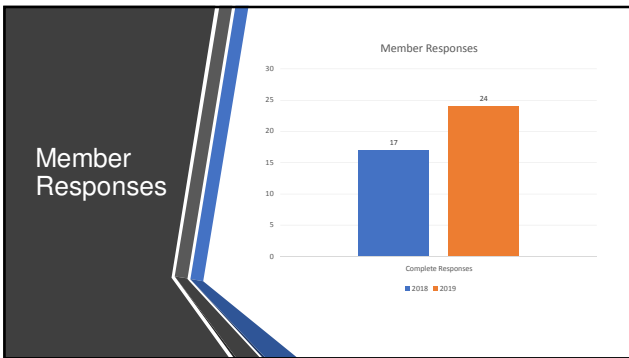
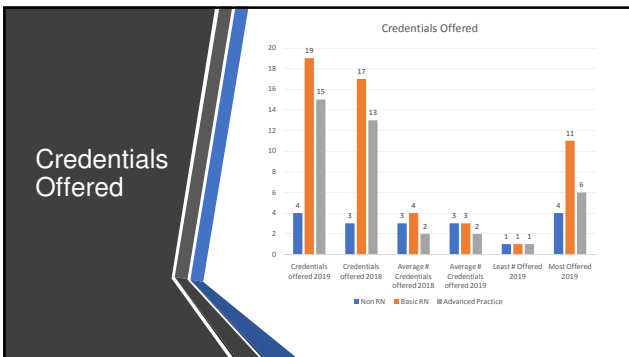


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Member Organization Annual Survey
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Active Certificants by Type

	2012 N=24	2013 N=27	2014 N=28	2015 N=27	2016 N=29	2018 N=24	2019 N=24
Non-RN	47,319	30,610	39,420	89,018	53,361	4,299	9,147
Basic RN	350,450	421,959	471,328	446,447	474,460	363,783	526,442
Advanced	198,804	231,115	247,164	271,056	294,457	287,058	387,021
Total	596,573	683,684	757,912	806,521	822,278	655,140	922,610
Retired							N=22
Non-RN						2	0
Basic RN						3,587	8,569
Advanced						1,349	51,886

Our Credentialed Have A Wide Age Range

*all is a sample

- 1955 - CRNA
- 1971 - CNM
- 1974 - RN-BC
- 1976 - GCRN
- 1976 - FNP - BC
- 1976 - WHNP
- 1977 - Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care
- 1978 - CNRN
- 1980 - Certified Emergency Nurse
- 1984 - Nationally Certified School Nurse
- 1984 - CRRN
- 1985 - CRNI
- 1985 - GGRN
- 1986 - Oncology Certified Nurse
- 1988 - ONC
- 1989 - Certified Addictions RN
- 1993 - Certified Wound Care Nurse
- 1994 - Family Nurse Practitioner
- 2003 - CMSRN
- 1989 - Certified Addictions RN
- 1993 - Certified Wound Care Nurse
- 1994 - Family Nurse Practitioner
- 1997 - HN-BC
- 1997 - HN-BC
- 2003 - CMSRN
- 2003 - Certified Foot Care Nurse
- 2005 - ACHPN
- 2005 - Certified Academic Nurse Educator
- 2013 - NC-BC
- 2014 - ACGNS
- 2014 - Bone and Marrow Transplant Nurse
- 2015 - Wound Treatment Associate - Certified
- 2016 - Trauma Certified Registered Nurse
- 2016 - ACNPC - AG
- 2017 - Certificate of Mastery
- 2019 - NNIC
- 2020 - Certified Diabetes and Education Specialist (previously Certified Diabetes Educator (1986-2019))

Certification Cycle Length

Non-RN (N = 4)	Basic RN (N = 19)	Advanced (N = 15)
5 years - 2	5 years - 9	5 years - 9
4 years - 1	4 years - 5	4 years - 4
3 years - 1	3 years - 3	3 years - 1
	1 year - 1	1 year - 1
	99 years - 1	

Direct / Indirect Clinical Experience Required

	YES, DIRECT	YES, INDIRECT	NO	TOTAL
Non-RN Practice	50.00% 2	0.00% 0	50.00% 2	4
Basic RN Practice	76.47% 13	11.76% 2	11.76% 2	17
Advanced Practice	93.33% 14	0.00% 0	6.67% 1	15

Educational Degree Eligibility Requirement

	YES	NO	TOTAL
Non-RN Practice	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	3
Basic RN Practice	38.89% 7	61.11% 11	18
Advanced Practice	100.00% 15	0.00% 0	15

