



Celebrating 50 Years of Pediatric Nursing Excellence



A healthier world, one child at a time

PNCB'S MISSION & IMPACT

For 50 years, the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board has been the trusted leader in pediatric nursing certification, championing excellence and inspiring generations of nurses to provide the highest quality care for children. We're dedicated to pediatric credentialing and lifelong learning because we're guided by a passion for pediatric health.



VISION

A healthier world one child at a time.

MISSION

A driving force for quality in pediatric nursing globally.

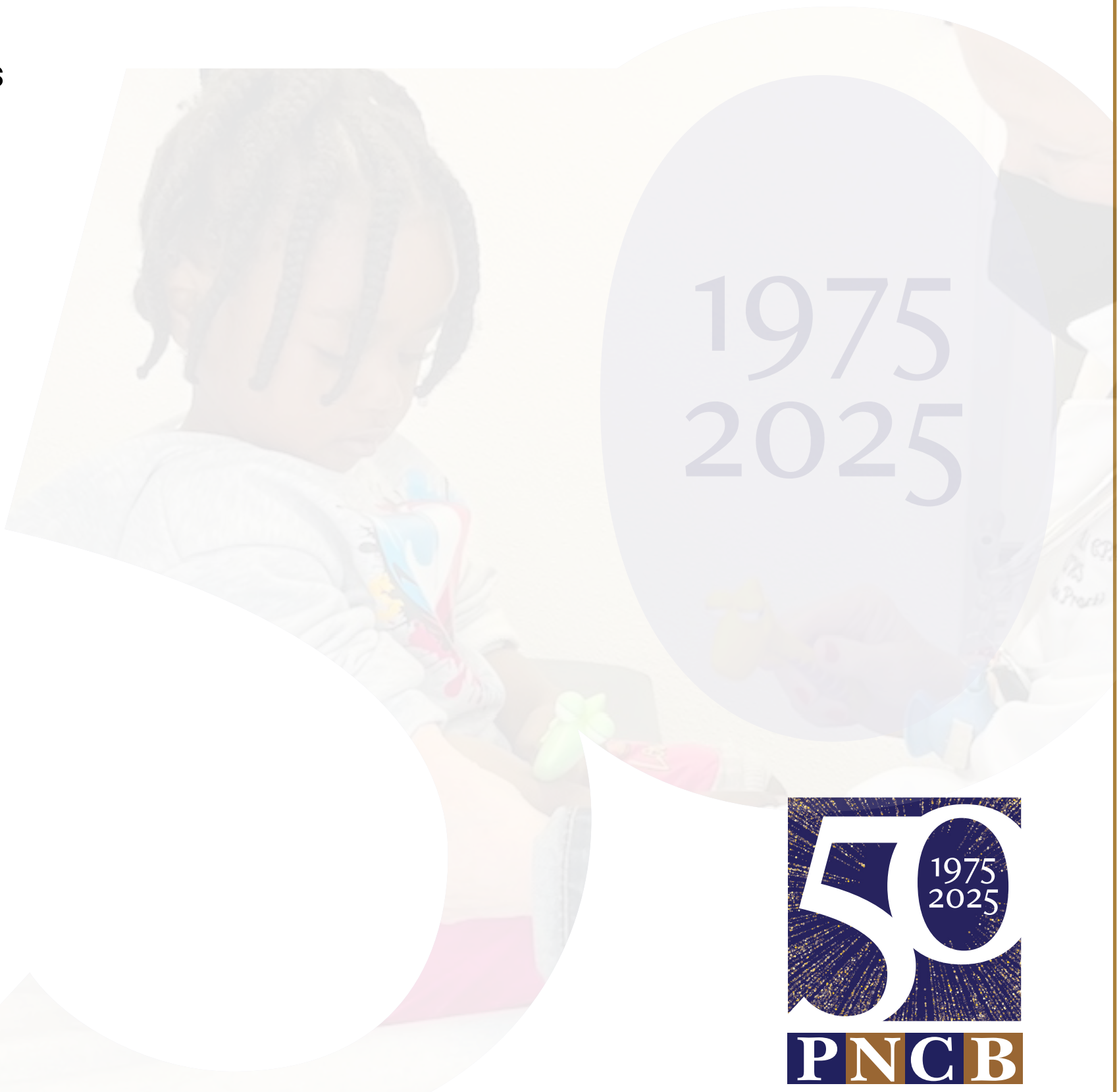


CORE VALUES

- Integrity:** Acting with honesty and taking accountability for all we do and say.
- Quality:** Promoting excellence throughout all our interactions.
- Innovation:** Providing visionary leadership for the present and future.
- Advocacy:** Supporting and promoting the pediatric nursing profession.
- Respect:** Embracing collaboration and diversity.

