

HISTORICAL EVENTS OF AMERICAN BOARD OF PERIANESTHESIA NURSING CERTIFICATION

1980-2019

1980 – ASPAN convenes Certification Committee to investigate 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- First CPAN certification examination offered in November. 172 nurses are certified

1989- Total certified - CPAN exceeds 1000

Class of 1986 recertify through examination or continuing education options: CPAN's exceed 1000

1991- Total certified - CPAN exceeds 2000

ABPANC strategic plan includes investigation of ambulatory certification; CPAN examinations expand to 200 questions including content related to ambulatory postanesthesia nursing care;

1992- ABPANC votes to proceed with separate certification for Ambulatory Post Anesthesia Nurses; first consumer member elected to ABPANC Board of Directors

1993- Total certified - CPAN exceeds 3000

CPAN's surveyed by ABPANC to determine satisfaction with certification process

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

1995- CAPA designation changed to reflect changing health care trends after survey of CAPA's; Certified Ambulatory PeriAnesthesia nurse

1996 - Total certified - CPAN exceeds 4000; CAPA 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- ABPANC became associate member of ABNS; Professional ad developed and published; 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; First group of CAPA's renewed; Strategic Plan retreat held with Bud Crouch

1998- Recertification Reengineering Task Force convened; changes to recertification program approved by Board of Directors; Marketing firm selected/hired.

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; new booth used at ASPAN conference in Hawaii; Recommendations of recertification task force approved; Direct Care/Indirect Care concepts incorporated; ABPANC website introduced

2000 - Total certified – 5,517 – CPAN 4,044, - CAPA 1,473

Results of RDS presented and approved by Board, including new framework for CPAN and CAPA blueprints, change in clinical practice hour requirement; decrease to 150 questions; roll out plan of newly designed blueprints.

2001 - Total certified – 5,439 – CPAN 3,933, - CAPA 1,506

First Advocacy Award winner: Carolyn Bennett, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, Phoenix, Arizona

Roll out of RDS results initiated at ASPAN National conference in Boston; RDS article published in June JOPAN. First exams based on new blueprints given 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

Advocacy Award winner: Joann Groff, RN, CAPA, Maine

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 premiers at conference. Environmental analysis conducted with ASPAN leaders

2003 - Total certified – 5,651 – CPAN 3,921, - CAPA 1,730

Advocacy Award winner: Maria Dittmar, RN, CPAN, Syracuse, NY

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 - Total certified – 5,869 – CPAN 3,980, - CAPA 1,889

Advocacy Award winner: Denise Darby, RN, CAPA, New Hampshire

First Shining Star Award – MESPAN

First Leadership Circle Awards – St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Day Surgery Center, Houston, TX; north County Hospital and Health Center, Inc, PACU, Newport VT; Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU, Aurora, IL

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

2005- ABPANC celebrates 20th anniversary.

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

Advocacy Award winner: Emily Allen, BSN, RN, CPN, CPAN, Oklahoma.

Shining Star Awards: AzPANA and NPANA

Leadership Circle Awards: St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Day Surgery Center, Houston, TX; North County Hospital and Health Center, Inc., PACU, Newport, VT; and Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU, Aurora, IL.

RDS begins under auspices of PES.

2006 - Total certified: 6,865 - CPAN 4,389; CAPA 2,476

ABPANC celebrates 20th anniversary of CPAN credential.

Advocacy Award winner: Sara Waldron, RN, CPAN, Tucson, Arizona

Shining Star Awards: AzPANA, MeSPAN and OSPAN

Leadership Circle Awards: St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Day Surgery Center, Houston, TX; Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU, Aurora, IL.

RDS completed; minor changes to blueprints approved by BOD

On-line Practice Exams launched!

2007 - Total certified: 7,480 - CPAN 4,729; CAPA 2,751

Advocacy Award winner: Eileen Dalton, RN, BSN, CPAN Tucson Arizona

Shining Star Awards: AzPANA and MeSPAN

Leadership Circle Awards: Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU, Aurora, IL and PACU at North Country Health System in Newport, VT

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.

Number of board members increased from 9 to 11.

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. Launched new exhibit booth at conference; ABPANC website completely redesigned; Clinical practice eligibility requirement for initial certification changed to require direct hands-on patient care

2008 - We reached the 8,000 mark!!!

Total certified: 8,076 – CPAN 5,063; CAPA 3,013; 297 dually certified.

Advocacy Award winner: Judy Duersch, BSN, RN, CPAN, Salt Lake City, Utah

Shining Star Awards: AzPANA, MeSPAN, MASPAN, and NAPAN

Leadership Circle Awards: Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU, Aurora, IL.

