ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES RELATIVE TO NP LICENSURE, ACCREDITATION, CERTIFICATION, & EDUCATION Sunday Plenary Session, NONPF 41st Annual Meeting April 2015

Table 1: UPDATES FROM NP CERTIFYING BODIES

	AACN American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) Certification Corp.	AANPCP American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board	ANCC American Nurses Credentialing Center	NCC The National Certification Corporation	PNCB Pediatric Nursing Certification Board
NP Exams offered & other Relevant Offerings	 ACNPC-AG (Adult-Gerontology) – initial and renewal ACNPC (Adult) – renewal only; will continue as long as needed for current certificants. 	ANP, FNP, A-GNP Primary Care	 ✓ Adult-Gerontology Acute Care ✓ Adult-Gerontology Primary Care ✓ Family ✓ Pediatric Primary Care ✓ Psychiatric-Mental Health (across the life span) ○ Acute Care (adult) ○ Adult ○ Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health ○ Gerontology Specialty NP ■ Emergency NP via portfolio assessment 	Women's Health NP Neonatal NP Others Neonatal ICU Low Risk Nursing Maternal Newborn Nursing Inpatient OB Nursing Electronic Fetal Monitoring Neonatal/Pediatric Transport	 Primary Care PNP: CPNP-PC[®] Acute Care PNP: CPNP-AC[®] Primary Care Pediatric Behavioral Mental Health Specialist: PMHS
Changes over last 12 months to exams and organizational work	Requested NCCA accreditation for ACNPC program as renewal-only credential; request was denied due to discontinuation of exam.	None	 Extended date to retire NP certifications until 12.31.2016. Applications are accepted until 12.31.2015. New Staff - VP Certification & Measurement Services, Christine Leyden, MS, RN Director Collaboratives, 	New Executive Director: Robin Bissinger NCC moved out of the initial phase for Continuing Competency Assessment as part of the maintenance process to insure ongoing competency in the role. This is now a standard for all maintenance providing the candidate with a	CPNP-AC Role Delineation Research in 2014 with an update to the exam content outline

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			(outreach) Michelle Phipps	personalized educational plan for CE based on strengths and identified gaps. Over 100,000 constituents have participated to date. Over the five years since initiation CE requirements have decreased based on this focused learning plan. NCC worked in collaboration with the Texas Board of Nursing to have the core certifications for nurses meet the state boards CE requirements for licensure renewal.	
New exams and/or activities within past 12 months	Developed a renewal exam option for those who hold ACNPC credential	New Re-certification requirements adopted. Will include an increase in # of CEs and include a pharm requirement and give credit for precepting up to 25 contact hours of CE.	 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care & Adult- Gerontology Primary NP received initial ABSNC and NCCA accreditation 	Ongoing ad campaign for "Certified Nurses are Everywhere" with over 280 million TV impressions and close to 700 million transit ads, airport and bus.	None
Changes to exams forthcoming over next 6-18 month	No anticipated changes to the exam in the next 18 months	The ANP exam will be retired in 2016. Efforts are being made to encourage those eligible to consider applying for A-GNP instead.	The NP exams below are scheduled for retirement and applications are accepted until 12.31.2015 and testing continues through 12.31.2016: • Adult • Acute Care (adult) • Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health • Gerontological	Addition of Proctor U as an exam platform.	CPNP-PC Role Delineation Research planned for 2016