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A Note From Our Chairs

Fifty years ago, a group of visionary pediatric health professionals from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association of Faculties of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, and the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners came together with a shared purpose: to establish a certification exam and process to recognize the knowledge of pediatric nurse practitioners, ensuring the highest quality care for our most vulnerable patients. The result became the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)—the largest organization in the world for our nursing specialty.

Since its inception in 1975, the PNCB has been a steadfast champion for excellence in pediatric nursing. Fifty years on, we celebrate a remarkable journey, one defined by growth, innovation, and an unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of children. What began with the first certification exam in 1977 for hundreds of visionary pediatric nurse practitioners has blossomed into a robust community of over 55,000 actively certified advanced practice and registered nurses. This incredible expansion reflects the increasing recognition of specialized pediatric nursing and the critical role these professionals play in health care delivery. While we take immense pride in our organizational milestones, the true strength and success of PNCB lies in the extraordinary nursing professionals we serve. It is their tireless commitment, expertise, and compassionate care that continuously drive improvement in outcomes for every infant, child, adolescent, and young adult.

For these nursing professionals and the children and families they serve, PNCB sets the standard for pediatric nursing certification and innovates through expert [continuing education](#), a [no-risk testing program](#) for registered nurses in partnership with employers, [pediatric-focused certificate and microcredential programs](#), and the first added pediatric-focused certificate and microcredential programs. This year, PNCB has broken new ground on two key initiatives: exploring global opportunities in pediatric care and examining credentialing trends, and best practices in fairness and inclusion.

PNCB's 50-year milestone represents more than just organizational longevity – it reflects the transformation of pediatric nursing into an increasingly specialized field essential for children's health care. We look to the future with excitement and a steadfast commitment to our mission: to be a driving force for quality in pediatric nursing globally.

Thank you for being on this journey with us!



Scott Meskimen,
MSN, CPNP-PC, PMHS
Chair



Amanda Vickers,
DNP, RN, CPNP-PC, PMHS-retired
Immediate Past Chair

How It All Started

A National Qualifying Exam for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

When PNCB was incorporated in 1975, the landscape of pediatric care was vastly different. The nurse practitioner role was still very new, and board certification for registered nurses would not happen until ten years in the future.

PNCB was chartered to design and administer the first national certification exam for pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs).

Initial incorporation was supported by:

- [National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners \(NAPNAP\)](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)
- [Association of Faculties of PNP Programs \(AFPNP\)](#)

PNCB is a separate, unaffiliated non-profit organization that values collaboration with the founding organizations and the [Society of Pediatric Nurses \(SPN\)](#), which was created in 1990. In recognition of the vital role the partner organizations have played in advancing pediatric nursing, PNCB presented a significant financial gift at the 50th Anniversary Reception on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in Chicago, IL, during the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Annual Conference. In addition, a financial gift was presented to the Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN) at the 2025 Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA, on May 1, 2025.