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; 298 dually certified

Advocacy Award winner: Jonah Enriquez, RN, BSN, CPAN, CAPA, Plano, Texas

Shining Star Awards: AZPANA, CBSPAN, FLASPAN, MESPAN, MASPAN

Leadership Circle Awards: The Day Surgery Unit and PACU of Rush Copley Medical Center, Aurora, Illinois and the PACU of North Country Health System, Newport, Vermont. Two new units were inducted into the Leadership Circle - the PACU of Phoenix Integrated Health Care System, located in Phoenix, Arizona and the Providence Surgery Center located in Missoula, Montana

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 – ABPANC celebrates 25th anniversary!

Total certified: 8,847 – CPAN 5,484; CAPA 3,363; 349 dually certified.

Advocacy Award winner: Vonda Kay Fitch, RN, CPAN, CAPA, who works in the Same Day Unit, of Carlsbad Medical Center, in Carlsbad, New Mexico

Shining Star Awards: AZPANA, FLASPAN, MESPAN, MASPAN, NAPAN, NPANA, OPANA, PAPAN, TAPAN

Leadership Circle Awards: The Day Surgery Unit and PACU of Rush Copley Medical Center, Aurora, Illinois and the PACU of North Country Health System, Newport, Vermont.

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

2011 – ABPANC celebrates 25 year anniversary of CPAN® credential!!! 23 CPAN certified nurses have maintained CPAN certification since its inception.

Total certified: 9,177 – CPAN 5,654; CAPA 3,523; 391 dually certified

Advocacy Award winner: Kundry Grove, BSN, RN, CAPA, Staff Nurse, who works in the Outpatient Surgery Unit of Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, PA.

Shining Star Awards: AzPANA, CBSPAN, FLASPAN, KSPAN, MASPAN, MeSPAN, MO KAN PANA, NPANA, OPANA, PAPAN, SCAPAN, TAPAN.

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!

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.

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.

2012 – ABPANC celebrates!!! Exceeds 10,000 mark

Total certified – 10,184 – CPAN 6,250,- CAPA 3,934 of which 435 are dually certified

Advocacy Award winner: Connie Hardy Tabet, RN, CPAN, CAPA University of New Mexico Hospital, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Shining Star Awards –AZPANA, CBSPAN, FLASpan, ILSPAN, INSPAN, LAPAN, MASPAN, MESPAN, MOKANPANA, NCAPAN, NPANA, NAPAN, NYSPAN, PANANM, PAPAN, SCAPAN, and TAPAN

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.

2013 – Total certified – 10,465 – CPAN 6,412, - CAPA 4,053 of which 462 are dually certified

Advocacy Award winner: Peggy Running, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, Fairview Ridges Hospital, Burnsville, MN

Shining Star Awards - AZPANA, CBSPAN, FLASpan, GAPAN, LAPAN, MASPAN, MESPAN, NCAPAN, NPANA, PANANM, PAPAN, RMPANA, SCAPAN, TSPAN, TAPAN, WISPAN

The ABPANC Board of Directors has 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.

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, of which 500 are dually certified

ABPANC celebrates 20 year anniversary of CAPA credential. Over 100 CAPA certified nurses have maintained CAPA certification since its inception.

Advocacy Award winner: Cathy A. Lee, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, Vanderbilt Outpatient Surgery Ctr., Nashville, TN

Shining Star Awards: AzPANA, PANAC, CBSPAN, CSPAN, FLASPAN, ILSPAN, INSPAN, LAPAN, MESPAN, MASPAN, MNDKSPAN, MOKAN PANA, NAPAN, NYSPANA, PANANM, NCAPAN, NPANA, PAPAN, SCAPAN, TSPAN, TAPAN, VT/NH APAN, WISPAN.

Scholarships Awarded – 9 scholarships were given to individuals for examination fees, 1 scholarship given to an individual for recertification fees.

2015 – ABPANC celebrates 30th year anniversary!!!

Total certified - 11,959 - CPAN 7,205 - CAPA 4,754, of which 612 are dually certified

Advocacy Award winner: Gloria Luu, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, Dept. of Veteran's Admin., San Francisco, CA

Shining Star Awards: 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.

2016 – Total certified 12,167 - CPAN 7,274 - CAPA 4,893 – of which 629 are dually certified

ABPANC celebrates 30 year anniversary of CPAN credential. 17 CPAN certified nurses have maintained CAPA certification since its inception.

Advocacy Award winner: Nancy Carr Atkinson, RN, CAPA, St. Elizabeth's Healthcare, Outpatient Surgery Center, Edgewood, Kentucky.

