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Table 26. Enrollment (Fall 2015) and Graduations (August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015) in Master's Programs by Major Area of Study (N=531).

MAJOR AREA OF STUDY ¹	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS OFFERING MAJOR	STUDENTS		GRADUATES	
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
Administration ²	271	15,272	12.8	4,684 ³	12.8
Case Management	11	298	0.3	128	0.3
Informatics	53	2,709	2.3	986	2.7
Health Management & Policy					
Health Care Systems ³	24	946	0.8	227	0.6
Education	334	15,961	13.4	5,365	14.7
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) ⁴	119	1,320	1.1	565	1.5
Nurse Practitioner (NP) ⁵	373	68,671	57.7	19,581	53.5
Combined NP/CNS ^{4,5,6}	15	119	0.1	101	0.3
Nurse-Midwifery	40	1,582	1.3	483	1.3
Nurse Anesthesia	66	2,890	2.4	1,272	3.5
Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) TM	100	3,202	2.7	1,158	3.2
Community Health/Public Health	43	1,040	0.9	270	0.7
School Nursing	14	138	0.1	46	0.1
Generalist	41	3,544	3.0	1,303	3.6
Forensic Nursing	6	133	0.1	24	0.1
Research ⁷	3	48	0.0	11	0.0
Other Majors	27	614	0.5	258	0.7
Undeclared Major Area	14	277	0.2	0	
Major Area Not Specified	10	261	0.2	120	0.3
TOTAL		119,025		36,582	
Of the students and graduates reported above, the numbers in dual degree programs:					
MSN/MBA	61	1,116	0.9	250	0.7
MSN/MPH	21	99	0.1	35	0.1
MSN/MHA	3	477	0.4	200	0.5
MSN/MPA	2	49	0.0	1	0.0
Other Dual Degrees	5	11	0.0	1	0.0
<i>Subtotal</i>		<i>1,752</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>487</i>	<i>1.3</i>

¹ Functional or professional role.

² Includes Nursing Leadership, Nursing Health Leadership, Nursing Administration, and Healthcare Leadership.

³ Includes Nursing Management and Nursing Health System.

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⁶ Combined NP/CNS refers to those programs where the NP and CNS roles are included in the curriculum. All combined nurse practitioner and clinical specialist data are owned by the three organizations.

⁷ Includes clinical trials and research management.

NOTE: Percents may not total to 100.0 due to rounding.

Table 32a. Enrollment (Fall 2015) and Graduations (August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015) in Master's-Level Nurse Practitioner Programs by the National NP Certification Examination that the Program Prepares the Majority of Graduates to Take (N=373).¹

CLINICAL TRACK ² / NATIONAL CERTIFI- CATION EXAM ³	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ⁴	STUDENTS						GRADUATIONS	
		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL		NUMBER	%
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%		
Family NP	338	22,826	71.6	24,330	66.1	47,156	68.7	12,966	66.2
Adult NP	5	166	0.5	132	0.4	298	0.4	98	0.5
Pediatric Primary Care NP	79	952	3.0	1,214	3.3	2,166	3.2	835	4.3
Gerontological NP	1	0		0		0		0	
Women's Health NP	39	309	1.0	616	1.7	925	1.3	403	2.1
Neonatal NP	36	239	0.7	360	1.0	599	0.9	246	1.3
Adult Acute Care NP	7	36	0.1	12	0.0	48	0.1	20	0.1
Pediatric Acute Care NP	26	201	0.6	238	0.6	439	0.6	191	1.0
Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health NP	3	5	0.0	10	0.0	15	0.0	20	0.1
Psychiatric & MH NP -Across the Lifespan	96	1,495	4.7	1,681	4.6	3,176	4.6	664	3.4
Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP	156	2,936	9.2	4,836	13.1	7,772	11.3	2,640	13.5
Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP	87	2,328	7.3	2,998	8.1	5,326	7.8	1,319	6.7
Other NP	1	3	0.0	30	0.1	33	0.0	4	0.0
NP Dual Tracks ⁵	26	384	1.2	334	0.9	718	1.0	175	0.9
TOTAL		31,880		36,791		68,671		19,581	

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Four programs that were closed last fall, but reported students/graduates data this year, are included.

² Clinical track is defined as curriculum in a specific practice area such as family, acute care, pediatric, psychiatric/mental health, etc.

³ See Table 31b and 33 for the Clinical Track titles included in the primary and dual track certification areas.

⁴ Number of schools offering the clinical track, whether or not students are currently enrolled.

