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American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc.

Historical Milestones of American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification

1980–Present



1980–1992



1980

ASPAN convenes Certification Committee to investigate the feasibility of specialty certification.



1984

ASPAN supports autonomous Certification Board



1985

American Board of Postanesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. incorporated in the state of Delaware with offices in Richmond, VA.



1986

172 nurses are certified when the first CPAN certification examination was offered in November.



1989

Total number of CPAN certified nurses exceeds 1000.

The class of 1986 complete the first recertification examination.



1991

Total number of CPAN certified nurses exceeds 2000.

CPAN examinations expand to 200 questions including content relating to ambulatory postanesthesia nursing care.

ABPANC strategic plan includes investigation of an ambulatory certification.



1992

First Consumer Member elected to the ABPANC Board of Directors.

ABPANC votes to proceed with separate certification for Ambulatory Post Anesthesia Nurses; first consumer member elected to ABPANC Board of Directors

1993–1996



1993

Total number of CPAN certified nurses exceeds 3000.

CPAN-certified nurses surveyed by ABPANC to determine satisfaction with certification process.



1995

CAPA designation changed to reflect changing health care trends after survey of CAPA-certified nurses; Certified Ambulatory PeriAnesthesia nurse



1994

Recertification program revised to streamline continuing education categories from seven to two.

CPAN role delineation and validation revisited.

CPAN exam practice areas condensed from five to two.

First class of Ambulatory Post Anesthesia Nurses certified as CAPA by ABPANC!



1996

Total number of CPAN certified nurses exceeds 4000.

Total number of CAPA certified nurses exceeds 1000.

ABPANC offices moved to NYC and PES hired as management services firm.

Strategic planning meeting held at Midmark, facilitated by Christine Breu.

ABPANC Mission statement identified.

Name of organization changed to reflect changing practice environment – *American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc.*

1997–2000



1997

ABPANC becomes a member of ABNS.

First group of CAPA-certified nurses take the recertification exam.

Began participation in National Nursing Certification Research Coalition.

Recertification Task force convened to redesign the recertification program.

Pledge 2000 campaign initiated.

New board orientation implemented.

Strategic Plan retreat held with Bud Crouch.



1999

Vision statement and values articulated by Board of Directors.

New logo adopted

RDS Task Force convened

New conceptual model for certification approved by Board of Directors.

Recommendations of a Recertification Task Force approved.

ABPANC website is introduced.



1998

Recertification Reengineering Task Force convened.

Changes to recertification program approved by Board of Directors.

A marketing firm is selected and hired.



2000

Total certified nurses exceeds 5000 | CPAN: 4044 | CAPA: 1473

Results of RDS presented and approved by Board of Directors, including new framework for CPAN and CAPA blueprints, change in clinical practice hour requirement, and decreased exam to 150 questions.

Roll out of newly designed blueprints.

2001–2003

2001

Total certified: 5,439 | CPAN: 3,933 | CAPA: 1,506

Roll out of RDS results initiated at ASPAN national conference in Boston.

RDS article published in June JOPAN.

First exams based on new blueprints administered in November.

Passing point study conducted, pass rates set at 77%.

New marketing initiatives implemented.

Grass roots campaign – Board exhibit kits; certification Champion program and Certification Coach program.

2002

Total certified: 5,451 | CPAN: 3,877 | CAPA: 1,574

Term of office for President and President-Elect increased to two years each.

3.7% increase growth in overall CPAN and CAPA numbers.

Participated in *Nursing's Agenda for the Future – A Call to the Professions*; 2nd editions of Practice exams developed

Testing Teddy premieres at conference. Environmental analysis conducted with ASPAN leaders.

2003

Total certified: 5,651 | CPAN: 3,921 | CAPA: 1,730

Two new awards announced:

- Shining Star Award to recognize component support and recognition activities of CPAN and CAPA certification
- ABPANC Leadership Circle – designed for units that achieve 100% of eligible nurses becoming CPAN and/or CAPA certified.