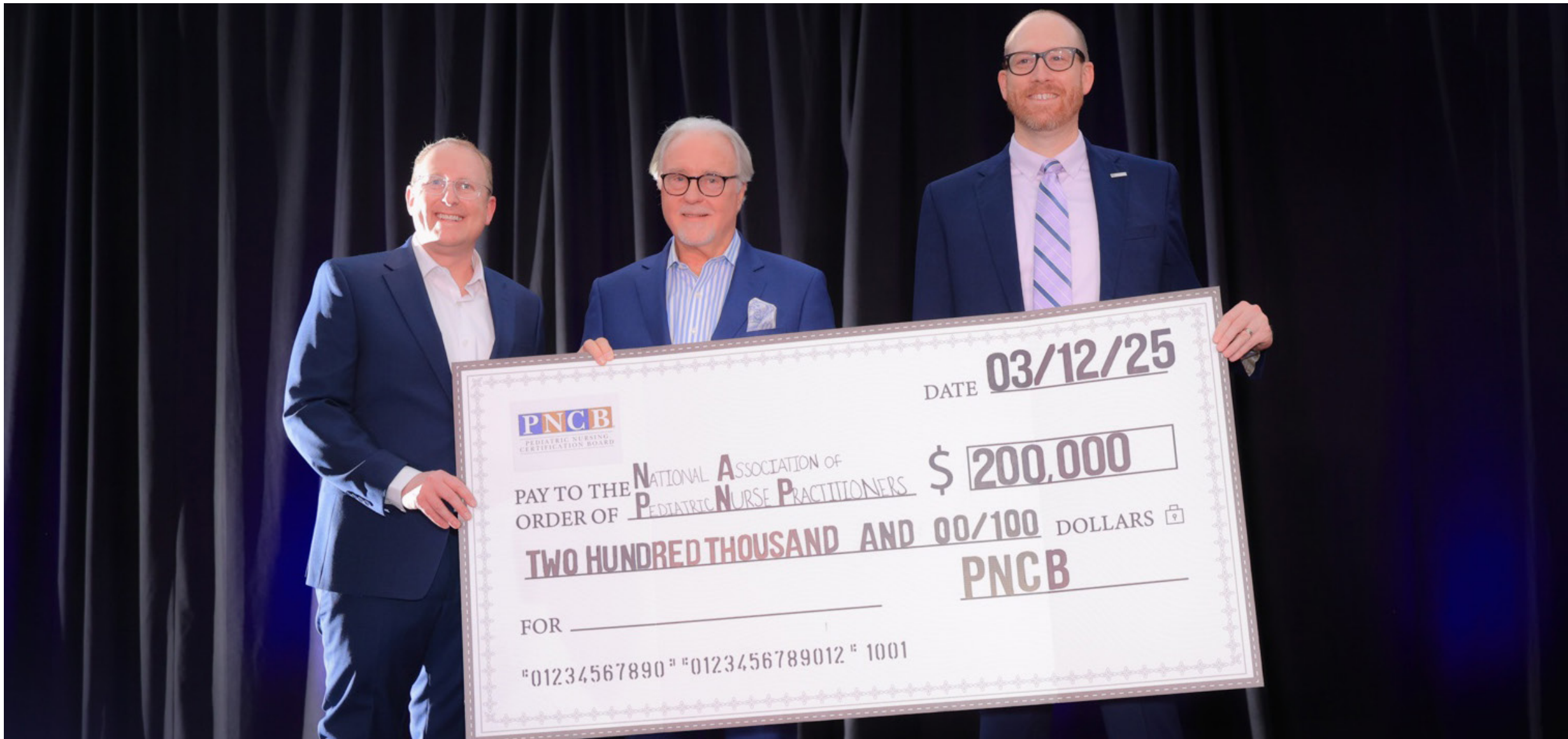


1975
2025



PNCB Gift Presentations

Presentations of gifts were made during the 2025 National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners National Conference in Chicago, IL, and the Society of Pediatric Nurses Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA.

