



ABPANC Highlights of the Year
April 2016 – April 2017
CPAN® and CAPA® Certification: Nursing Passion in Action®

STATISTICS

- There are a total of 12,167 CPAN and CAPA certified nurses which represents an overall growth of 1.74% these last 12 months as compared to a growth of 2.65% last year at this time.
- The total number of CPAN certified nurses is 7,274 which represents a 1% growth these last 12 months as compared to a growth of 2.64% last year at this time.
- The total number of CAPA certified nurses is 4,893 which represents a 2.9% growth these last 12 months as compared to a growth of 2.68% last year at this time.
- The number of certified nurses that hold **both** the CPAN and CAPA credentials is **629** which represents a 2.8% growth in the number of dually certified these last 12 months as compared to a growth of 6.25% 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!

2016 Examination Pass Rates

	Spring 2016 Exam Window	Fall 2016 Exam Window
CPAN Pass Rate	66%	61%
CAPA Pass Rate	64%	66%

2016 Recertification Rates

	Spring 2016 Recertification Cycle*	Fall 2016 Recertification Cycle*
CPAN Recertification Rate	76%	74%
CAPA Recertification Rate	77%	77%

NEW STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- ❖ **Retirement Status Program:** ABPANC will announce its newly approved Retirement Status program at the April, 2017 ASPAN National Conference. This program is for nurses who have previously held the CPAN and/or CPAN credentials and are currently retired from perianesthesia nursing. The purpose of this program is to officially recognize CPAN and CAPA nurses who have retired from perianesthesia nursing and wish to remain engaged with ABPANC. Details are available on the ABPANC website.
- ❖ **Mobile Study App:** In January ABPANC launched its new CPAN/CAPA Study App with 25 CPAN and 25 CAPA study questions optimized for easy use on any mobile phone or tablet. The App is available on iTunes and the Google Play store for \$9.95. 465 were sold in the first 60 days.
- ❖ **Reinstatement of an Expired Credential:** ABPANC introduced a new policy effective in the Fall, 2016 for those individuals who met all eligibility requirements to recertify their CPAN or CAPA credential but missed the recertification deadline for whatever reason. The Reinstatement Fee is \$150 and the process is described in the Expiration Notice sent to all those who do not submit an online recertification application by the stated deadline. Learn more by contacting Philip Godlewski, ABPANC Program Associate at pgodlewski@proexam.org.
- ❖ **More Contact Hours May Be Earned for Practice Exams:** As of January 27, ABPANC is able to offer 8 contact hours to candidates who complete 2 practice exams. With the BOGO promotion, candidates can purchase 2 practice exam forms for \$50 dollars!

ONGOING STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- ❖ **Resources for CPAN/CAPA Examination Candidates**
 - **Study Question of the Week:** Each Wednesday at 6 am ET, ABPANC posts a study question. The answer, along with the next week's question, is posted the following Wednesday at 6 am. These questions are used to test one's knowledge, display in units and create an opportunity to discuss with nurse and physician colleagues alike. 5,120 individuals have subscribed to the CPAN and CAPA Study Question of the Week. Sign up at <http://cpancapa.org/resources/study-tools/question-of-the-week-signup/>.
 - **ABPANC Certification Coaches continue to be Grassroots Certification Mentors:** ABPANC now has 110 certification coaches in 31 states. In 2016, ABPANC Certification Coaches worked with 60 nurses seeking CPAN/CAPA Certification! Contact Zelda Williams at zwilliams@proexam.org to find a coach in your area, or if you are interested in becoming an ABPANC Certification Coach.
- ❖ **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.