⁵ NP Dual Tracks indicates that graduates are eligible for certification in two clinical tracks. See Table 31b for details.

NOTE: Percents may not total to 100.0 due to rounding.

Table 32b. Enrollment (Fall 2015) and Graduations (August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015) in Master's-Level Nurse Practitioner Programs in Dual Tracks by the National NP Certification Examination that the Program Prepares the Majority of Graduates to Take. ¹

DUAL TRACK ² / NATIONAL CERTIFI- CATION EXAM	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ³	STUDENTS						GRADUATIONS	
		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL		NUMBER	%
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%		
Family NP/ Adult Geron Primary Care NP	2	7	1.8	4	1.2	11	1.5	17	9.7
Family NP/ Adult Geron Acute Care NP	4	228	59.4	34	10.2	262	36.5	47	26.9
Family NP/ Women's Health NP	2	6	1.6	6	1.8	12	1.7	9	5.1
Family NP/ Pediatric Primary Care NP	2	1	0.3	4	1.2	5	0.7	5	2.9
Family NP/ Psych & MH NP	1	43	11.2	0		43	6.0	6	3.4
Adult NP/ Women's Health NP	1	40	10.4	2	0.6	42	5.8	14	8.0
Adult Geron Prmary Care NP/ Women's Health NP	3	43	11.2	76	22.8	119	16.6	48	27.4
Adult Geron Prmary Care NP/ Gerontological NP	1	4	1.0	10	3.0	14	1.9	13	7.4
Pediatric Primary Care NP/ Pediatric Acute Care NP	9	12	3.1	198	59.3	210	29.2	15	8.6
Other Dual Tracks	1	0		0		0		1	0.6
TOTAL		384		334		718		175	

Note: Table 32b, as part of Table 32a, provides track-specific information on NP dual track programs.

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² Dual track refers to those programs where, by curricular design, students major in two NP clinical tracks. Graduates are eligible to sit for two NP examinations.

³ Number of schools offering the dual track, whether or not students are currently enrolled.

NOTE: Percents may not total to 100.0 due to rounding.

Table 33. Enrollment (Fall 2015) and Completions (August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015) in Post-Master's Nurse Practitioner Programs by the National NP Certification Examination that the Program Prepares the Majority of Completers to Take (N=302).¹

CLINICAL TRACK ² / NATIONAL CERTIFI- CATION EXAM ³	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ⁴	STUDENTS						COMPLETIONS	
		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL		NUMBER	%
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%		
Family NP	243	911	66.0	1,474	48.2	2,385	53.7	890	54.8
Adult NP	5	22	1.6	1	0.0	23	0.5	13	0.8
Pediatric Primary Care NP	60	30	2.2	43	1.4	73	1.6	31	1.9
Gerontological NP	1	1		0		1		0	
Women's Health NP	24	7	0.5	18	0.6	25	0.6	17	1.0
Neonatal NP	23	15	1.1	33	1.1	48	1.1	22	1.4
Adult Acute Care NP	5	8	0.6	4	0.1	12	0.3	3	0.2
Pediatric Acute Care NP	23	9	0.7	54	1.8	63	1.4	48	3.0
Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health NP	2	0		4	0.1	4	0.1	5	0.3
Psychiatric & MH NP -Across the Lifespan	85	162	11.7	583	19.1	745	16.8	236	14.5
Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP	107	113	8.2	589	19.3	702	15.8	194	11.9
Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP	71	94	6.8	233	7.6	327	7.4	163	10.0
Other NP	3	3	0.2	8	0.3	11	0.2	0	
NP Dual Tracks ⁵	7	5	0.4	14	0.5	19	0.4	2	0.1
TOTAL		1,380		3,058		4,438		1,624	

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Table 39. Enrollment (Fall 2015) and Graduations (August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015) in Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Programs by Major Area of Study (N=289).

MAJOR AREA OF STUDY ¹	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS OFFERING MAJOR	POST-BACCALAUREATE DNP						GRADUATIONS	
		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL		NUMBER	%
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%		
Nurse-Midwifery	11	88	1.2	25	0.6	113	1.0	15	1.3
Nurse Anesthesia	31	1248	17.4	96	2.5	1,344	12.1	148	12.5
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)	26	47	0.7	68	1.7	115	1.0	11	0.9
Nurse Practitioner (NP) ²	151	5,575	77.5	3,331	85.1	8,906	80.2	934	79.0
Administration/Management	29	49	0.7	43	1.1	92	0.8	15	1.3
Informatics	7	16	0.2	5	0.1	21	0.2	2	0.2
Community Health/Public Health	16	23	0.3	53	1.4	76	0.7	8	0.7
Leadership	42	38	0.5	160	4.1	198	1.8	17	1.4
Advanced Practice	15	30	0.4	52	1.3	82	0.7	4	0.3
Other Majors	11	27	0.4	6	0.2	33	0.3	4	0.3
Major Area Not Specified	14	49	0.7	77	2.0	126	1.1	25	2.1
TOTAL			7,190		3,916		11,106		1,183