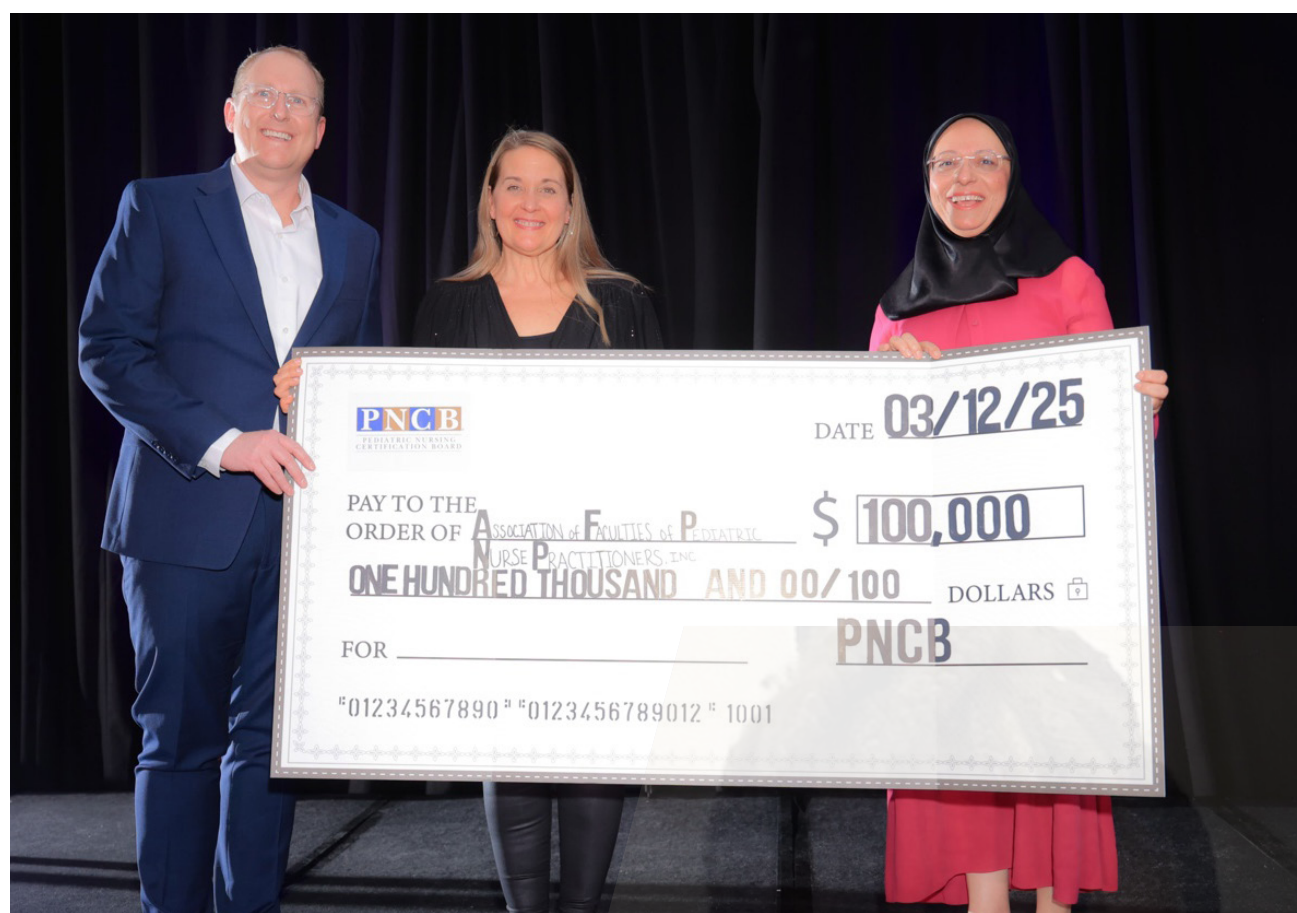


PNCB Chair-Elect Scott Meskimen MSN, CPNP-PC, PMHS, presented a **\$200,000 gift** to National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) CEO James Wendorf, and NAPNAP Board President Daniel Crawford, DNP, ARNP, CPNP-PC, CNE, FAANP.

PNCB Chair-Elect Scott Meskimen presented a **\$50,000 gift** to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) CEO and Executive Vice President Mark Del Monte, JD, and AAP Board President Susan J. Kressley, MD, FAAP.



PNCB Chair-Elect Scott Meskimen presented a **\$100,000 gift** to the Association of Faculties of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (AFPNP) President-Elect Deborah Busch, DNP, CPNP-PC, IBCLC, CNE, FAANP, FAAN, and AFPNP President Asma A. Taha, PhD, CPNP-PC/AC, PCNS-BC, FAAN.



PNCB presented a **\$150,000 gift** to the Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN) President Jennifer Baird, PhD, MPH, MSW, RN, NEA-BC, NPD-BC, CPN, on May 1, during the 2025 Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA.



A Walk Through the Years

Pediatric nursing has undergone a sweeping transformation over the past 50 years.

Several pivotal moments stand out. The newly created nurse practitioner role, developed to address gaps in pediatric care, flourished beyond the rural and public health focus of the 1960s into a much-needed presence in hospitals and primary care. Nurse practitioners can diagnose and prescribe medications in every state and can practice independently in most states. Nursing education and practice has increasingly focused on evidence-based practice, fundamentally improving the approach to care, ensuring that interventions are grounded in research and best practices.

The growing involvement of family-centered care has made an impact, recognizing the vital role of parents, caregivers, school staff, and other trusted adults, in a child's well-being.

Finally, the increasing complexity of pediatric care, driven by advances in technology and the survival of children with previously fatal conditions, has pushed the profession to adapt and innovate. This evolution has shaped pediatric nursing into the highly specialized and vital field it is today.