First ever Better Leader Book Club held prior to ASPAN conference with ASPAN leaders as invited guests.

2004–2007



2004

Total certified: 5,869 | CPAN: 3,980 | CAPA: 1,889

The CPAN and CAPA examinations programs received initial accreditation by the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS). Accreditation granted for 5 years



2005

Total certified: 6,568 | CPAN: 4,348 | CAPA: 2,200

ABPANC celebrates 20th anniversary!

RDS begins under auspices of PES.



2006

Total certified: 6,865 | CPAN: 4,389 | CAPA: 2,476

ABPANC celebrates 20th anniversary of CPAN credential!

RDS completed; minor changes to blueprints approved by BOD.

Online practice exams are launched.



2007

Total certified: 7,480 | CPAN: 4,729 | CAPA: 2,751

ABPANC Leader Resource Team created – comprised of former ABPANC board members whose role it is to support the current board in its exhibiting and promotion of certification activities.

ABPANC one of 20 organizations participating in the ABNS study – The Perceived Value of Specialty Nursing Certification. ABNS and ABPANC results presented at 2007 ASPAN National Conference.

Conducted Environmental Scan and Trends survey in collaboration with ASPAN.

Passing Point Study conducted in March, 2007.

ABPANC website completely redesigned.

Clinical practice eligibility requirement for initial certification changed to require direct hands-on patient care.

2008–2010



2008

Total certified: 8,076 | CPAN: 5,063 | CAPA: 3,013 | Dual-Certified: 297

Work towards launching on-line application process for both examination and recertification programs and initiating computer-based testing in April 2009 continued

ABNS reaccreditation application to be submitted in September, 2008; New marketing campaign launched

An exciting “first” for ABPANC – Public member, Patrick Jones, PhD, elected to the President-Elect position!



2009

Total certified: 8,577 | CPAN: 5,325 | CAPA: 3,252 | Dual-Certified: 298

A new online examination application was launched January, 2009 and CBT began in April, 2009. An online recertification system launched August, 2009

ABNS reaccreditation of the CPAN and CAPA certification programs was granted until February 2014



2010

Total certified: 8,847 | CPAN: 5,484 | CAPA: 3,363 | Dual-Certified: 349

ABPANC celebrates 25th anniversary!

Beginning with the fall 2010 examination registration window, the window will be increased from 6 weeks to 8 weeks.

New CPAN and CAPA Practice Examinations launch July 1, 2010; Newly designed ABPANC website launched – www.cpancapa.org



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2011–2012



2011

Total certified: 9,177 | CPAN: 5,654 | CAPA: 3,523 | Dual-Certified: 391

ABPANC celebrates 25 year anniversary of CPAN® credential!

23 CPAN certified nurses have maintained CPAN certification since its inception.

ABPANC, in collaboration with ASPAN, conducted a survey of the environment in Spring 2010. 11,244 ASPAN Members were sent a link to a survey and 2,774 completed the survey for a 24.7% return rate.

ABPANC, along with 26 other specialty nursing certification organizations, are participating in a National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI) Research Project which began in November 2010.



2011 Cont.

The 2010–2011 Role Delineation Study (also known as a Study of Practice or Job Analysis) was completed in March 2011 and changes to the CPAN® and CAPA® test blueprints were announced in April. Changes to the blueprints took effect with the Fall 2012 CPAN® and CAPA® examinations.



2012

Total certified: 10,184 | CPAN: 6,250 | CAPA: 3,934 | Dual-Certified: 435

ABPANC celebrates exceeding 10,000 certificants!

Launch: The new ABPANC Study (Lesson) Plan – This plan is based on the ABPANC examination blueprints and a recommended timeframe to study which can be organized based on an individual's needs, available on ABPANC's website.



