

ABPANC ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR
APRIL 2010 – APRIL 2011
CPAN® and CAPA® Certification: Nursing Passion in Action

STATISTICS

- There are a total of 9,177 CPAN® and CAPA® certified nurses representing an overall growth of 3.7% this past year. The total number of CPAN® certified nurses is 5,654 which represents a 3.1% growth this past year. The total number of CAPA® certified nurses is 3,523 which represents a 4.8% growth this past year.
- The number of certified nurses that hold **both** the CPAN® and CAPA® credentials is 391, representing a 12% growth in the number of dually certified.
- Of those sitting for the Spring 2010 certification examinations, 72.4% passed the CPAN® examination and 71% passed the CAPA® examination. Of those sitting for the Fall 2010 certification examinations, 69.25% passed the CPAN® examination and 63% passed the CAPA® examination.
- Of the 1,100 CPAN® certified nurses due to renew certification status in Fall 2010 cycle, 81% (891) successfully renewed and 192 expired; of the 634 CAPA® certified nurses due to renew, 81% (514) successfully renewed and 112 expired.
- The Spring, 2011 registration for the CPAN and CAPA examinations is the largest ever! Over 800 candidates have registered to take the examinations April 5 – May 15, 2011! Congratulations to all those perianesthesia nurses willing to take the next step beyond licensure – becoming certified in your specialty!

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- New CPAN® and CAPA® Practice Exams launched on July 16, 2010. ABPANC has taken a new approach to the design of its practice exams so that participants are able to take numerous versions of the CPAN® and/or CAPA® practice exams. In other words, participants are not limited to just one or two practice exams. Now, each 50 question practice exam is designed to randomly select questions from a practice exam bank. Each practice exam taken will offer a unique mix of 50 questions which will ensure minimal to no overlap in questions. The price of each practice exam was reduced from \$50 to \$35 and now, through December 31, 2011, ABPANC is now offering a special promotion, *buy one practice exam and get one free!*
- 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. Survey participants were asked about the degree to which they agreed or disagreed about a listing of trends or issues impacting the field of perianesthesia nursing practice, ASPAN, credentialing, and CPAN® and CAPA® certification as it applied to themselves or their workplace. The data has been used by ABPANC to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to address issues identified.
- 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. Phase I will identify trends related to specialty certified RNs in acute care hospitals from 2003-2009. Data about the CPAN® and CAPA® credentials has been collected during this timeframe by NDNQI. This Phase will identify (1) specialty certification trends that are related to the hospital structure, characteristics of Magnet® status, staffed bed size, ownership, teaching status, and location; and (2) specialty certification trends among different unit types, including the PACU and ambulatory care settings.

- ABPANC and ASPAN renewed the 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.
- 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 will be announced beginning in April. Changes to the blueprints will be effective beginning with the Fall 2012 CPAN® and CAPA® examinations.
- ABPANC has implemented sending an additional Recertification Reminder Postcard to certified nurses due to recertify. This "reminder" will be sent one year prior to the expiration date, in addition to the First Renewal Notice (sent 120 days prior to the expiration date) and the Second Renewal Postcard (sent 45 days prior to the expiration date). (The Recertification Reminder Postcard for those due to expire 11/01/2012 was sent out on February 25th, the "reminder" for those due to expire 5/01/2012 will go out by May 1st.)
- In 2010, ABPANC celebrated its 25th anniversary! At the March, 2011 ABNS Assembly meeting, a plaque commemorating the occasion was given to ABPANC.
- In 2011, the 25th anniversary of the CPAN® credential is being celebrated. 23 perianesthesia nurses have remained CPAN® certified since the first exam was given in 1986. Celebratory activities are planned in conjunction with the 2011 ASPAN National Conference in Seattle, WA.
- ABPANC celebrated National Certified Nurses Day on March 19. The ABPANC website offered 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 123 Coaches in 34 states. Anyone interested in serving as a Certification Coach may contact Zelda Williams, ABPANC's Program Assistant at zwilliams@proexam.org.
- The ABPANC Leader Resource Team (ALRT) is comprised of 29 members 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, former Champions and current and former ASPAN Component leaders may be invited to serve on ALRT.
- Representatives of ABPANC attended the following meetings or provided CPAN/CAPA information:
 - American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS);
 - Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE)
 - ASPAN's Component Leadership Symposium;
 - Component Meetings: 37 ASPAN component meetings were attended by ABPANC representatives and reached a total of 2,654 participants.

AWARDS

- The tenth annual ABPANC Award for Advocacy was given at the 2010 CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Breakfast to Vonda Kay Fitch, RN, CPAN, CAPA. Vonda works in the Same Day Unit, of Carlsbad Medical Center, in Carlsbad, NM.
- The ABPANC Shining Star Award – to recognize components that support and promote CPAN® and CAPA® certification at the component level - was given to AzPANA, FLASPAN, MASPAN, NAPAN, NPANA, OPANA, PAPAN, and TAPAN during the 2010 CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Breakfast.
- The following units remained in the ABPANC Leadership Circle – which recognizes units that achieve 100% certification of its eligible Perianesthesia Nursing Staff: The Day Surgery Unit and PACU of Rush Copley Medical Center in Aurora, Illinois and the PACU of North Country Health System in Newport, Vermont.