Considering BSN Minimum Degree Requirement for Eligibility

	YES	NO	TOTAL
Non-RN Practice	0.00% 0	100.00% 4	4
Basic RN Practice	5.56% 1	94.44% 17	18
Advanced Practice	8.33% 1	91.67% 11	12

CE Required for Exam Eligibility

	YES	NO	TOTAL
Non-RN Practice	25.00% 1	75.00% 3	4
Basic RN Practice	31.58% 6	68.42% 13	19
Advanced Practice	33.33% 5	66.67% 10	15

Changes to Eligibility Requirements Past 12 months

	CLINICAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS	EDUCATIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS	CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS	NO REQUIREMENTS WERE CHANGED	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Non-RN Practice	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 4	4
Basic RN Practice	15.79% 3	5.26% 1	10.53% 2	78.95% 15	19
Advanced Practice	20.00% 3	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	73.33% 11	15

Exam Retake Limits (N = 24)

- None – 13
- 1x per 6 months - 1
- 3x in 12 months. Must wait 60 days between - 1
- 3x in 12 months - 2
- 2x per 12 months - 1
- 2x per 12 months – 90 day waiting period between - 1
- 4x per 12 months - 1

Contact Hours Required Per Recertification Cycle

- Non-RN – None
- Basic RN – 0-100 Hours
- Advanced – 0-100 Hours

Requirement Options Accepted for Recertification

	RETESTING	CE HOURS	CLINICAL EXPERIENCE HOURS	PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES COUNT TOWARDS EARNED HOURS	COMPLETION OF A SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL	DEVELOPMENT OF A PORTFOLIO	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Non-RN Practice	75.00% 3	75.00% 3	25.00% 1	50.00% 2	25.00% 1	0.00% 0	4
Basic RN Practice	71.78% 14	84.44% 17	55.56% 10	72.22% 13	22.22% 4	5.56% 1	18
Advanced Practice	73.33% 11	100.00% 15	53.33% 8	73.33% 11	40.00% 6	6.67% 1	15

Online or Web-based Program to Track Recertification Requirements

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.67%	16
No	20.83%	5
In Development	12.50%	3
TOTAL		24

Certificants are Required to Link Renewal Activities

	YES	NO	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Job Analysis	17.65% 3	82.35% 14	17
Subject Area Domains	50.00% 11	50.00% 11	22
Competence Statements	16.67% 3	83.33% 15	18

Recertification Rate

Average of respondents 2019 data

Practice	N	Avg. Recert Rate	High	Low
Non-RN	3	83.5%	90%	80%
Basic RN	19	79.17%	92%	40%
Advanced	14	58.33%	94%	54%

Fast Facts from Survey Respondents

- 23/24 do a role delineation study every 5 years
- 2/24 plan to add a new certification program in the next 12 months
- 7/24 offer, or are planning to offer, a certificate program
- 6/24 offer inactive status for RN credential holders
- 3/24 offer certification credentialing through a portfolio (no exam)

Practice Exams are Offered for Sale

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.67%	16
No	16.67%	4
Other (please specify)	Responses 16.67%	4
TOTAL		24

**Study Tools are Offered
at no cost or sold to the exam
candidate**

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bibliography	69.57%	16
CE Courses	8.70%	2
Competency Modules	0.00%	0
Core Curriculum	17.39%	4
Review Courses	13.04%	3
Sample Questions	91.30%	21
Study Guide	13.04%	3
Test Blueprint	95.65%	22
Test Taking Tips	47.83%	11
Other (please specify)	Responses 26.09%	6
Total Respondents: 23		

**Who Develops Study
Materials?**

	ALL	PARTIAL	NONE	TOTAL
Consultant / Vendor	21.05% 4	42.11% 8	36.84% 7	19
Staff	6.25% 1	56.25% 9	37.50% 6	16
Volunteers	45.45% 10	40.91% 9	13.64% 3	22

**Website is Inclusive of Information
for
Test Taking Skills and/or Test Prep**

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.17%	19
No	20.83%	5
TOTAL		24

Pass Rate for First-Time Exam Takers

Practice	N	Average	High	Low
Non-RN	4	82%	90%	73%
Basic RN	19	74%	90%	57%
Advanced	15	78%	90%	56%

Exam Delivery Modes

	PAPER/PENCIL	COMPUTER-BASED	COMPUTER ADAPTIVE	SIMULATION	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Non-RN Practice	25.00% 1	100.00% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	4
Basic RN Practice	11.11% 2	100.00% 18	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18
Advanced Practice	0.00% 0	93.33% 14	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	15

Exam Fees and Member Discounts

INITIAL EXAM

- 9/20 offer a membership discount
- Fees for members \$180 - \$400
- Fees for Non-members \$300 - \$995