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2013–2015



2013

Total certified: 10,465 | CPAN: 6,412 | CAPA: 4,053 | Dual-Certified: 462

The ABPANC Board of Directors joined with 13 other nursing certification organizations to endorse the Statement of Continuing Competence for Nursing: A Call to Action. The statement, developed by a Continuing Competence Task Force (CCTF) convened by the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN), provides a definition for professional competence in specialty nursing. The Statement may be found on the ABNS website at www.nursingcertification.org.

ABPANC was invited to partner with the Competency and Credentialing Institute (CCI) to participate in a webinar that focused on the CNOR certification program and the CPAN/CAPA certification programs. Deirdre Gage Cronin, ABPANC's President, provided information about ABPANC's programs and the differences between them and the CNOR program.



2013 Cont.

ABPANC's Immediate Past President, Kathy Paskewitz, RN, CPAN, was honored at the Spring 2013 ABNS Assembly meeting in Las Vegas, NV in recognition of the ABNS Leaders' Legacy Lecture Series. This program honors the insights, contributions, and dedication of nursing certification leaders.



2014

Total certified: 11,500 | CPAN: 6,958 | CAPA: 4,542 | Dual-Certified: 500

ABPANC celebrates 20th anniversary of CAPA credential!

Over 100 CAPA certified nurses have maintained CAPA certification since its inception.



2015

Total certified: 11,959 | CPAN: 7,205 | CAPA: 4,754 | Dual-Certified: 612

ABPANC celebrates 30th anniversary!

2016–2021



2016

Total certified: 12,167 | CPAN: 7,274 | CAPA: 4,893 | Dual-Certified: 629

ABPANC celebrates 30 year anniversary of CPAN credential!

17 CPAN certified nurses have maintained CAPA certification since its inception.



2017

Total certified: 12,580 | CPAN: 7,439 | CAPA: 5,141 | Dual-Certified: 676

ABPANC celebrates surpassing 12,500 nurses certified!



2018

Total certified: 12,368 | CPAN: 6,860 | CAPA: 4,744 | Dual-Certified: 764



2019

Total certified: 12,831 | CPAN: 7,019 | CAPA: 4,976 | Dual-Certified: 836.

ABSNC has awarded ABPANC's programs reaccreditation through April 2024.



2020

ABPANC headquarters move to a new location in New York, NY.

ABPANC joins LinkedIn.



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2022–2025



2021

New logo and website are launched.

Remote proctoring is introduced for CPAN and CAPA candidates.



2022

Flashcard study materials are introduced.

The Board reviewed and updated the Mission Statement for the first time in two decades.



2023

ABPANC begins working with PSI to offer the CPAN exams internationally in 2024.

Exam registration window is extended to 120-days.



2024

Total certified: 12,788 | CPAN: 6,856 | CAPA: 4,986 | Dual-Certified: 946.

ABPANC announces CPAN exams are now available internationally!

ABPANC receives reaccreditation of CPAN® and CAPA® from the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification.

Pediatric Feasibility Task Force is created to determine the need, feasibility, and desired format of a pediatric focused credential.

Education Division is created and a Director of Education & Professional Development is hired.

2022–2025



2025

Total certified: 13,234 | CPAN: 6,856 | CAPA: 4,986 | Dual-Certified: 1,006.

ABPANC celebrates 40th anniversary!

ABPANC expands into continuing education with its first CE-approved webinar, reaching more than 260 learners.

The first International candidates, all from New Zealand, pass their CPAN exam in the March-May window.

Abby, ABPANC's website assistant, powered by BettyAI, is introduced.

Announced the Certified Pediatric Perianesthesia Nurse (CPPN) exam coming in 2027.

Began a new five-year strategic plan.



2026

Total certified: 13,890 | CPAN: 7,455 | CAPA: 5,332 | Dual-Certified: 1,103.

ABPANC celebrates 40th anniversary of CPAN!

ABPANC launches the ABPANC Knowledge Center, expanding access to online continuing education and exam-prep resources, including *Small Steps, Big Impact* microlearning and the *Domains of Perianesthesia* eLearning program.



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