MAJOR AREA OF STUDY ¹	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS OFFERING MAJOR	POST-MASTER'S DNP						GRADUATIONS	
		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL		NUMBER	%
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%		
Nurse-Midwifery	12	4	0.1	8	0.1	12	0.1	2	0.1
Nurse Anesthesia	31	124	3.2	72	1.0	196	1.8	25	0.9
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)	31	11	0.3	72	1.0	83	0.8	43	1.5
Nurse Practitioner (NP) ²	146	1031	26.9	2,005	28.4	3,036	27.9	942	32.3
Administration/Management	51	228	5.9	535	7.6	763	7.0	261	8.9
Health Management & Policy	4	1	0.0	8	0.1	9	0.1	4	0.1
Informatics	10	2	0.1	17	0.2	19	0.2	6	0.2
Community Health/Public Health	17	8	0.2	37	0.52	45	0.41	11	0.38
Leadership	88	926	24.2	1,827	25.9	2,753	25.3	606	20.8
Education	8	85	2.2	82	1.2	167	1.5	49	1.7
Advanced Practice	34	237	6.2	473	6.7	710	6.5	293	10.0
Other Majors	18	43	1.1	128	1.8	171	1.6	35	1.2
Major Area Not Specified	61	1,132	29.5	1,793	25.4	2,925	26.9	640	21.9
TOTAL			3,832		7,057		10,889		2,917

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**Table 40. Enrollment (Fall 2015) and Graduations (August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015)
in Nurse Practitioner-Focused Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Programs (N=174)¹**

CLINICAL TRACK ^{2/} NATIONAL CERTIFI- CATION EXAM	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ³	STUDENTS						GRADUATIONS	
		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL		NUMBER	%
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%		
POST-BACCALAUREATE DNP Programs (N=151)									
Family NP	138	3,098	55.6	1707	51.2	4,805	54.0	436	46.7
Adult NP	1	2	0.0	0		2	0.0	0	
Pediatric Primary Care NP	40	269	4.8	194	5.8	463	5.2	61	6.5
Women's Health NP	13	113	2.0	34	1.0	147	1.7	28	3.0
Neonatal NP	19	63	1.1	78	2.3	141	1.6	19	2.0
Adult Acute Care NP	4	6	0.1	18	0.5	24	0.3	1	0.1
Pediatric Acute Care NP	12	78	1.4	78	2.3	156	1.8	12	1.3
Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health NP	1	0		1	0.0	1	0.0	0	
Psychiatric & MH NP -Across the Lifespan	58	501	9.0	341	10.2	842	9.5	114	12.2
Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP	71	548	9.8	492	14.8	1,040	11.7	137	14.7
Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP	37	596	10.7	373	11.2	969	10.9	79	8.5
NP Dual Tracks ⁴	11	301	5.4	15	0.5	316	3.5	47	5.0
TOTAL		5,575		3,331		8,906		934	
POST-MASTER'S DNP Programs (N=146)									
Family NP	62	227	22.0	381	19.0	608	20.0	140	14.9
Adult NP	2	1	0.1	3	0.1	4	0.1	1	0.1
Pediatric Primary Care NP	16	37	3.6	80	4.0	117	3.9	25	2.7
Women's Health NP	6	6	0.6	3	0.1	9	0.3	10	1.1
Neonatal NP	10	8	0.8	22	1.1	30	1.0	4	0.4
Adult Acute Care NP	1	0		1	0.0	1	0.0	0	
Pediatric Acute Care NP	7	8	0.8	12	0.6	20	0.7	6	0.6
Psychiatric & MH NP -Across the Lifespan	28	67	6.5	107	5.3	174	5.7	18	1.9
Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP	28	22	2.1	72	3.6	94	3.1	19	2.0
Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP	18	67	6.5	71	3.5	138	4.5	35	3.7
Previously Certified as NP ⁵	99	581	56.4	1,249	62.3	1,830	60.3	684	72.6
NP Dual Tracks ⁴	4	7	0.7	4	0.2	11	0.4	0	
TOTAL		1,031		2,005		3,036		942	

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