



**ABPANC Highlights of the Year
April 2015 – April 2016
CPAN® and CAPA® Certification: Nursing Passion in Action®**

STATISTICS

- There are a total of **11,959** CPAN and CAPA certified nurses representing an overall growth of 2.65% these last 12 months as compared to a growth of 5.06% last year at this time.
- The total number of CPAN certified nurses is **7,205** which represents a 2.64% growth these last 12 months as compared to a growth of 4.36% last year at this time.
- The total number of CAPA certified nurses is **4,754** which represents a 2.68% growth these last 12 months as compared to a growth of 6.14% last year at this time.
- The number of certified nurses that hold **both** the CPAN and CAPA credentials is **612** which represents a 6.25% growth in the number of dually certified these last 12 months as compared to a growth of 10.77% 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!

2015 Examination Pass Rates

	Spring 2015 Exam Window	Fall 2015 Exam Window
CPAN Pass Rate	69%	67%
CAPA Pass Rate	68%	66%

2015 Recertification Rates

	Spring 2015 Recertification Cycle*	Fall 2015 Recertification Cycle*
CPAN Recertification Rate	71% recertified	77% recertified
CAPA Recertification Rate	77% recertified	78% recertified

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

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

- ❖ **ICPAN Conference:** ABPANC President, Linda Lakdawala and Secretary/Treasurer, Annette Brancati, represented ABPANC at the September 2015 ICPAN conference in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- ❖ **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 – 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 PSAs are being broadcast nationally – be on the lookout for one in your city!

- ❖ **The Public's Perspective Launched on ABPANC website:** Read *The Public's Perspective* quarterly column written by ABPANC's Public Member, Stuart Smith, found on the Home Page of the ABPANC website. Hear his perspectives about the value of nursing certification, generally, and CPAN and CAPA certification, specifically, from the public's perspective.
- ❖ **CPAN and CAPA Author Recognition Program Debuts:** Since April, 2015, ABPANC has recognized 76 CPAN and CAPA certified nurses who have published! This program recognizing CPAN and CAPA certified authors is found on the ABPANC website at <http://cpancapa.org/news/cpan-and-capa-authors/>.
- ❖ **Launched My Certification Story on the ABPANC website at <http://cpancapa.org/benefits/my-certification-story/>.** Read the stories of perianesthesia nurses just like you to get a better understanding of the benefits of certification and what it is like to prepare for the exam. Share your story with other nurses who may be considering CPAN and CAPA certification. Your inspirational message may be all they need to make the same commitment you did and join nearly 12,000 other perianesthesia nurses who are certified.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Promoted Perianesthesia Nurse Awareness Week:** ABPANC celebrated Perianesthesia Nurse Awareness Week February 1 – 7, by creating a new poster for free download on our website.
- ❖ **Promoted National Certified Nurses Day:** ABPANC celebrated National Certified Nurses Day on March 19 by creating a new, free Certified Nurses Day Promo Kit, which included posters, ribbons to wear, and CPAN/CAPA information. The free poster download page on our website had 3650 visits.
- ❖ **New ABPANC Award Created - the ABPANC Certification Achievement Award –** Will Recognize Units with 75% of Eligible Staff CPAN and/or CAPA Certified. Information about the new Award is on our home page and will be promoted in Fall 2016.
- ❖ **ABPANC Website Redesigned:** A new and improved ABPANC website was launched May 1, 2015, redesigned to enhance navigation and search functions with a mobile friendly design! The new website is averaging more than 10,000 user sessions per month.
- ❖ **Launched the new Study Question of the Week** on the ABPANC website. Each Wednesday at 6 am ET, ABPANC posts a CPAN® and a CAPA® study question. Use these questions to test your knowledge, display in your unit and discuss with your colleagues. The answer, along with the next week's question, will be posted the following Wednesday at 6 am. Over 3,000 individuals have subscribed to the CPAN and CAPA Study Question of the Week!
- ❖ **Social Media Programs Have Become an Important Communications Channel:** ABPANC is regularly posting news and information on Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube with more than 3000 friends on Facebook, 2000 connections on LinkedIn, and 1000 video views on YouTube.
- ❖ **2015-2016 Role Delineation Study (RDS) completed in February, 2016.** This study forms the basis for the CPAN and CAPA certification examination test blueprints. Minor changes to the test blueprints will be announced later in 2016 and changes will be incorporated into the Fall 2017 examinations.
- ❖ **Representing ABPANC:** Representatives of ABPANC attended the following meetings or provided CPAN/CAPA information:

- **American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) Assembly Meetings:** ABPANC Board Member Cidalia Vital, represented ABPANC at its Fall 2015 Assembly meeting in Rosemont, IL. President Linda Lakdawala and Board Member Vicki Yfantis represented ABPANC at the March 2015 multidisciplinary National Convening – Building the Business Case for Certification, sponsored by ABNS.
- **ASPAN Component Meetings:** ABPANC representatives attended 28 ASPAN component meetings and ABPANC literature was sent to 10 others, reaching a total of 2,448 meeting participants.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Advocacy Award: The 15th annual *ABPANC Advocacy Award* was given at the 2015 CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon to Gloria Luu, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA. She is a charge nurse in the PACU at the Department of Veteran’s Administration, San Francisco, CA. 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 2015 CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon: AzPANA, PANAC, CBSPAN, CSPAN, FLASPAN, GAPAN, ILSPAN, INSPAN, KSPAN, LAPAN, MESPAN, MASPAN, MAPAN, MNDKSPAN, MOKAN PANA, NAPAN, NYSPANA, PANANM, NCAPAN, NPANA, OPANA, PAPAN, SCAPAN, TSPAN, TAPAN, VT/NH APAN, WISPAN.

Scholarships Awarded – 11 scholarships were given to individuals for examination fees; 1 scholarship given to an individual for recertification fees.