities forthcoming over next 18 months	It is expected that the revised CCNE <i>Standards for Accreditation</i> will go into effect in 2014. This means that CCNE will be evaluating APRN programs in accordance		continued activities in next legislative year; Compact Licensure for APRN, updates to APRN Nursys	AACN is hosting an invitational DNP Summit, National Dialogue on Quality and Excellence in DNP Education, in Chicago, IL, April 15-16, 2013. All schools with or planning a DNP program are invited to send up to two representatives.	New series of Webinars scheduled for spring and fall; revision of the NONPF Web site with creation of a Preceptor site; more "What's on Your Mind" questionnaires to elicit feedback from NP

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	<p>with the APRN Consensus Model, and, for the first time, post-graduate APRN certificate programs will be eligible to pursue accreditation by CCNE.</p> <p>Once the revised <i>Standards</i> document is approved by the Board of Commissioners, CCNE will turn its focus to developing an electronic pre-approval process for new APRN programs/tracks, consistent with the APRN Consensus Model.</p>				educators; additional DNP resources; and comprehensive study of NP education.
Recommended online resources or other handouts	<p>March 16, 2013 Panel Presentation: <i>CCNE Update on Implementation of the APRN Consensus Model</i>. http://www.aacn.nche.edu/membership/members-only/presentations/2013/13spring/Butlin.pdf</p> <p>September 26, 2012 Webinar: <i>Implementing the Consensus Model by 2015: Education and Certification requirements for APRNs Prepared to Care for Older Adults</i>: http://www.aacn.nche.edu</p>		Ncsbn.org/APRN Consensus	<p>On-line APRN Resource Center (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 with assessment items, curricular exemplars, list of possible consultants/speakers, and other curricular resources.</p> <p>Series of three webinars on Enhancing Gerontology in APRN Education and the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation. These webinars are archived and available to all faculty at http://www.aacn.nche.edu/geriatric-nursing/aprn-webinar-series.</p>	Most new statements and documents posted on the NONPF Web site. Publications available to purchase.

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