



2017-2018
ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATIONS
In Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs in Nursing

Di Fang, PhD, Director of Institutional Research and Data Services
Yan Li, MA, Manager of Data Services
Michael D. Turinetti, BA, Data Services Assistant
Deborah E. Trautman, PhD, RN, President and Chief Executive Officer

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF NURSING
655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001
(202) 463-6930 | Fax (202) 785-8320
www.aacnnursing.org

All data in this publication pertaining to nurse practitioner educational programs are the result of a collaborative effort between the

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF NURSING
and

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF NURSE PRACTITIONER FACULTIES
1615 M Street, NW, Suite 270
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 289-8044 | Fax (202) 289-8046
www.nonpf.com



All data in this publication pertaining to clinical nurse specialist educational programs are the result of an agreement between the

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF NURSING
and

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS
100 North 20th Street, Suite 400
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 320-3881 | Fax (215) 564-2175
www.nacns.org



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS

Table 31a. Enrollment (Fall 2017) and Graduations (August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017) in Master's-Level Nurse Practitioner Programs by the National NP Certification Examination that the Program Prepares the Majority of Graduates to Take (N=377).¹

POPULATION FOCUS ^{2/} NATIONAL CERTIFI- CATION EXAM ³	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ⁴	ENROLLMENT						GRADUATIONS	
		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL		NUMBER	%
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%		
Family NP	341	28,934	73.6	25,710	63.7	54,644	68.6	16,856	68.7
Pediatric Primary Care NP	76	1,016	2.6	1,443	3.6	2,459	3.1	830	3.4
Women's Health NP	35	416	1.1	585	1.4	1,001	1.3	337	1.4
Neonatal NP	32	298	0.8	421	1.0	719	0.9	238	1.0
Pediatric Acute Care NP	28	266	0.7	318	0.8	584	0.7	203	0.8
Psychiatric & MH NP -Across the Lifespan	113	2,736	7.0	3,237	8.0	5,973	7.5	1,082	4.4
Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP	153	2,448	6.2	4,390	10.9	6,838	8.6	2,912	11.9
Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP	98	2,794	7.1	3,882	9.6	6,676	8.4	1,822	0.8
NP Dual Population Foci ⁵	21	389	1.0	401	1.0	790	1.0	239	1.0
TOTAL		39,297		40,387		79,684		24,519	

¹Information in this report pertaining to nurse practitioners is the result of a collaborative effort between the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties. All nurse practitioner data are owned jointly by the two organizations.

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

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

³See Table 31b and 33 for the Population Focus titles included in the primary and dual population focus certification areas.

⁴Number of schools offering the population focus, whether or not students are currently enrolled.

⁵NP Dual Population Foci indicates that graduates are eligible for certification in two populations foci. See Table 32b for details.

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

Table 31b. Enrollment (Fall 2017) and Graduations (August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017) in Master's-Level Nurse Practitioner Programs in Dual Population Foci by the National NP Certification Examination that the Program Prepares the Majority of Graduates to Take.¹

DUAL POPULATION FOCUS ² / NATIONAL CERTIFI- CATION EXAM	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ³	ENROLLMENT						GRADUATIONS	
		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL		NUMBER	%
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%		
Family NP/ Adult Geron Primary Care NP	1	0		4	1.0	4	0.5	1	0.4
Family NP/ Adult Geron Acute Care NP	3	290	74.6	38	9.5	328	41.5	106	44.4
Family NP/ Women's Health NP	1	0		0		0		8	3.3
Family NP/ Pediatric Primary Care NP	1	1	0.3	3	0.7	4	0.5	2	0.8
Family NP/ Psych & MH NP	3	26	6.7	5	1.2	31	3.9	14	5.9
Adult Geron Primary Care NP/ Women's Health NP	3	47	12.1	40	10.0	87	11.0	44	18.4
Pediatric Primary Care NP/ Pediatric Acute Care NP	6	19	4.9	243	60.6	262	33.2	33	13.8
Other Dual Population Foci NP	3	6	1.5	68	17.0	74	9.4	31	13.0
TOTAL		389		401		790		239	

Note: Table 31b, as part of Table 31a, provides population focus-specific information on NP dual population focus programs.

¹Information in this report pertaining to nurse practitioners is the result of a collaborative effort between the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties. All nurse practitioner data are owned jointly by the two organizations.

²Dual population focus refers to those programs where, by curricular design, students major in two NP population foci. Graduates are eligible to sit for two NP examinations.

