

NEXT STEPS:

After Graduation



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What
credentials
may I put
behind my
name?

MSN - after you have your degree
conferred from USU

FNP-C or FNP-BC or APRN-CNP
after you have passed your boards
(which also requires degree
confirmation)

See the following slides for the
difference between FNP-C and -BC

Title etiquette

Examples

Maria Jones, MSN, FNP-C, ADM-BC

Or

Juan Lopez, MSN, APRN-NPC, CEN

Or

Lola Thomas, MSN, FNP-BC

- List your degree first, and only list the highest degree if they are all in one field (i.e. Nursing)
- After degree, list highest license (e.g. APRN), then any certifications.

Two Different Certifying Bodies

- American Academy of
Nurse Practitioners
Certification Board
 - FNP-C
- American Nurse
Credentialing Center
 - FNP-BC



Comparison: AANPCB vs ANCC



AANPCB

Time allowed: 3 hours

Questions: 150 total (15 not graded)

Passing Score: 500 points (range 200-800)

Passing Rate: 82%

Can retake up to 2 times per calendar year,
120 days apart and after 15 CEUs

ANCC

Time allowed: 3.5 hours

Questions: 175 total (25 not graded)

Passing Score: 350 points (range 100 - 500)

Passing Rate: 85%

Can retake up to 3 times per calendar year, but
must be 60 days apart

AANPCB Test Blueprint



- Domain 1
 - Assessment- 48 questions or 36%
 - Diagnosis- 33 questions or 24%
 - Plan- 31 questions or 23%
 - Evaluation 23 questions or 17%
- Domain 2
 - Prenatal- 4 questions 3%
 - Pediatric (newborn/infant) 19 questions or 14%
 - Adolescent- 24 questions or 18%
 - Adult- 50 questions or 37%
 - Geriatric- 29 questions or 21%
 - Frail Elderly- 9 questions or 7%



AANPCB Facts

There are 150 questions on each examination. A candidate's score is based solely on the 135 scored questions. Of the 150 questions, 15 are pretest questions. **First time pass rate is 85%** as of 5/22/2019

AANPCB Blueprint

- Assessment
 - Health History
 - Chief Complaint
 - HPI
 - ROS



AANPCB Blueprint



- Diagnoses
 - Formulate differential diagnosis
 - Establish a definitive diagnosis

AANPCB Blueprint



- Plan of Care
 - Establish a safe plan of care that is patient centered and individualized
 - Cost effective, patient appropriate, and culturally sensitive

AANPCB Blueprint



- Evaluate
 - Determine the effectiveness of the plan of treatment and care base outcomes
 - Modify the plan of care as appropriate



- Knowledge Areas:

- Health promotion, harm reduction, disease prevention
- 3 P's
- Therapeutic communication
- Health History
- Signs and Symptoms
- Clinical Decision Making/Differentials
- Alternative therapies
- Biopsychosocial principles/theories
- Patient/family education/community resources/ health care economics
- EBP
- Legal/ Practice Management
- Cultural competence
- Epidemiology

AANPCB Blueprint

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- FNP Procedures

- Minor Lesion Removal/ Skin Biopsy
- Microscopy/ Pap testing
- EKG interpretation
- X-Ray interpretation
- PFTs/Spirometry
- Fluorescein dye
- Hormone Replacement
- Foreign body removal/nail removal

Cerumen removal

Wound closure

Long-term contraceptive management

Splinting/Casting

Long-term hormonal implantation

Joint aspirations/ injections/ Therapeutic
Injections/ I & D

Wound Closure

Eligibility to Test



- Meet educational requirements and APRN Core courses (3P's) and minimum of 500 clinical hours
- NP program must be an accredited program- which we are ☺
- US or Canadian RN license
- The examination may not be taken more than twice in a Calendar Year
- Program completion (conferral of degree) must be in place before you are authorized to test, but you may begin the application process after taking the 3Ps and one FNP course

Information for Candidates



- You can begin the application process 6 months before completion of program
- You can use a transcript in process or a final official transcript
- Cannot Sit for Exam until you have completed the program
- Once the board has notified the testing company you have 120 days to sit for the exam

AANPCB Application Process



- Must Create an Online Profile
- Application must be completed within 30 days of start
- Normal processing is 2-4 weeks depending on receipt of completed application, documents and fee's

AANPCB Application



- Your Full Name
- Copy of RN license
- Complete information about NP program
- Complete Clinical Site information including names and addresses of clinical sites and description of the practice specialty
- All Preceptors Full Name and Credentials
- Official Transcripts
- Fees Paid- AANP member \$240 Non-AANP Member \$315
 - Student AANP membership is \$55

AANPCB Exam Scores



- Exam results are reported as a scaled score between 200-800 points
- You must have a minimum of 500 points
- Your score is not compared to others taking the test
- You will get a preliminary “Pass” or “Fail” at the testing center

Once you Pass!

- An final transcript showing degree conferred and date awarded by the university must be received and processed before a score report is released to the candidate
- Requested State Board of Nursing Verification and Primary Source Verification requests will be processed and sent one business day following the score release





AANPCB Renewal Requirements

- Option 1: Recertify by Practice Hours and Continuing Education
 - 1,000 hours of practice within a 5 year period
 - 100 Hours of Continuing Education
 - Pharmacology must make up 25 of these CE credits
 - Precepting is an option to replace 25 non-pharmacology CE credits (125 preceptor hours may replace these)
 - Current RN licensure
- Option 2: Recertify by Examination

AANPCB



- Remember to “release your results” to the board
- There is a form you can fill out- State Board of Nursing Notification Form that will allow you to do this.