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Additional activities forthcoming over next 18 months or other updates	 Recruiting Practice Analysis Task Force (PATF) 10/2015 Next practice analysis survey scheduled for 4/2016 Will be seeking good sized sample of DNP- prepared certificants in addition to those with traditional MSN preparation in order to analyze for differentiated practice. 	None at this time.	 Alternate item types are present these examinations: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Family 	New national campaign "Certification is Transformational". Will provide an APP for certified nurses to share how their certification has transformed them or their career. Gives a personal story of certification. This will be followed with a TV ad sharing some of the best stories and weaving it into a message. NCC is planning its first e- book: Neonatal radiology and ultrasound interpretation.	Board has embarked on a 3 year initiative to align recertification options/requirements with stakeholder input and current research on continuing competency
Recommended online resources or other handouts	 Program Director portal includes online candidate eligibility verification process, real-time exam results with diagnostic profile and ability to structure and run reports when desired. Free year of AACN electronic membership offered to Adult-Gero ACNP program directors and ACNP students in final year of studies. Adult-Gero ACNP exam fee includes free access to: 	www.aanpcert.org	 For each NP certification these resources are present on the ANCC website Test Content Outline (TCO) aka Test Blue Print Sample questions Selected References Role Delineation Study (RDS) or practice analysis 	NCC published its first book: Golden Hours: Care of the Very Low Birth Weight Infant.	http://www.pncb.org/ptisto re/control/faculty/index

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 ○ AACN'S ACNP Review Course Online (list pric \$199) ○ ACNPC-AG PI Exam Question 	e actice			
• Free, voluntary				
 Adult-Gero ACN Curriculum Appr Process - info. a http://www.aacn. d/certifications/cu /aprn-np-curricul preapproval.pcm nu=certification Advantages of Curriculum Appr for programs Approved prog are listed on AACN's websit providing prospective stu with valuable program information. 	oval :: org/w ontent um- s?me oval rams e			
 Program direct save time with AACN's secure online portal w completing stu eligibility forms populated with approved curriculum. Advantages of 	e hen dent			

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	Curriculum Approval for graduates • Assurance the program they complete will meet AACN's educational eligibility requirements for the Adult-Gero ACNP exam • Expedited exam application evaluation process of 2 to 3 business days • Faculty resources: www.certcorp.org www.aacn.org/aprnre sources • Curriculum map with crosswalk of national competencies, standards and new Adult-Gero ACNP Test Plan: http://www.aacn.org/w d/certifications/docs/a				
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Organization's Website	www.aacn.org www.certcorp.org	www.aanpcert.org	http://www.nursecredentialing.or g	http://www.nccwebsite.org	www.pncb.org

Table 2: UPDATES FROM ACCREDITATION, EDUCATION, & LICENSURE

	CCNE	ACEN	NCSBN	AACN	NONPF
	Commission on	Accreditation Commission	National Council of State	American Association of	National Organization
	Collegiate Nursing Education	for Education in Nursing	Boards of Nursing	Colleges of Nursing	of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Focus of	Providing	Accreditation and	Inter-professional	The primary focus of	NONPF is the
organization's	accreditation	education of	regulation: the Tri-	AACN's activities	leader in quality
activities	services for record	accreditation for	Regulator	related to the	nurse practitioner
	numbers of applicant	nursing programs at	Collaborative [the	Implementation of the	education. We
	programs.	the practical, diploma,	Federation of State	APRN Consensus	provide resources to
	Now accrediting	associate,	Medical Boards	Model (CM) has been to	support NP faculty in
	post-graduate APRN	baccalaureate,	(FSMB), National	provide accurate and	maintaining quality
	certificate programs.	master's, and clinical	Association of Boards	up-to date information	educational
	Implementing	doctorates levels	of Pharmacy (NABP)	to member schools and	programs and
	revised accreditation		and NCSBN] created	all constituents. In	ensuring
	standards and		and published the, "Tri-	addition to responding	congruence with the
	procedures.		Regulator	to numerous queries	APRN Consensus
	Producing webinars		Collaborative Position	seeking clarification,	Model.
	to educate and		Statement on Inter-	AACN has provided	
	inform constituents.		professional, Team- based Patient Care"	semi-annual reports to member schools	
	Offering twice yearly invitational		and the "Tri-Regulator	updating activities	
	workshops on writing		Collaborative Position	related to CM	
	self-studies for		Statement on Practice	implementation.	
	program		Location for Consumer	implementation.	
	constituents.		Protection."	AACN has continued to	
	Increasing staff to		Interstate Practice:	provide ongoing	
	meet constituents'		Acknowledging the	administrative support	
	needs.		interests of other	for the APRN LACE	
			professional groups to	Network and online site.	
			introduce interstate	The Network platform	
			practice Compacts,	provides a venue for	
			NCSBN and the	ongoing dialogue	
			Member Boards re-	among all LACE	
			examined and revised	organizations (28) as	
			the NLC to ensure that	well as a public site for	
			changes reflecting the	disseminating	
			current regulatory	information/materials	
			landscape	regarding	
			Evidence based	implementation	
			regulation: The	activities, clarifying	
			Center for Regulatory	statements, and related	