6/18 raised exam prices this past year

RECERTIFICATION

- 16/23 offer a membership discount
- Fees for members \$100 - \$396
- Fee for non-members \$200 - \$516

When is Testing Offered

Non-RN (N = 4)

- 122, 260, 300, 360 (in days per year)

Basic RN (N = 18)

- Year around = (6)
- Mon – Sat = (1)
- 57, 60, 83, 93, 122, 300 (in days per year)

Advanced (N = 15)

- Year around = (7)
- Mon – Sat = (1)
- 60, 122, 260, 300, 308 (in days per year)

International Data

12/24 offer exams to nurses not licensed in the US

Average Pass Rates

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Non-RN Practice	Responses 0.00%	0
Basic RN Practice	Responses 71.43%	5
Advanced Practice	Responses 28.57%	2

Average Recertification Rates

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Non-RN Practice	Responses 0.00%	0
Basic RN Practice	Responses 71.43%	5
Advanced Practice	Responses 42.86%	3

ABSNC Accreditation

	YES	NO, BUT WE WILL SEEKING ACCREDITATION IN THE NEXT YEAR	NO, WE WILL NOT BE SEEKING ACCREDITATION BY THIS ORGANIZATION	NO, AND WE DO NOT KNOW IF WE WILL SEEK ACCREDITATION	TOTAL
Non-RN Practice	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 2	50.00% 2	4
Basic RN Practice	68.42% 13	10.53% 2	15.79% 3	5.26% 1	19
Advanced Practice	60.00% 9	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	20.00% 3	15

NCCA Accreditation

	YES	NO, BUT WE WILL SEEKING ACCREDITATION IN THE NEXT YEAR	NO, WE WILL NOT BE SEEKING ACCREDITATION BY THIS ORGANIZATION	NO, AND WE DO NOT KNOW IF WE WILL SEEK ACCREDITATION	TOTAL
Non-RN Practice	50.00% 2	0.00% 0	25.00% 1	25.00% 1	4
Basic RN Practice	42.11% 8	0.00% 0	26.32% 5	31.58% 6	19
Advanced Practice	53.33% 8	6.67% 1	20.00% 3	20.00% 3	15

ANSI Accreditation

	YES	NO, BUT WE WILL SEEKING ACCREDITATION IN THE NEXT YEAR	NO, WE WILL NOT BE SEEKING ACCREDITATION BY THIS ORGANIZATION	NO, AND WE DO NOT KNOW IF WE WILL SEEK ACCREDITATION	TOTAL
Non-RN Practice	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 2	50.00% 2	4
Basic RN Practice	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	68.42% 13	31.58% 6	19
Advanced Practice	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	66.67% 10	33.33% 5	15

Organizational Structure / Board Composition

17/24 are completely separate from a membership organization

11/23 have a written formal succession plan

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Board Members Responses	10	233	23
Board Members that are RNs Responses	8	178	22
Public Members Responses	1	24	23
Non-RN members (not counting the public members) Responses	1	18	22
Total Respondents: 23			

Board Composition

18/23 require Specialty Certification for Nurse Board Members

12/23 allow non RNs to hold officer positions

ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
are holding a basic certification credential? Responses	6	138	23
are holding an APRN certification credential? Responses	4	88	20
Total Respondents: 23			

Board Composition

9/23 have board representation from the membership organization

3/23 allow membership organization board members to vote on certification organization business

Board Composition

Board Terms in Years (N = 23)

- 3 year terms - 16
- 4 year terms - 3
- 2 year terms - 2
- 5 year term - 1
- 6 year term - 1

Consecutive Terms (N = 23)

- 6 consecutive terms - 16
- unlimited - 2
- 2 consecutive terms - 2
- 0 consecutive terms - 1
- 8 consecutive terms - 1
- 5 consecutive terms - 1

Communication Vehicles

ANSWER CHOICES	PERCENTAGE	RESPONSES
Facebook	82.61%	19
LinkedIn	65.22%	15
listserv	30.43%	7
mobile app	4.35%	1
Twitter	39.13%	9
organization website	95.65%	22
Instagram	21.74%	5
YouTube	34.78%	8
Reddit	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	Responses	8.70%
Total Respondents: 23		

Trends From Past Year

- Increased interest in certification and applicants
- Increased recertification rates
- Higher pass rates
- Increased concern for exam security / integrity
- LOFT testing
- Decline in recertification rates
- Increased interest internationally
- Increased employer support
- Nurses changing specialties
- LPN certification interest
- Increased interest in review materials
- Difficulty recruiting volunteers
- Increase in accommodation and appeal requests
- Increased interest in sub-specialty certifications