ANCC CERTIFICATION



Time allowed: 3.5 hours

Questions: 175 total (25 not graded)

Passing Score: 350 points (range 100 - 500)

Passing Rate: 82% on first time



- Category 1: Assessment = 31 questions (21% of exam)
- Category 2: Diagnosis 39 questions (25% of exam)
- Category 3: Clinical Management 65 questions (43% of exam)
- Category 4: Professional Role 15 questions (10% of exam)

ANCC Blueprint

Professional role is what makes ANCC different than AANP



ANCC Secondary Classifications

- Body Systems: Cardiovascular, Endocrine, GI, GU/Renal, HEENT, Hematopoietic, Immune, integumentary, musculoskeletal, neurological, psychiatric, reproductive, respiratory
- Drug Agents: Analgesic, Anti-infective, CV, endocrine, EEN, Skin, GI, GU, Musculoskeletal, neurological, psychiatric, reproductive, respiratory
- Ages: Infant, preschool, school-age, adolescent, YA, Adult, older adult, Frail Elderly

ANCC Eligibility to Test



- Active RN license
- Have a Masters/post-master's degree from an accredited program and a minimum of 500 clinical hours
 - Program completion (conferral of degree) must be in place before you are authorized to test.
 - Content in Health Promotion/maintenance
- DDx and disease management using pharm/non-pharm interventions

ANCC Fees



- Non Member \$395
- ANA member \$295
- AANP member \$340
- AANP Student Member \$290



ANCC Scores

- The minimum passing score represents the absolute minimum standards needed to practice safely
- Scores are pass or fail
- Fail status feedback per content area
 - Low- below acceptable level. Substantial study is needed in this content area
 - Medium- Marginally acceptable. Further study needed in this area
 - High- well above average in content area, however you should study this area.

ANCC Testing Specifics



- 90 day testing window after you receive the authorization to test
- Receive results immediately



ANCC Renewal Requirements

- 75 hours of Continuing Education with 25 hours of Pharmacology
- Plus one of more of the 8 ANCC renewal Categories
 - Academic credits
 - Presentations- one or more presentations totaling 5 clock hours in your specialty
 - EBP, Quality Improvement Project, Publication or research
 - Preceptor hours- 120 hours as a preceptor
 - Professional Service- 2 or more years of volunteer service
 - Practice hours- 1000 hours in 5 years (most common)
 - Assessment- pass the assessment if available

TIME TO FIND YOUR FIRST JOB AS A NURSE PRACTITIONER



Employment Experience

- Employment Contract
- Salary Negotiation
- Malpractice Insurance
- Credentialing/NPI





Instructions/Helpful Tips

- Many of you will need USU support from the registrar team or nursing leadership to complete APRN application paperwork for your state of licensure, and for registering for the national board exams, ANCC or AANP.
- Different states and employers have different rules concerning signatures and transcripts (e-copy vs hard copy, wet signature vs electronic signature). Please check with your state BRN and with the USU Registrar team if you have a question.
- Most states require you to take the board exam before applying for state licensure. Others will let you apply at the same time, and very few do not require it (but your employer will likely require board certification even if your state does not).
- Keep their email on hand: registrar@usuniversity.edu and you will probably get a faster response if you include what you need in the subject line, briefly and concisely.
- When you email them, it also helps when you use the name you had on file from the school (especially if you email them from a non-USU account) and your program (MSN-FNP) and month and year of the final course. It's even greater if you can include your student ID.



Here are some helpful websites:

1. USU Transcript Request:

<https://www.usuniversity.edu/current-students/student-services/transcript-requests/>

- a. You can order these ahead of time, but make sure you click “hold for degree conferral”
- b. Check first whether your agency, employer or BRN allows e-transcript or only paper
- c. Although the department of the registrar assists in completion of paperwork, please keep in mind they are unable to advise you on requirements of state boards of nursing, board exams, etc. They have no knowledge specific to the field of nursing.
- d. The official timeframe for completing forms is three weeks from the date of degree conferral or date of request, if the student has provided legible copies of forms and no corrections are needed.

2. For APRN or BRN form submission (requiring Dean or Program Director signature), please utilize this google forms link. Please be sure to attach the completed form needing signature - the office of the registrar does not do that for you; it is your job to complete the student/applicant sections. [Form DropBox](#)
[- APRN paperwork](#)

Preparing for Exams



USU does not endorse or promote one particular board review product over the other, but here are the most popular review companies and their websites:

Links to the biggest boards review products/sites:

APEA <https://www.apea.com/>

Barkley <http://www.npcourses.com/>

Fitzgerald <https://www.fhea.com/index.aspx>

Leik <http://www.npreview.com/>

Commencement information



USU Graduation Commencement:

<https://www.usuniversity.edu/current-students/commencement-information/>

- a. Tickets can sell out fast. Plan accordingly
- b. Travel in San Diego can be expensive; please check local city websites for other big events and sporting events
- c. Always check local public health announcements (think Covid-19)
- d. We suggest to purchase fully refundable tickets and hotel accommodations

Other things to Consider

- ❖ NPI Number
- ❖ State BRN licensure
- ❖ Malpractice Insurance
- ❖ DEA
- ❖ DOT/DMV certification
- ❖ Death certificate applications
- ❖ Medicare provider application

Other
instructions

Please click this document
before you begin the
application process

[LINK](#)



Congratulations!!!