# **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Detailed information about the application and testing process may be found in the *General Testing and Renewal Handbook*, available at

www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/

## TAKING THE EXAM BEFORE GRADUATION

Candidates may be authorized to sit for the examination after all coursework is complete, prior to degree conferral. ANCC will retain the candidate's exam result and will issue certification on the date the requested documents are received, all eligibility requirements are met, and a passing result is on file.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Visit www.nursingworld.org/ourcertifications/ or call our Customer Care Center at 1.800.284.2378.





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ANCC PROUDLY OFFERS CERTIFICATION FOR

# Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Credential: AGACNP-BC





# **Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**

For complete information about this certification, please visit **www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/**, then select Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

# **CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Hold a current, active RN license in a state or territory of the United States or hold the professional, legally recognized equivalent in another country
- Hold a master's, postgraduate, or doctoral degree\* from an adultgerontology acute care nurse practitioner program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) (formerly NLNAC | National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission) A minimum of 500 faculty-supervised clinical hours must be included in the adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner role and population.
- > Three separate, comprehensive graduate-level courses in:
  - Advanced physiology/pathophysiology, including general principles that apply across the lifespan
  - Advanced health assessment, which includes assessment of all human systems, advanced assessment techniques, concepts, and approaches
  - Advanced pharmacology, which includes pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacotherapeutics of all broad categories of agents
- Content in:
  - ▶ Health promotion and/or maintenance
  - Differential diagnosis and disease management, including the use and prescription of pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic interventions

\* For more information, please visit the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification page at www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/

# WHAT TO EXPECT

This certification exam is a computer-based test. This means you can apply year-round and test during a 90-day window at a time and location convenient to you. Applications for this certification will be accepted at any time.

This certification exam is made up of 175 questions (150 scored plus 25 pretest questions that are not scored). You can see the subject areas covered on the exam and the approximate number of questions in each area by reading the Test Content Outline, available at **www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/** The time limit for the exam is 3.5 hours.

After you pass, certification renewal is every 5 years. Between renewals, you can enter and store your professional development credits online as you earn them, making renewal fast and easy! For full renewal requirements, visit **www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/** 

ANCC provides a variety of resources to help you prepare for your certification exam. Detailed test content outlines, references, and sample questions are available for free at **www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/** 

# HOW TO APPLY

Applying for certification is easy and convenient! Start your application online anytime at **www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/** You can enter the following information at your leisure, save it, and return later to finish the application:

- Your personal and professional contact information
- > Your school names, degrees, and graduation dates
- An education validation form (During the online application process, you will see a pop-up PDF of the form that you will download and give to your program faculty to submit.)
- Your transcript(s) (After you complete the online application, a pop-up screen will appear with instructions for submitting your transcript.)
- > Your RN license number, state, and expiration date
- Your MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover

## APPLY ONLINE

Go to the certification page for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and click on the button that says "Apply Online" to set up your account or log on to the system. Using the information you collected above, fill out your application and pay by MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover. You can save your information and return to finish at any time.

# APPLICATION FEE

ANA Member \$295

For members of the American Nurses Association

Organizational affiliate members excluded from this offer unless stated otherwise. You will need your membership ID number and expiration date to use this rate.

#### Non-member \$395

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for details and updated rates.