❖ **Celebrating Certified Nurses:**

- **Promoted national *Certified Nurses Day*:** ABPANC celebrated national *Certified Nurses Day* on March 19 by distributing 200 free *Certified Nurses Day* Promo Kits, which included posters, ribbons to wear, and CPAN/CAPA information. This was promoted in ABPANC social media and more than doubled our requests for kits from last year.
- **Promoted *Perianesthesia Nurse Awareness Week*:** ABPANC celebrated *Perianesthesia Nurse Awareness Week* February 6 – 12, 2017 by promoting it in social media, plus offering a poster for free download on our website.
- ***CPAN and CAPA Author Recognition Program*:** In 2016 ABPANC recognized 184 CPAN and CAPA certified nurses who have published! This program is found on the ABPANC website at <http://cpancapa.org/news/cpan-and-capa-authors/>.
- ***My Certification Story on the ABPANC website*.** We now have 19 testimonials from CPAN or CAPA certified nurses who offer advice for successfully preparing for the exam, while sharing their own story of the value it brings to their life and their patients. Share your story with other nurses who may be considering CPAN and CAPA certification at <http://cpancapa.org/benefits/my-certification-story/>. Your inspirational message may be all they need to make the same commitment you did and join over 12,000 other perianesthesia nurses who are certified.

❖ **ABPANC Website:** We continue to optimize and improve the new website with fresh content and new resources for CPAN and CAPA nurses, as well as those pursuing certification. The website, <http://cpancapa.org> is averaging more than 10,000 user sessions per month.

❖ **Social Media Programs Have Become an Important Communications Channel:** ABPANC is regularly posting news and information on Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube with more than 3,200 friends on Facebook, 2000 connections on LinkedIn, and 2000 video views on YouTube.

❖ ***The Public's Perspective*:** 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.

❖ **Representing ABPANC:** Representatives of ABPANC attended the following meetings or provided CPAN/CAPA information:

- **American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) Assembly Meetings:** President-Elect, Vicki Yfantis represented ABPANC at the Fall 2016 ABNS Meeting in Chicago, IL. President Linda Lakdawala and President-Elect Vicki Yfantis represented ABPANC at the ABNS Spring 2017 Assembly Meeting in Tampa, Florida.
- **ASPAN Component Meetings:** ABPANC representatives attended 30 ASPAN component meetings and ABPANC literature was sent to 15 others, reaching a total of 2905 meeting participants.
- **Association of Test Publishers (ATP) *Innovations in Testing Conference*:** At the March, 2017 ATP meeting, ABPANC Program Director, Jane Kogan, presented on a panel entitled "When they

Practice, You Can Learn: Innovations in Practice Exam Use” and discussed the ABPANC Practice Exam Program.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❖ **Certification Achievement Award:** This award recognizes units with 75% of Eligible Staff CPAN and/or CAPA Certified. Four hospitals were given this award for their certification achievement in 2016 and were announced on Certified Nurses Day 2017: Amita Health, Adventist Medical Center, Bolingbrook, Illinois; Lowell General Surgery Center, Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Mebane Surgery Center, Mebane, North Carolina; Oak Hill Hospital, Brooksville, Florida. Congratulations to the first hospitals to achieve this award!
- ❖ **Advocacy Award:** The 16th annual ABPANC Advocacy Award was given at the 2016 CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon to Nancy Carr Atkinson, RN, CAPA, St. Elizabeth’s Healthcare, Outpatient Surgery Center, Edgewood, Kentucky.
- ❖ **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 Shining Star Award during the 2016 CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon: AzPANA, PANAC, CBSPAN, CSPAN, FLASSPAN, GAPAN, ILSPAN, INSPAN, KSPAN, LAPAN, MAPAN, MASPAN, MeSPAN, MNDKSPAN, MOKAN PANA, NAPAN, NCAPAN, NYSPAN, NPANA, OPANA, PAPAN, SCAPAN, TAPAN, VT/NH APAN, WISPAN.
- ❖ **Scholarships Awarded: In this past 12 months,** 8 Scholarships were awarded for Initial Certification. There were no applications received for Recertification Scholarships. ABPANC Scholarship Applications are available at: <http://cpancapa.org/resources/scholarship-program/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ ABPANC announces the retirement of their CEO, Bonnie Niebuhr, MS, RN, CAE, as of December 31, 2017. Bonnie has served ABPANC in this role since July 1995. A search for her replacement is underway.