



**ABPANC Highlights of the Year**  
**April 2014 – April 2015**  
***CPAN® and CAPA® Certification: Nursing Passion in Action®***

**STATISTICS**

- There are a total of 11,650 CPAN and CAPA certified nurses representing an overall growth of 5.06% these last 12 months as compared to a growth of 6.06% last year at this time.
- The total number of CPAN certified nurses is 7,020 which represents a 4.36% growth these last 12 months as compared to a growth of 4.91% last year at this time.
- The total number of CAPA certified nurses is 4,630 which represents a 6.14% growth these last 12 months as compared to a growth of 7.62% last year at this time.
- The number of certified nurses that hold **both** the CPAN and CAPA credentials is 576, which represents a 10.77% growth in the number of dually certified these last 12 months as compared to a 12.55% growth last year at this time.

***Congratulations to all those perianesthesia nurses willing to take the next step beyond licensure – becoming certified in the perianesthesia specialty!***

**2014 Examination Pass Rates**

	Spring 2014 Exam Window	Fall 2014 Exam Window
<b>CPAN Pass Rate</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>CAPA Pass Rate</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>61%</b>

**2014 Recertification Rates**

	Spring 2014 Recertification Cycle*	Fall 2014 Recertification Cycle*
<b>CPAN Recertification Rate</b>	<b>80% recertified</b>	<b>87% recertified</b>
<b>CAPA Recertification Rate</b>	<b>82% recertified</b>	<b>84% recertified</b>

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

**It has been a very busy year for ABPANC as evidenced by the initiatives listed below!**

- ❖ **Certified Nurses receiving National Exposure:** ABPANC continues its participation in a multi-organizational, national PSA campaign with other nursing certification organizations called ***Certified Nurses Are Everywhere***. This campaign provides video spots on Broadcast TV and Cable, a new website – [www.CertifiedNurses.org](http://www.CertifiedNurses.org) – on which ABPANC has a page, Internet Banners, and placement on Bus and Airport Dioramas. These features provide an exciting opportunity to inform the public about nursing certification. The original goal of this initiative was to have a 100 million impressions; to date, 700 million impressions have been picked up across the country. This is equivalent to \$14 million dollars in paid advertising! ABPANC provided additional funding so that the commercial aired during the Sunday Evening News and the Evening News with Scott Pelley during the last few months. CPAN and CAPA certified nurses are represented in these PSAs. The PSAs are being broadcast nationally – be on the lookout!

- ❖ **The Public Voice Corner Launched on ABPANC website:** Look for this new quarterly column by ABPANC's Public Member, Stuart Smith and hear his perspectives about the value of nursing certification, generally, and CPAN and CAPA certification, specifically.
- ❖ **New, Free Webinar Available:** A free webinar, called *Conquering Test Anxiety and Fear of Failure*, was developed and posted on the ABPANC website.
- ❖ **CPAN and CAPA Author Recognition Program Debuts:** ABPANC is proud of its certified nurses who publish! A new program to recognize CPAN and CAPA certified authors is found on the ABPANC website under the Resources tab, Recognition of Authors.
- ❖ **CPAN Certification Impacts Patient Outcomes:** A research article, *The Relationship Between Direct-Care RN Specialty Certification and Surgical Patient Outcomes*, published in AORN Journal, November 2014, Vol 100, No 5, page 511, cited that a lower rate of central-line-associated blood stream infections in SICUs were significantly associated with higher rates of CPAN certification in perioperative units!
- ❖ **New Early Bird Discount Examination Fee:** To help those interested in saving some money, a new Early Bird Discount Examination Fee was initiated with the Spring 2015 examination registration window.
- ❖ **Developing ABPANC Leaders:** ABPANC continues to provide *A Little Dose of Leadership* at each meeting of ABPANC volunteers to prepare volunteers for possible leadership positions within ABPANC.
- ❖ **ABPANC and ASPAN Continue to Partner Together:** ABPANC and ASPAN renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which documents each organization's commitment to the other's vision, mission and values. The MOU identifies opportunities for partnering on initiatives to enhance our solid basis for communication and understanding between the two organizations.
- ❖ **Study Strategies Survey:** ABPANC implemented a Study Strategies Survey following the Fall, 2014 examination cycle to identify the study strategies used by those who passed and those who did not. This survey will be disseminated to those taking the Spring 2015 examinations and findings will be shared in an upcoming article.
- ❖ **Promoted National Certified Nurses Day:** ABPANC celebrated National Certified Nurses Day on March 19. The ABPANC website offers suggestions for how institutions might recognize CPAN and CAPA certified nurses. In addition, a free poster can be downloaded from the website.
- ❖ **The Certification Coach Program:** There are 87 Coaches in 32 states. Anyone interested in serving as a Certification Coach may contact Zelda Williams, ABPANC's Program Assistant at [zwilliams@proexam.org](mailto:zwilliams@proexam.org).
- ❖ **ABPANC Leader Resource Team (ALRT):** There are 15 members of this valuable team who provide key support for representing ABPANC at a variety of exhibiting opportunities throughout the country. Former ABPANC Board Members, current and former ASPAN Board members, and current and former ASPAN Component leaders may be invited to serve on ALRT. Currently each region has at least one ALRT member.
- ❖ **ABPANC Website Redesigned:** ABPANC website has been redesigned to enhance navigation and search functions with optimization for mobile devices – to launch June 1, 2015.
- ❖ **Representing ABPANC:** Representatives of ABPANC attended the following meetings or provided CPAN/CAPA information:
  - **IOM Future Directions of Nurse Credentialing Workshop – September 3-4, 2014:** ABPANC was represented at this very important meeting held at the Institute of Medicine, Washington DC, by ABPANC President, Linda Lakdawala and Chief Executive Officer, Bonnie Niebuhr. ABPANC was also a sponsor of this meeting.

- **ABNS Assembly Meetings:** ABPANC President, Linda Lakdawala represented ABPANC at the 10/2014 and 3/2015 Assembly meetings of the American Board of Nursing Specialties in Denver, CO and Houston, TX, respectively;
- **ASPAN Component Meetings:** ABPANC representatives attended 37 ASPAN component meetings reaching a total of 2,943 meeting participants.

### **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

- ✚ **Advocacy Award:** The 14th annual *ABPANC Advocacy Award* was given at the 2014 CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon to Cathy A. Lee, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, CCRN, a perianesthesia nurse at Vanderbilt Outpatient Surgery Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Her story can be found on the ABPANC website.
- ✚ **Component Shining Star Award:** The ABPANC Shining Star Awards program recognizes components that support and promote CPAN® and CAPA® certification at the component level. The following components received the awards during the 2014 CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon: AzPANA, CBSPAN, CSPAN, FLASPAN, GAPAN, ILSPAN, INSPAN, LAPAN, MASPAN, MeSPAN, MNDKSPAN, MOKANPANA, NAPAN, NCAPAN, NPANA, NYSPAN, PANAC, PAPAN, RMPANA, SCAPAN, TAPAN, TSPAN, VT/NH/APAN and WISPAN.
- ✚ **Scholarships Awarded** – 9 scholarships were given to individuals for examination fees; 1 scholarship given to an individual for recertification fees.