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			Excellence (CRE) Grant Program awarded grants in FY14 totaling more than \$1.3 million to four U.S. and international organizations. Since the grant program began in 2007, it has awarded almost \$11 million in grants to 38 organizations. Regulatory Learning NCSBN Learning Extension offers more than 50 online courses are offered, promoting safe nursing practices to nurses, student nurses and nursing faculty. Regulatory Examinations: NCSBN expanded NCLEX RN to the Canadian provinces.	initiatives. http://www.aprnlace.org. AACN conducts an annual survey of all baccalaureate and graduate schools of nursing. Enrollment and graduation data is included in the AACN Institutional Data System (IDS). NP data is collected in collaboration with NONPF. Currently, AACN is analyzing data from the 2014-2015 report to determine the number of APRN programs that do not appear to be in alignment with the CM, particularly alignment with the roles/populations.	
Changes over last 18 months to standards, policies, procedures, and/ or other organizational work	 U.S. Department of Education renewed recognition of CCNE as national nursing accrediting agency for maximum term possible in 2014. Read press release accessible at <u>http://www.aacn.nch e.edu/ccne- accreditation/9-11- Press-Release.pdf</u> Revised CCNE 	There is a new CEO – Dr. Marsal Stoll; professional staff, CEO, and BOC working to update and revise policies and guidelines	Pre-licensure education policy guidance to BONs Revisions to NLC Revisions to APRN Compact	In 2013, the AACN Board of Directors convened a task force to offer recommendations on re-envisioning APRN clinical education with a focus on advancing new strategies and models to prepare the growing number of APRNs needed to address current and evolving healthcare needs. A	No changes made to core competencies or other guideline documents.

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accreditation			briefing paper and the	
standards, which			final report of the TF	
went into effect			have been posted and	
January 1, 2014.			are available at	
Revisions address			http://www.aacn.nche.e	
requirements of the			du/news/articles/2015/a	
APRN Consensus			prn-white-paper.	
Model, e.g.,			AACN, in conjunction	
role/population focus			with an invited array of	
language,			APRN stakeholder	
accreditation of post-			organizations	
graduate APRN			representing education	
certificate programs,			and practice, will be	
and relined			moving forward with	
descriptions of the			initial steps to	
"three P" courses.			implement the	
➢ Revised CCNE			recommendations in the	
accreditation			report.	
procedures, which				
went into effect in Fall 2014. Revisions			AACN released the	
included but were			findings from a National	
not limited to new			Study on Academic Nursing's	
language regarding			Progress in	
the accreditation of			Transitioning to the	
post-graduate APRN			Practice Doctorate	
certificate programs.			conducted by the RAND	
➢ New policy on public			Corporation.	
disclosure of CCNE			http://www.aacn.nche.e	
accreditation status			du/news/articles/2014/d	
and use of CCNE			np-study.	
accreditation seal			<u></u>	
now accessible at				
http://www.aacn.nch				
e.edu/ccne-				
accreditation/seal-				
policy/baccalaureate				
-graduate.				
➢ Revised				
requirements and				
creation of dedicated				