Shining Star Awards: AzPANA, PANAC, CBSPAN, CSPAN, FLASPAN, GAPAN, ILSPAN, INSPAN, KSPAN, LAPAN, MAPAN, MASPAN, MeSPAN, MNDKSPAN, MOKAN PANA, NAPAN, NCAPAN, NYSPANA, NPANA, OPANA, PAPAN, SCAPAN, TAPAN, VT/NH APAN, WISPAN.

2017 – ABPANC celebrates!!! Exceeds 12,500 mark

Total certified 12,580 - CPAN 7,439 - CAPA 5,141- of which 676 are dually certified

Advocacy Award winner: Brenda Berry, RN, CPAN, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Edgewood, KY

Shining Star Awards: AzPANA, PANAC, CBSPAN, CSPAN, FLASPAN, GAPAN, ILSPAN, INSPAN, KSPAN, LAPAN, MESPAN, MASPAN, MAPAN, MNDKSPAN, MOKAN PANA, NAPAN, NYSPANA, PANANM, NCAPAN, OPANA, PAPAN, RMPANA, SCAPAN, TAPAN, WISPAN.

Certification Achievement Award: 75% of Eligible Staff CPAN and/or CAPA Certified: Amita Health, Adventist Medical Center, Bolingbrook, IL; Lowell General Surgery Center, Chelmsford, MA; Mebane Surgery Center, Mebane, NC; Oak Hill Hospital, Brooksville, FL. Congratulations to the first hospitals to achieve this award!

Scholarships Awarded – 6 scholarships were given to individuals for examination fees, 1 scholarship given to an individual for recertification fees.

2018 – Total certified - 12,368, - CPAN 6,860 - CAPA 4,744, - Dual-Certified 764

Advocacy Award winner: Suzanne Russell, BSN, RN, CAPA, Surgery Center at Drum Hill, No. Chelmsford, MA

Shining Star Awards: AzPANA, PANAC, CBSPAN, CSPAN, FLASpan, GAPAN, ILSPAN, INSPAN, KSPAN, LAPAN, MESPAN, MASPAN, MAPAN, MNDAKSPAN, MOKAN PANA, NAPAN, NYSPAN, NCAPAN, NPANA, OPANA, PAPAN, RMPANA, SCAPAN, TAPAN, WISPAN.

Certification Achievement Award: 75% CPAN and/or CAPA Certified: Amita Health, Adventist Medical Center, Hinsdale, IL; UPMC Hamot, PACU, Erie, PA; Cedar Sinai Memorial Center, PACU, Los Angeles, CA, St. Elizabeth Hospital, PACU, Gonzales, LA; Tulsa Spine and Specialty Hospital, Recovery, Tulsa, OK; Cone Health Alamance Regional Mebane Surgery Center, Mebane, NC; Jefferson Health, PACU, Stratford, NJ; South Miami Hospital, PACU, South Miami, FL; Tower Health, Reading Hospital SurgiCenter, Wyomissing, PA; Goshen Hospital, PACU, Goshen, IN; Harmony Surgery Center, PACU, Fort Collins, CO; Vail Health, Pre-op/PACU, Vail, CO; Palmetto Health Baptiste, Outpatient Surgery, Columbia, SC; Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, Ambulatory Surgery Center, Grayslake, IL

100% CPAN and/or CAPA certified: Lowell General Surgery Center, Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Oak Hill Hospital, Brooksville, FL; Hilton Head Hospital, PACU, Hilton Head Island, SC; Tacoma General Hospital, Day Surgery, Tacoma, WA

Scholarships Awarded: 11 scholarships were awarded for certification.

2019- Total certified 12,831, - CPAN 7,019, CAPA 4,976, - Dual-Certified 836

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

ABPANC celebrates 25 year anniversary of CAPA credential. 105 CAPA certified nurses have maintained CAPA certification since its inception.

Advocacy Award winner: Ronda Dyer, MSN, BSPA, RN, CPAN, CAPA, CNE, Adventist Health Hanford, Hanford, CA

Shining Star Awards: AzPANA, PANAC, CSPAN, FLASpan, GAPAN, INSPAN, KSPAN, MESPAN, MASPAN, MAPAN, MNDAKSPAN, MOKAN PANA, NAPAN, NYSPAN, OPANA, PAPAN, RMPANA, VT/NH APAN, TAPAN, WISPAN.

Certification Achievement Award: 75% CPAN and/or CAPA Certified – Fairbanks Memorial, PACU, Fairbanks, AK; Cedar Sinai Memorial Center, PACU, Los Angeles, CA

100% CPAN and/or CAPA certified – Valor Health, PACU, Emmett, ID; Wellspan Surgery and Rehab, Pre-OP, York, PA; UPMC Hamot, PACU, Erie, PA

Scholarships Awarded: 18 scholarships awarded for certification and 9 scholarships awarded for recertification fees.