

your computer-based exam at a time, date and location most convenient for you. You will receive a 90-day testing window.

- 5 Complete the CPNP®-AC Exam on your scheduled date and time.
- 6 Official results are mailed within 2 to 3 weeks of testing. Passing candidates receive a wall certificate and lapel pin, and verification of certification is sent to your state board of nursing.
- 7 Your certification is maintained through required participation in the CPNP®-AC Recertification Program. Methods to maintain your certification include continuing education, clinical practice and completion of our nationally acclaimed Self-Assessment Exercises (SAE). CPNPs® who hold both Acute Care and Primary Care CPNP® certification will participate in the Dually-Certified Recert Program. Visit www.pncb.org to learn more about PNCB Recertification.

How to Prepare

The CPNP®-AC Exam tests knowledge in AC - PNP clinical role activities related to:

1. Assessing and Diagnosing
 - A. Health History
 - B. Physical Examination
 - C. Screening and Diagnostic Tools
 - D. Integrating Assessment Results to Achieve Diagnoses
2. Planning, Implementing, and Evaluating
 - A. Therapeutic Interventions
 - B. Educating
 - C. Evaluating
 - D. Collaborating
 - E. Consulting and Referring
3. Professional Practice Role
 - A. Research
 - B. Education
 - C. Leadership

Exam Tips:

- Look at the Acute Care CPNP® Definition, Exam Content Outline, Suggested Study Resources, Sample Questions and our Exam Tip Sheet at www.pncb.org.
- Try the **PEDs Exam Prep** and earn CE. This practice test helps you become familiar with the structure and presentation of CPNP® exam questions. Acute Care CPNP® exam candidates may benefit from the Health Promotion/Prevention/Anticipatory Guidance and Assessment module. Available now at www.pncb.org.
- Organize a study group to review acute care PNP content and test-taking strategies.
- Take our **Test-taking Strategies** module for CE. This online learning activity is now available at www.pncb.org.
- Consider a review of test questions offered in the Acute Care Self-Assessment Exercises (SAE). This online activity also offers continuing education credit.

For more information, please contact:

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Acute Care Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Examination CPNP®-AC



Leading the Way for a New Certification...

The acclaimed Acute Care Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (CPNP®-AC) Exam was established in 2004 and is the only national certification exam for this advanced practice nursing role recognized by all state boards of nursing and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

The purpose of the Acute Care CPNP® Exam is to validate knowledge required to meet the specialized physiological and psychological needs of children with complex acute, critical and chronic health conditions. The CPNP®-AC responds to rapidly changing clinical conditions, including the recognition and management of emerging health crises, organ dysfunction and failure. CPNP®-AC role activities encompass the range of nurse practitioner practice strategies including the teaching-coaching function, managing health care delivery systems, monitoring and ensuring quality of health care, providing family-centered care, and demonstrating cultural competency. The short-term goal of CPNP®-AC practice is stabilization of the child, minimizing complications and providing physical and psychological care measures. The long-term goal of CPNP®-AC practice is restoration to maximum health potential and reduction of health risks. The CPNP®-AC continuum of care spans geographical settings including but not limited to emergency departments, hospitals, sub-specialty clinics and intensive care units.

Because We Care...

At the PNCB, we make it our mission to promote worldwide excellence in healthcare for children through the highest quality credentialing services. All of our programs are endorsed by the American

Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) and the Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN). This exam is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). The PNCB is a member of the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS).

Benefits of PNCB Certification

- *National assessment of competency to practice in the Acute Care CPNP® role.*
- *Recognition of specialized knowledge and skills in acute care pediatrics by employers, consumers and colleagues.*
- *Privilege to hold the PNCB's CPNP® credential while actively certified.*
- *Participation in respected recertification programs endorsed by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).*

Pathways to Certification

We offer two pathways to CPNP-AC® certification:

Pathway I: For graduates who have successfully completed a PNCB-recognized and nationally accredited graduate nursing program within the past 24 months.

Pathway II: For graduates who have successfully completed a PNCB-recognized and nationally accredited graduate nursing program over 24 months ago.

Eligibility

1. Current RN licensure in the United States or Canada.
2. Completion of an accredited graduate Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (AC - PNP)

program recognized by the PNCB (transcripts and Documentation of PNP Education Form). Check the PNCB web site to view the list of nationally recognized AC - PNP programs.

3. Attestation that applicant holds current PALS.

Additional Eligibility Requirements for Pathway II :

- Documentation of current acute care PNP clinical practice skills through completion of the PNCB's Acute Care PNP Skills Verification Form.
- Attestation that applicant worked 1000 acute care pediatric clinical hours within the past 24 months.

Exam Administration

Computer-based testing (CBT) takes place at hundreds of secure, proctored sites throughout the country. Visit our web site at www.pncb.org to find a location near you. The exam has 175 multiple-choice, one-best-answer questions of which 150 are scored and 25 are non-scored, pre-test items. Allotted testing time is 3 hours, and your pass/fail status is provided immediately after testing. Your official results will be mailed from the PNCB within 2 to 3 weeks of testing.

Steps in Applying and Testing

- ① Select your eligibility pathway for the exam.
- ② Complete our fast and secure application online at www.pncb.org.
- ③ Arrange for supporting documents to be sent to the PNCB. We will accept official electronic versions of all required documents, including transcripts from your PNP program of study. Visit www.pncb.org for details about this process.
- ④ Once all documents are received by the PNCB, your application is complete. You will be notified by email and postcard of exam eligibility. This email includes information on accessing online exam preparation materials and instructions for scheduling