



**Gerontologic Nurse Practitioner Examination  
Now Offered by American Academy of  
Nurse Practitioner Program**

The Gerontologic Nurse Practitioner Examination has been initiated with the first testing window of 2007. Graduates of masters, post masters or doctoral gerontologic nurse practitioner programs are eligible to apply and sit for this examination. The gerontologic examination tests clinical knowledge in the following areas: assessment, diagnosis, formulation and implementation of treatments plans, evaluation and follow-up. It covers knowledge in the areas of late adult, elder adult and frail elderly primary care. Knowledge of health promotion and disease prevention, diagnosis and management of acute episodic and chronic illness is tested. For information regarding this examination go to the certification website at [www.aanpcertification.org](http://www.aanpcertification.org).

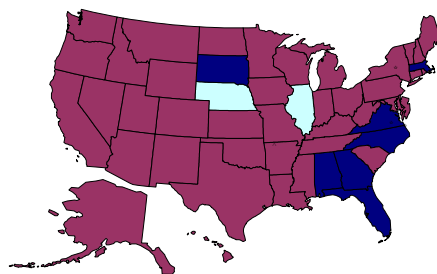
**DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice) Programs Open**

New DNP programs are being initiated in several universities in the country. A discussion paper as well as educational essentials and competencies expected in these programs may be found on the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners website. Graduates of these programs will be able to take certification examinations offered by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. There are no anticipated changes in requirements for Master's and Postmasters prepared nurse practitioners to sit for the examinations in the foreseeable future. In conjunction with appropriate testing standards the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Programs clinical examinations are based on regularly conducted role delineation studies that determine the test blue prints for the examinations.

**Joint Dialogue Task Force Convened**

A joint dialog task force representing the APN task force of the Alliance for Advanced Practice and the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing has been convened to consider issues affecting education, certification, accreditation and legal regulation of advanced practice nurses. Currently nurse practitioners are legally regulated by Boards of Nursing in all states. Seven states still require joint regulation with Boards of Medicine. Among the topics being discussed are the regulatory parameters for advanced practice registered nurses (certified nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists and certified clinical specialists), the need for preaccreditation of educational programs, clarification of the definition and educational requirements for APRNs (advanced practice registered nurses), and the evaluation of advanced practice registered nurse initial and continuing competence. The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program is participating in these ongoing discussions.

NURSE PRACTITIONER REGULATORY AUTHORITY



- States with Nurse Practitioner Regulations Controlled by Board of Nursing
- States with Nurse Practitioner Regulations Controlled by Board of Nursing and Board of Medicine
- States with Separate Advanced Practice Board
- ▲ Prescription Only Under Joint Authority of Board of Nursing and Board of Medicine
- ★ State Education Department

**EXAMINATION DATES**

**Computer-Based Examination** The National Certification Computer-Based Examination is offered during three 12-week windows each year—February-April, June-August, and September-November. The schedule for 2007 is:

<b>Window</b>	January 29 – April 21, 2007
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Late Deadline</b>
12/30/07	1/27/07
<b>Window</b>	May 28 – August 17, 2007
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Late Deadline</b>
4/21/07	5/26/07
<b>Window</b>	September 10 – December 4, 2007
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Late Deadline</b>
7/21/07	8/25/07

For more information on dates and available sites, visit our website at [www.aanpcertification.org](http://www.aanpcertification.org) or call 512 442-5202.

**Federal Department of Transportation  
Developing Certification Examination for  
Medical Examiners Who Perform Interstate  
Truck Driver Physical Examinations**

In an effort to raise the bar on interstate highway safety requirements, the Federal Department of Transportation is developing a registry of approved medical examiners for interstate trucker physical examinations. **Among those professionals authorized to perform these physical examinations are certified registered nurse practitioners.** It is planned that to become a part of the registry, authorized health care professionals will be required to take a certification examination (currently being developed) that focuses on knowledge related to DOT regulations and physical examination of interstate truckers.

**FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER  
NATIONAL CERTIFICATION  
EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT**

Score report indicates the standard score performance for the year 2006 for the Family Nurse Practitioner National Certification Examination. Standard scores are scores, which permit comparison of performance among individuals taking the same examination.

Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
780	100
760	99
740	98
720	95
700	88
680	81
660	71
640	60
620	50
600	38
580	31
560	24
540	18
520	13
500	08
480	06
460	05
440	03
420	02

Total Family Nurse Practitioners tested in 2006 were 2113 with pass rate of 92.8%

**ADULT NURSE PRACTITIONER  
NATIONAL CERTIFICATION  
EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT**

Score report indicate the standard score performance for the year 2006 for the Adult Nurse Practitioner National Certification Examination. Standard scores are scores, which permit comparison of performance among individuals taking the same examination.

Total Test Standard Score	% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower
760	100
720	99
700	94
680	86
660	79
640	74
620	61
600	46
580	35
560	25
540	18
520	13
500	07
480	06
460	05
440	02
420	01

Total Adult Nurse Practitioners tested in 2006 were 630 with pass rate of 92.8%

**RECERTIFICATION**

Continuing competency is necessary for nurse practitioner practice. Documenting this through recertification is an important requirement for the maintenance of credentialing for family and adult nurse practitioners. The accepted time frame for recertification for nurse practitioners is at least every five years. At that time AANPCP certificants may elect to recertify by examination or to recertify by documenting continuing education and clinical practice as family or adult nurse practitioner. To recertify by examination, applications are processed according to the appropriate deadlines in the last testing window before the expiration date of the current certification. Certificants applying through clinical practice and continuing education must have completed 1,000 hours of nurse practitioner clinical practice and 75 contact hours of nurse practitioner related continuing education. For further information regarding the recertification process visit our website at [www.aanpcertification.org](http://www.aanpcertification.org).

**CERTIFICATION COMMISSIONERS**

Vickie Anderson, FNP, (Utah), Dr. Pat Bredenberg, ANP (Maine), Tara Federichi, (District of Columbia), consumer member, Dr. Greg Holm, ANP, (Florida), Marianne Hurley, GNP (Rhode Island), Richard Meadows, ANP, (North Carolina), Dr. Lorna Schumann, FNP (Idaho) and Wendy Thon, ANP (Alaska), Dr. Jan Towers, FNP, Director, Washington, DC.

**HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE RECENTLY?**

[www.aanpcertification.org](http://www.aanpcertification.org) is the address of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program Inc website. If you have not visited it recently, we invite you do so. The website provides information regarding the certification program. It includes a downloadable application, a complete list of testing sites, information about testing windows and fees, frequently asked question, news and updates and links to regulation, policy and practice information applicable to our certificants. We invite you to visit the site and provide suggestions for things you would like to see on this site in the future.

**Accreditation and Recognition**

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Adult and Family NP Certification examinations are fully accredited by NCCA, the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, and are recog-



**Nondiscrimination Policy**

The Certification Program does not discriminate against an individual with respect to age, sex, color, race, religion, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or disability.