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	Education email for submission				Faculties
	of substantive				
	change notifications				
	to CCNE now				
	available at				
	http://www.aacn.nch				
	e.edu/ccne-				
	accreditation/standar				
	ds-procedures-				
	resources/baccalaur				
	eate-				
	graduate/change-				
	notification.				
New activities	Starting January	none	NCSBN is now a	An AACN DNP	New suggested
within past 18	2014, CCNE began		standards	Implementation Task	content to
months	reviewing post-		development	Force has been	accompany the
	graduate APRN		organization [ANSI]	charged with the	NONPF NP core
	certificate programs		Grandfather advisory	development of a white	competencies.
	for accreditation. By		to BONs for licensure	paper that clarifies the	
	this summer, CCNE will have reviewed		by endorsement APRN Distance	purpose of the DNP	Updated Preceptor Manual to give
	for accreditation the		Education policy	final scholarly product and the clinical learning	guidance to
	post-graduate APRN		guidance to align with	practice hour	preceptors and other
	certificate programs		that of pre-licensure	requirements as	partners in clinical;
	at 75 institutions.			described in the DNP	education
	Thirty more			Essentials. The TF is	
	certificate programs			expected to submit its	Launched Preceptor
	scheduled for review			report to the AACN	Portal with
	this Fall 2015.			Board July 2015.	complimentary
	Revised CCNE				orientation vignettes
	accreditation			AACN, with CDC	
	standards and			funding from the	Developed 4
	procedures were			Academic Partnerships	competency-based
	approved and are			to Improve Health	case studies
	now in effect.			(APIH), has focused on	Created a service
	A CCNE webinar titled			integrating population	Created a common
	titled, Understanding the Revisions to the			health into the graduate and undergraduate	competency-based assessment tool
	CCNE Standards for			nursing curricula. A	currently in pilot
	Accreditation, is free			series of webinars were	
	and accessible at			offered this past year;	New statements
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Education				Faculties
https://www.aacn.nc he.edu/webinars/info			several were specifically	released pertaining
<u>ne.edu/webinars/inio</u>			focused on APRN education and practice.	to faculty practice and faculty workload
<u> </u>			Archived webinars can	and laculty workload
WFR13_11_20.			be accessed at	
➤ CCNE has been			http://www.aacn.nche.e	
collaborating for			du/webinars/topics#publ	
many years with			<u>ic-health</u> .	
colleagues at LCME				
(medical education			A session was also	
accreditation) and			offered at the AACN	
ACPE (pharmacy			Doctoral Conference,	
education			January 2015, on	
accreditation) on issues related to			Doctor of Nursing	
interprofessional			Practice (DNP) Projects	
health education			in Evidence-Based Population Health	
(IPE), and a new			Population Health.	
collaborative group				
[Health Professions				
Accreditors				
Collaborative				
(HPAC)] was				
recently formed to bring the respective				
accrediting agencies				
for dentistry,				
osteopathic				
medicine, and public				
health, into the				
conversation, as				
well. View				
announcement at				
http://www.aacn.nch				
e.edu/ccne- accreditation/HPAC-				
Forms-				
Engagement.pdf.				
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Changes forthcoming over next 18 months to standards, policies, procedures, and/ or other organizational work.	 Pre-approval of new APRN programs/tracks is a priority for CCNE in 2015, consistent with the requirements set forth in the APRN Consensus Model. CCNE currently reviews new programs areas/tracks through its substantive change notification requirement. However, the timing of such notifications needs to change so new APRN programs/tracks can seek and receive pre-approval decisions from CCNE prior to the start of classes. CCNE pre-approval is being designed as an electronic review process. The purpose of pre- approval is to protect students/ consumers by ensuring that new APRN programs/tracks align with the CCNE standards and the APRN Consensus Model (sound curriculum, qualified faculty, adequate 	A number of new policies to be implemented by the end of the year; reporting process for substantive changes to be streamlined and updated.	Implementation of NLC and APRN Compact changes Standards development for criminal background checks [CBC] Workforce analysis report	AACN in conjunction with NONPF has reconvened the National Task Force for Quality Nurse Practitioner Education (NTF). Dr. Ruth Kleinpell, Rush University, serves as AACN's co-facilitator. The goal of the NTF is to review and revise as needed the NTFC which provide a basis for evaluation of all NP programs.	NONPF and AACN have reconvened the NTF to conduct the periodic review of the <i>Criteria for</i> <i>Evaluation of Nurse</i> <i>Practitioner</i> <i>Programs.</i> The NTF has met and has been working on different criteria. The review process will include an opportunity for public comment, possibly in fall 2015. NONPF hopes for release of an updated document by spring 2015. NONPF also has a work group that is current mapping the existing Adult- Gerontology Primary Care and Acute Care competencies into the current competencies framework. After this initial work is done, NONPF plans to collaborate with other stakeholders to review the competencies.

