



American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Program: 2008 Annual Report

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program has successfully completed another year with computer based testing in over 300 sites across the United States. In 2008 the examinations were offered during three 12-week windows throughout the year: January/April, May/August and September/December. A total of 3463 candidates sat for the test in 2008. Nurse Practitioners who have completed an approved master's, postmaster's or doctoral adult, family or gerontologic nurse practitioner program are eligible to sit for the examinations. The examinations are developed in cooperation with Professional Examination Services (PES) a not for profit organization with over 50 years of experience in the development and administration of national licensing and certification examinations specializing in health related fields. The programs are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and recognized by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Medicare, Medicaid, the Veterans Administration and private managed care organizations, institutions and agencies for credentialing purposes.

Candidacy for testing was offered to graduates of approved masters, postmasters and doctoral level adult, family and gerontologic nurse practitioner programs. The examinations test clinical knowledge in the following areas: assessment, diagnosis, formulation and implementation of treatment plans, evaluation, follow-up and applicable professional issues. The family nurse practitioner examination covers knowledge in the area of prenatal, pediatric, adolescent, adult, geriatric and frail elderly primary care. The adult nurse practitioner examination covers knowledge in the area of late adolescent, adult, geriatric and frail elderly primary care. The gerontologic examination covers knowledge in geriatric and frail elderly primary care. Knowledge of health promotion and disease prevention, diagnosis and management of acute episodic and chronic illness in the primary care setting is tested. Participants are expected to apply knowledge of pathophysiology, pharmacology, psychology and sociology to the process utilized in the assessment diagnosis and management of patients in their care. A total of 25,281 have sat for the examinations. The overall pass rate for the 2008 examinations was 88.6%.

The certification program continues to maintain active participation in the National Organization of Certifying Agencies, the American Board of Nursing Specialties, the Consortium for Quality Nurse Practitioner Education and the Alliance for Nursing Accreditation. It has been an active participant on the APRN Consensus Work Group and is a member of the Joint Dialogue Task Force with NCSBN that examines issues in advanced practice nursing regulation: licensure, accreditation, certification and education. It has been involved in activities examining the credentialing of nurse practitioners in hospitals, and has participated in meetings regarding the regulation of advanced practice nurses and the development of educational programs leading to the practice doctorate (DNP). In addition, the certification program director participated on the research committee of ABNS.

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program was founded in 1993. It is a free standing corporation governed by an elected Board of Commissioners and a consumer member appointed by the Commissioners. The commissioners for 2008 were 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, FNP (Alaska). The program was staffed by Dr. Jan Towers, FNP, Director; Doris Looney and Paul Baca, Certification Coordinators; Teresa Courtney, Sattie Cruz, Sierra Herrera, Vicki Jenkins, Anita Mendez, Linda Moyer, Otilia Olivo and Yolanda Villescaz administrative assistants.

ADULT NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

Score report indicates the standard score Performance for the 2008 Adult Nurse Practitioners 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
740	99
720	98
700	96
680	92
660	84
640	75
620	69
600	59
580	49
560	41
540	34
520	27
500	18
480	12
460	08
440	05
420	03

Total ANP Pass Rate of 81.6%

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

Score report indicates the standard score performance for the 2008 Family Nurse Practitioners 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
740	99
720	97
700	92
680	85
660	76
640	65
620	55
600	44
580	35
560	27
540	21
520	15
500	09
480	07
460	05
440	03
420	02

Total FNP Pass Rate of 90.1%

GERONTOLOGIC NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

Score report indicates the standard score performance for the 2008 Gerontologic Nurse Practitioners 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
700	100
680	77
660	73
640	61
620	46
600	31
580	23
560	12
540	08
520	04

Total GNP Pass Rate of 100%