PNCB has played a central role in this evolution. Establishing and maintaining rigorous certification standards and renewal activities has ensured that pediatric nurses and nurse practitioners possess the specialized knowledge and skills required to provide exceptional care. Of note is PNCB's longstanding program of pharmacology and other continuing [education updates for nurse practitioners](#).

PNCB's commitment to evidence-based practice has helped to standardize and improve the quality of care delivered to children,

PNCB celebrates each milestone that brought us 50 years forward, and celebrates each nurse who has sought certification. PNCB recognizes the educators, mentors, and institutions supporting nurses along the way.

adolescents, and from infancy through young adulthood. By ensuring that certified nurses are knowledgeable about the latest research and best practices, PNCB has helped to drive the adoption of evidence-based care throughout the profession.

PNCB also recently developed pediatric nurse and pediatric nurse practitioner competency frameworks with developmental progressions to describe how pediatric nursing professionals' competence grows and evolves in their role over time and with experiences based on interests and aptitudes. This work is unique among nursing certification boards. These free tools for [registered nurses](#) and [pediatric nurse practitioners](#) serve as personal career roadmaps to help self-assess and benchmark milestones as they grow in their role and achieve proficiency across multiple competency areas.



Photo montage courtesy of Carol Savrin, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FNAP

Did You Know?

PNCB plays a role in reviewing and endorsing ***National Task Force Criteria for the Evaluation of NP Programs***, which sets standards to ensure top-tier pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) education.

Originally published in 1977, this important document is revised every 4 years.



1975

PNCB Established

The National Certification Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Nurses is collaboratively established by NAPNAP, ACPNP, and AAP to develop and administer national qualifying exams to PNPs. The name would change to the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board in 2003.

1977

First PNP Exam Launched

An all-day written exam with 900 testers? Yes, this was the first cohort of the Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care (CPNP-PC) credential!

1982

PNP Program Requirement

PNCB begins requiring PNP exam candidates to graduate from accredited PNP programs meeting national standards.

1989

CPN Exam Launched

In response to a national survey of pediatric RNs who indicated a desire and need to participate in board certification, PNCB develops the Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN) exam.

1992

Master's Degree +

Starting in 1992, all PNP certification exam candidates must document the completion of an accredited master's, post-graduate, or doctoral PNP program meeting graduate quality curriculum standards.

1996

NCCA Accreditation

PNCB becomes the first nursing certification organization to meet the rigorous accreditation requirements of the National Commission on Certifying Agencies (NCCA), as mandated by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

2003

Name Change

The name of the organization is changed from the National Certification Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Nurses to the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board.

2005

CPNP-AC Exam Launched

To reflect evolving PNP practice and the pending APRN Consensus Model, PNCB launches the Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Acute Care (CPNP-AC) exam, validating PNP knowledge for care of pediatric patients with acute, life-threatening, or chronic conditions.

2008

Creation of the Institute of Pediatric Nursing

The standing committee of thought leaders is established to optimize pediatric health, offering many complimentary resources to support the profession.

2009

No Pass, No Pay Offered

PNCB creates a no-risk CPN testing program to break down barriers for RNs wanting to seek certification. Today, close to 200 employers participate.

2011

PMHS Exam Launched

The Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Specialist (PMHS) certification becomes available, helping to improve access to care for children and adolescents experiencing developmental, behavioral, or mental health conditions commonly seen in primary care.

2014

CPNP-PC Exam Selected by Canada

Canadian regulators chose the PNCB CPNP-PC exam for licensure validation of their PNPs.

2015

Campaign for Pediatric Nursing Launched

To promote student interest in the pediatric specialty, the Institute of Pediatric Nursing developed the Campaign for Pediatric Nursing to encourage pediatric RN and PNP careers and inform the public about pediatric nursing roles.

2019

CPN Certification 30th Anniversary

The Certified Pediatric Nurse credential turned 30 and the number of active CPNs surpassed 30,000.

2020

Active Certificants Exceeds 50,000

More than 50,000 professionals have sought and maintained a PNCB credential to advance their career, and many individuals hold more than one.

2021

PNCB Develops 5-Year Strategic Plan

PNCB develops a 5-year strategic plan, outlining goals that align with and support the vision, mission, and core values.

2024

Activate Programs Offered

PNCB develops microcredential and certificate programs to support professionals in growing their knowledge about care of the pediatric population.

