

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Board Certification Examination

Test Content Outline

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There are 175 questions on this examination. Of these, 150 are scored questions and 25 are pretest questions that are not scored. Pretest questions are used to determine how well these questions will perform before they are used on the scored portion of the examination. The pretest questions cannot be distinguished from those that will be scored, so it is important for a candidate to answer all questions. A candidate's score, however, is based solely on the 150 scored questions. Performance on pretest questions does not affect a candidate's score.

This Test Content Outline identifies the areas that are included on the examination. The percentage and number of questions in each of the major categories of the scored portion of the examination are also shown. *Note: The examples in parentheses are not all-inclusive and do not indicate importance.*

Category	Content Domain	Number of Questions	Percentage
I	Core Competencies	36	24%
II	Clinical Practice	65	43%
III	Professional Role	49	33%
TOTAL		150	100%

In accordance with the APRN Consensus Model, this examination will be developed in consideration of the below secondary classifications, whenever applicable.

Body Systems	Drug Agents	Age Group
1. Cardiovascular	1. Analgesic	1. Adolescent
2. Endocrine	2. Anti-Infective	2. Young Adult
3. Gastrointestinal	3. Antineoplastic	3. Adult
4. Genitourinary and Renal	4. Cardiovascular	4. Older Adult
5. Head, Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat	5. Endocrine	5. Frail Elderly
6. Hematopoietic	6. Eye, Ear, and Skin	
7. Immune	7. Gastrointestinal	
8. Integumentary	8. Genitourologic	
9. Musculoskeletal	9. Immunologic	
10. Neurological	10. Musculoskeletal	
11. Psychiatric	11. Neurological	
12. Reproductive	12. Psychiatric	
13. Respiratory	13. Respiratory	

I Core Competencies

A. Knowledge

1. Advanced pathophysiology
2. Advanced pharmacology

B. Skill

1. Advanced physical assessment

II Clinical Practice

A. Knowledge

1. Standards of care and evidence-based principles
2. Advanced standardized assessment tools (eg, disease, condition, geriatric, psychosocial, pain)
3. Psychosocial factors (eg, emotional, cultural, spiritual, social determinants of health, and diversity, equity, and inclusion [DEI])
4. Cost-effective care (eg, diagnostics, medications, levels of care)
5. Health promotion and disease prevention

B. Skill

1. Risk stratification (eg, physiologic, vulnerable populations)
2. Diagnostic testing and procedures
3. Non-pharmacologic and pharmacologic treatments and procedures

III Professional Role

A. Knowledge

1. Scope and standards of professional practice
2. Health care policy and advocacy
3. Quality and safety improvement processes

B. Skill

1. Research and evidence-based principles application
2. Patient-specific education and health literacy promotion
3. Relationship development (eg, patient, family, multidisciplinary)

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