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

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

Table 32. Enrollment (Fall 2017) and Completions (August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017) in Post-Master's Nurse Practitioner Programs by the National NP Certification Examination that the Program Prepares the Majority of Completers to Take (N=309).¹

POPULATION FOCUS ^{2/} NATIONAL CERTIFI- CATION EXAM ³	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ⁴	ENROLLMENT						COMPLETIONS	
		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL		NUMBER	%
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%		
Family NP	243	961	61.9	1,591	44.6	2,552	49.8	1,088	51.6
Pediatric Primary Care NP	55	17	1.1	67	1.9	84	1.6	46	2.2
Women's Health NP	21	13	0.8	27	0.8	40	0.8	16	0.8
Neonatal NP	20	5	0.3	30	0.8	35	0.7	24	1.1
Pediatric Acute Care NP	27	27	1.7	72	2.0	99	1.9	65	3.1
Psychiatric & MH NP -Across the Lifespan	116	302	19.4	1086	30.4	1,388	27.1	379	18.0
Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP	106	122	7.9	280	7.8	402	7.8	210	10.0
Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP	85	98	6.3	400	11.2	498	9.7	270	12.8
Other NP	5	2	0.1	10	0.3	12	0.2	4	0.2
NP Dual Population Foci ⁵	8	6	0.4	7	0.2	13	0.3	6	0.3
TOTAL		1,553		3,570		5,123		2,108	

¹Information in this report pertaining to nurse practitioners is the result of a collaborative effort between the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties. All nurse practitioner data are owned jointly by the two organizations.

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

³See Tables 31b and 33 for the Population Focus titles included in the primary and dual population focus certification areas.

⁴Number of schools offering the population focus, whether or not students are currently enrolled.

⁵NP Dual Population Foci indicates that graduates are eligible for certification in two population foci.

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

Table 35. Enrollment (Fall 2017) and Graduations (August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017) in Master's-Level Combined Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist Programs by the National NP and CNS Certification Examination that the Program Prepares the Majority of Graduates to Take (N=11).^{1,2}

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS OFFERING SPECIALTY	ENROLLMENT						GRADUATIONS	
		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL		NUMBER	%
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%		
Pediatric Primary Care NP/Pediatric CNS	1	12	28.6	0		12	17.6	10	25.6
Acute Care NP/Adult Acute & Critical Care CNS	3	20	47.6	2	7.7	22	32.4	7	17.9
Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP/ Adult Gerontology CNS	2	0		6	23.1	6	8.8	11	28.2
Other NP/CNS	1	10	23.8	18	69.2	28	41.2	11	28.2
TOTAL		42		26		68		39	

¹Information in this report pertaining to combined nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialists is the result of agreements with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties; and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists. All combined nurse practitioner and clinical specialist data are owned by the three organizations.

²Combined NP/CNS refers to those programs where the NP and CNS roles are merged in the curriculum. Graduates are eligible to sit for one NP and one CNS national certification examination. Decisions about programs categorized as NP/CNS were based solely on national certification eligibility.

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

Table 38. Enrollment (Fall 2017) and Graduations (August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017) in Nurse Practitioner-Focused Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Programs (N=213)¹

POPULATION FOCUS ^{2/} NATIONAL CERTIFI- CATION EXAM	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ³	ENROLLMENT						GRADUATIONS	
		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL		NUMBER	%
		NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%		
POST-BACCALAUREATE DNP NP Programs (N=187)									
Family NP	178	4582	58.8	2766	54.8	7,348	57.2	1179	56.1
Pediatric Primary Care NP	51	352	4.5	245	4.8	597	4.6	134	6.4
Women's Health NP	18	110	1.4	55	1.1	165	1.3	29	1.4
Neonatal NP	21	112	1.4	122	2.4	234	1.8	34	1.6
Pediatric Acute Care NP	20	79	1.0	160	3.2	239	1.9	36	1.7
Psychiatric & MH NP -Across the Lifespan	79	868	11.1	453	9.0	1,321	10.3	191	9.1
Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP	86	730	9.4	612	12.1	1,342	10.4	218	10.4
Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP	60	742	9.5	604	12.0	1,346	10.5	191	9.1
NP Dual Tracks ⁴	14	223	2.9	35	0.7	258	2.0	89	4.2
TOTAL		7,798		5,052		12,850		2,101	
POST-MASTER'S DNP NP Programs (N=158)									
Family NP	70	183	18.6	330	16.4	513	17.1	138	16.1
Pediatric Primary Care NP	21	38	3.9	40	2.0	78	2.6	8	0.9
Women's Health NP	9	6	0.6	4	0.2	10	0.3	1	0.1
Neonatal NP	11	8	0.8	10	0.5	18	0.6	5	0.6
Pediatric Acute Care NP	10	5	0.5	21	1.0	26	0.9	4	0.5
Psychiatric & MH NP -Across the Lifespan	38	135	13.7	170	8.5	305	10.2	32	3.7
Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP	26	32	3.2	72	3.6	104	3.5	35	4.1
Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP	23	73	7.4	58	2.9	131	4.4	30	3.5
Other NP	3	1		7	0.3	8	0.3	0	
Previously Certified as NP ⁵	106	495	50.2	1,285	64.0	1,780	59.5	605	70.4
NP Dual Tracks ⁴	6	10	1.0	10	0.5	20	0.7	1	0.1
TOTAL		986		2,007		2,993		859	

¹Information in this report pertaining to nurse practitioners is the result of a collaborative effort between the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties; all nurse practitioner data are owned jointly by the two organizations.

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

³Number of schools offering the population focus, whether or not students are currently enrolled.

⁴NP Dual Population Foci indicates that graduates are eligible for certification in two population foci.

⁵Previously Certified as NP indicates that students and graduates already had a NP certification and will not seek a new NP certification in their DNP education.

NOTE: Percents may not total to 100 due to rounding.