Fast Facts

**Established: 1977**

- 1977: 274 certified
- 2025: 21,875 certified
- 95 PC PNP programs and 24 Dual AC/PC PNP programs
- 35 CPNP-PCs celebrated 40 years of certification in 2024
- Most Recent Practice Analysis to update exam: 2022-2023

**Established: 1989**

- 1989: 475 certified
- 2025: 31,967 certified
- 221 CPN Champions promoting certification through out the U.S.
- 48 CPNs celebrated 35 years of certification in 2024
- Most recent practice Analysis to update exam: 2021-2022

**Established: 2005**

- 2005: 28 certified
- 2025: 5,252 certified
- 50 AC PNP programs and 24 Dual AC/PC PNP programs
- 224 CPNP-ACs celebrated 10 years of certification in 2024
- Most Recent Practice Analysis to update exam: 2023-2024

**Established: 2011**

- 2011: 108 certified
- 2025: 905 certified
- 26 PMHSs celebrated 10 years of certification in 2024
- Most Recent Practice Analysis to update exam: 2025-2026



In 2025, we celebrate...



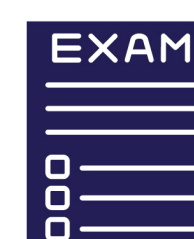
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OVER **95%**

of nationally certified PNPs and voluntarily certified pediatric RNs hold PNCB certification

CPNP-AC & CPNP-PC



are required for licensure by state boards, federal agencies, and the military

Annual Renewal Rates

94%
of CPNs

92%
of PMHSS

A minimum of

98%

of CPNP-PCs and CPNP-ACs

renew their credentials



All CPNs, PMHSS, CPNP-ACs, and CPNP-PCs

are required to participate in annual recertification activities

The CPNP-AC credential turns



in 2025!



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A Commitment to Action

Mental Health, Adolescent Care, & More



In 2008, PNCB recognized the need to support advanced practice nurses addressing the escalating child mental health crisis through an added specialty certification: the Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Specialist (PMHS). This certification validates the knowledge of eligible advanced practice registered nurses who possess the specific competencies required to address pediatric mental health challenges in primary care settings, a place where an increasing number of these patient concerns surface every day.

PMHS certification confirms knowledge of developmental considerations, evidence-based assessment tools, and effective intervention strategies. PNCB is also emphasizing the importance of collaborative care, ensuring PMHSs are prepared to work effectively with other members of the health care team, including psychologists, social workers, and psychiatrists.

PMHS communicates to families that help is available now for conditions commonly seen in primary care such as ADHD, anxiety, depression, and more. By promoting the integration of mental health expertise into primary care settings, we seek to break down barriers to access and ensure that children receive timely and appropriate support.

Now more than ever, adolescence is a critical time in a child's development. Certificants and others in health care and other sectors provided feedback about what knowledge would most help them, and PNCB responded by launching **Activate**. **Activate**, features certificates and microcredentials with digital badges to help individuals to **advance their knowledge** in pediatric nursing, **elevate care** for children and families, and **build strong professional portfolios** that demonstrate specialty interest and readiness.



The first two programs, **Core Concepts in Adolescence** and **Essential Knowledge in Adolescent Health & Well-Being**, are engaging and expertly designed to provide deep, meaningful learning to help increase confidence and competence. Anyone is eligible to enroll in these state-of-the-art, microcredential and certificate programs, with more programs in development.

As part of PNCB's ongoing commitment to support those who care for pediatric populations, feedback from certificants, as well as professionals across health care, education, and youth services, was carefully considered. Professionals shared that they needed focused, practical knowledge to better support physical, mental, and emotional well-being—while also growing their own confidence in these conversations.



What's Next?

PNCB's professional and competency development program. PNCB routinely conducts surveys to understand the needs of pediatric nurses and nurse practitioners. We're committed to continuing to develop and refine programs to meet these evolving needs.



A Drive to Innovate

PNCB was the first nursing certification board to partner with leaders at hospitals throughout the U.S. to deliver a cost-saving, no-risk testing program for registered nurse certification. This program, called **No Pass, No Pay**, increases the number of Certified Pediatric Nurses on staff and serves as a hallmark of excellence in care for communities.



This pioneering employer-based model has influenced multiple certification boards in other specialties to follow PNCB's example. In this program, employers become more invested in nurses' professional growth, which benefits patients and families.

More than 200 hospitals and employers have participated throughout the years. Thank you to the trailblazing organizations that that were the first to join No Pass, No Pay when the program launched in 2009.