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Education				Faculties
resources, etc.).				
Details about pre-				
approval will be				
released by CCNE				
later this year. It is expected that the				
pre-approval process				
will be available to				
programs by the end				
of 2015 (for				
institutions planning				
to start a new APRN				
program/track in				
2016). New				
programs being				
implemented in 2015				
should continue to				
report to CCNE				
through the existing				
substantive change				
notification process.				
CCNE, along with				
many other				
organizations, is				
represented on the				
National Task Force				
for Quality Nurse				
Practitioner				
Education (NTF),				
which reconvened				
earlier this year. Vice				
Chair of the CCNE				
Board, Dr. Susan				
Ruppert, serves as				
the CCNE				
representative on the				
NTF. Dr. Ruth				
Kleinpell, an NTF co-				
facilitator, also is a				
member of the				
CCNE Board. The				

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New activities forthcoming over next 18 months or other updates	 process to consider revisions to the 2012 NTF Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs is expected to conclude by year end. Pre-approval process for new APRN programs/tracks, as discussed above. In-person retraining of all current CCNE on-site evaluators (team leaders and team members) in June 2015. 	Review of advanced practice programs and their alignment with the Consensus Model and the NTF guidelines	Recruitment underway for new CEO Re-launch of APRN Compact Expansion of APRN Nursys	The AACN/CDC Academic Partnership Project is awarding two \$10,000 project grants to support Doctor of Nursing Practice student evidence-based projects that are focused on population health and contribute to population health outcomes. Proposals are due May 15, 2015. For more information and application go to http://www.aacn.nche.e du/public-health- nursing.	NONPF will be focusing on work to support DNP implementation. Work groups will be formed to support updating of curriculum templates and development of resources related to DNP projects for NP students.
Recommended online resources or other handouts	http://www.aacn.nche. edu/ccne-accreditation	Accreditation Manual - http://www.acenursing. org/accreditation- manual/ - to be updated by the end of the year	JNR [now published by Elsevier] APRN Toolkit at ncsbn.org APRN Maps project at ncsbn.org	AACN APRN Clinical Training Task Force brief and report can be accessed at http://www.aacn.nche.e du/news/articles/2015/a prn-white-paper.	FP Statement - http://c.ymcdn.com/s ites/nonpf.site- ym.com/resource/re smgr/Docs/FacultyPr acticePaperFinal201 .pdf
				AACN Public/Population Health Nursing website including information on DNP final project awards can be	Faculty Workload Statement - <u>http://c.ymcdn.com/s</u> <u>ites/nonpf.site-</u> <u>ym.com/resource/re</u>

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				accessed at http://www.aacn.nche.e du/public-health-nursing On-line APRN Resource Center (http://iconsultgerirn.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.	smgr/Docs/Workload WhitePPRJan2015.p df Preceptor Portal - http://www.nonpf.org /?page=PreceptorPo rtal_Main Primary Care and Acute Care Certified NP - http://c.ymcdn.com/s ites/www.nonpf.org/r esource/resmgr/doc s/acpcnpstatementfi nal2013.pdf Independent Practice and the Certified NP - http://c.ymcdn.com/s ites/www.nonpf.org/r esource/resmgr/Doc s/indepenPracPPRF
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Table 2 does not include information from the NLN Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation. NONPF did not yet solicit the information for this table from the organization and will add it when obtained.