Trailblazing Organizations That Joined No Pass, No Pay in 2009

Children's Hospital, Boston
Children's Health System
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Children's Hospital of Michigan
Children's Mercy Hospital
Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Geisinger Medical Center
Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare
Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

Kosair Children's Hospital
Lakeland Regional Medical Center
Niswonger Children's Hospital
Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital
Seattle Children's Hospital
St. Louis Children's
St. John's Mercy Medical Center
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center

Getting Involved

PNCB Volunteers Are Valued

PNCB believes that pediatric nursing professionals are elite in their passion, expertise, and desire to secure the best outcomes for children.

Certification can be incredibly empowering, further building confidence to become a catalyst for change. Credentials can position nurses to be leaders and expert voices for pediatric patient care in committees, board rooms, the media, and around the tables where decisions about child health are being made.

If you would like to explore ways to get involved, please visit PNCB's [volunteer opportunities webpage](#) and watch your inbox for calls to apply.



Thank You!

Thank you for celebrating PNCB's 50th anniversary!

We deeply appreciate your ongoing support of the shared vision: a healthier world, one child at a time.



Celebration Lists

Join the celebration of the first testers for each exam, inaugural committee members, as well as PNCB's Board of Directors Chairs throughout the years. You'll likely see familiar names: a respected luminary in the field, an esteemed textbook author, a former professor, or even a valued colleague.

PNCB Board of Director Chairs

Paul S. Goldstein, MD (1974-1976)	Susan Van Cleve, RN, MSN, CPNP-PC (2000-2002)
Mary Kay Willian, RN, PNA (1976)	Patricia Clinton, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC (2002-2004)
Patricia McAtee, RN, PhD (1977-1979)	Catherine Burns, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC, FAAN (2004-2006)
Paul S. Goldstein, MD (1979-1981)	Madelyn McMurtrie, MSN, CPNP-PC (2006-2008)
Cynthia Hobbie, RN, CPNA, MPH (1982)	Arlene Sperhac, PhD, CPNP-PC, CS (2008-2011)
Robert W. Barr, MD, FAAP (1983-1984)	Sarah Gutknecht, DNP, CPNP-AC/PC, RN (2011-2013)
Linda S. Gilman, RN, CPNA, MS (1985-1986)	Maureen Madden, DNP, CPNP-AC, CCRN, FCCM (2013-2015)
Robert L. Lederer, MD, FAAP (1987-1988)	Nicole Telhiard, DNP, CPN, NE-BC (2015-2017)
Marion Baker, RN, CPNP (1989-1990)	Barbara Gray, PhD, MSN, APRN (2017-2019)
Pamela Hellings, RN, CPNP, PhD (1990-1992)	Natalie Van Waning, ARNP, CPNP-PC (2019-2021)
Margaret Brady, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC (1992-1994)	Mike Maymi, DNP, APRN, CPNP-AC, CCRN, CNE (2021-2023)
Dan Chapman, MD (1994-1996)	Amanda Vickers, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC, PMHS (2023-2025)
Julie Novak, RN, CPNP-PC, DNSc (1996-1998)	Scott Meskimen, MSN, CPNP-PC, PMHS (2025-present)
Arlene Butz, ScD, RN, CPNP-PC (1998-2000)	

The PNCB Board is dedicated to the credentialing and learning needs of:

- Pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs)
- Pediatric registered nurses
- Other professionals who provide care for infants, children, adolescents, and young adults



PNCB Board Composition:

- A member representing the interests of each of PNCB's four certifications
- A member representing the interests of each PNP education program
- A nurse executive
- A pediatrician
- A public member



The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) extends our deepest gratitude to Dr. Loretta Ford (1920-2025), a true pioneer in nursing education and a visionary leader in the field of pediatric health care. Read the tribute to [Dr. Ford's legacy](#).

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**Primary Care Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
(CPNP-PC) National Qualifying Examination
Inaugural 1978 Test Committee**

Margaret Crooker	Mary Alexander Murphy
Louis Hochheiser	Thomas Peebles
Lawrence Kahn	Marilyn Schwartz
Janet McCleery	Eileen Amy York
Bruce Meyer	

**CPNP-PCs
Inaugural 1977 Certificants**

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Alice T. Anderson	Marjorie L. Dixon
Katherine V. Anderson	Patricia Donovan
Ann M. Avery	Laura L. Douglas
Susan D. Badger	Lorena Frances Downs
Geneva Ballou	Patricia Dean Drago
Kathy E. Barron	Linda Charlene Draper
Priscilla P. Bass	Barbara Hall Dunn
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Marianne M. Davenport	Robina C. Grier
Ann R. Davis	Katherine P. Groff

**Inaugural 1977 Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Programs
Currently Active**

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| • California State University Long Beach | • University of Alabama |
| • Catholic University of America | • University of California San Francisco |
| • Columbia University | • University of Iowa |
| • Indiana University | • University of Maryland School of Medicine & School of Nursing |
| • Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions | • University of Michigan School of Nursing |
| • Maryville College - Washington University School of Medicine | • University of Missouri Kansas City |
| • Northeastern University - College of Nursing | • University of Nebraska |
| • Rutgers University College of Medicine and School of Nursing | • University of Pennsylvania - Department of Pediatrics |
| • Seton Hall University | • University of Pittsburgh |
| • Texas Women's University College of Nursing | • University of Rochester |
| • UCLA School of Medicine & Harbor General Hospital | • University of Washington |
| • University of Wisconsin | • Yale University |

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Constance G. Haddox	Janice A. English
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Margaret K. Hicks	Ira K. Kessel
June-Marie Burkhardt Hiza	Dolores A. Kilcoyne
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Patricia J. Hollen	Joyce C. Koerber
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Lois L. Hoorstra	Rita C. Korman
Suzanne A. Hooverman	Martha E. Kornahrens
Mary I. Horn	Barbara M. Kulba
Joyce Jucius Hornberger	Patricia Ann Kurdelski
Molly M. Horner	Virginia S. Labelle
Maureen Reeves Horsley	Jacqueline E. Larson
Nancy Lynn Hosek	Marianne K. Lawryk
Elizabeth Lee Howard	Mary A. Leigh
Wilma J. Hunter	
Kay W. Hurd	
Dorothy Ann Hyde	

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CPNP-PCs
Inaugural 1977 Certificants (continued)

Nancy Jean Lewis	Martha Elliott Ball Pignataro
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Sherry Louise McBride	Karen Ann Ridlon
Regina McCarthy	Joyce P. Robarge
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Virginia Layng Millonig	Cynthia L. Roubian
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Brenda A. Minihan	Carol L. Savrin
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Elmyra P. Morris	Cornelia A. Schiefen
Elaine B. Moss	Patricia C. Schiefer
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Delila Carol Ojeda	Katherine Duchen Smith
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Maryann T. Pack	Dalia Maria Spisak
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Marjorie Serene Paulson	Janet Stenglein
Jeane K. Peck	Patricia Elaine Sterling
Marilou Pederson	Etta Lou Storm
Donna Pence	Mary Josepha Stralka
Shirley Ann Peters	Virginia R. Strozier
Linda Joyce Petrusick	Barbara Anne Sullivan
Susan S. Phillips	Lorraine L. Sullivan

Inaugural 1977 Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Programs
No Longer Active

- University of Arkansas - Little Rock School of Medicine
- Good Samaritan Hospital
- University of California - LA School of Nursing
- University of California - San Diego School of Medicine
- University of California - Los Angeles Extension - School of Medicine
- California State University Fresno
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group
- Olive View Medical Center
- Fitzsimons Army Medical Center - U.S. Army
- University of Connecticut Health Center
- Palm Beach Junior College
- Rush-Presbyterian-Medical Center
- University of Illinois Hospitals
- Tulane University School of Medicine and School of Nursing
- Massachusetts General Hospital - Bunker Hill Health Center
- University of Maine - Department of Pediatrics
- The Children's Hospital of Michigan
- Mayo Foundation
- Cardinal Glennon and Saint Louis University
- University of Mississippi Medical Center - School of Nursing - Holds Dual Acute/Primary Care Recognition
- Greenville Hospital System Clemson University College of Nursing & Medical University of South Carolina
- State University of New York at Buffalo - School of Nursing
- Cornell University School of Nursing - New York City Hospital
- State University of New York - Kings Medical Center and Downstate Medical Center/ Brooklyn
- Martin Luther King Jr. Health Center/Bronx
- Bronx Municipal Hospital Center
- Mt. St. Joseph
- Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital
- Tulsa Public Schools Health Education Department
- Tulsa City-County Health Department
- Multnomah County Health Department
- Allegheny County Health Department
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