National 2015 Conference

2015

Celebrating 50 Years of Nurse Practitioners

JUNE 9-14

ERNEST N. MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER
NEW ORLEANS, LA

REGISTRATION INFORMATION BOOKLET
As president of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), it is my pleasure to invite you to join your colleagues in New Orleans for the AANP 2015 National Conference, June 9-14.

In addition to being a city where every day is a reason to celebrate, NPs also will be celebrating a significant milestone of our own. The first NP program was launched 50 years ago at the University of Colorado in 1965 by Drs. Loretta Ford and Henry Silver. This heralded the beginning of what has grown into more than 2,000 programs in 400 universities across the country, producing approximately 14,000 new NP graduates each year.

You have come to expect the best opportunities at an AANP conference and the 2015 conference will not disappoint. We have up to 37.75 contact hours of continuing education (CE) offerings planned, updates on state and federal policy, time to network with your colleagues, an exhibit hall filled with the latest goods and services for NPs and students, and of course, dynamic speakers who will share their unique perspectives on the role of the nurse practitioner in the ever-changing health care environment.

Our opening keynote speaker will bring a whole new perspective to attendees when she shares her experiences as an RN and how she transitioned from that role to being one of the best known entertainers in the world. Naomi Judd has a fascinating story to tell and one you will want to hear about in person.

To start this year’s conference New Orleans style, we are having the grand opening of the exhibit hall immediately following the opening general session. A Mardi Gras-type procession will lead you from the opening general session to the opening of the exhibit hall, where you will be treated to a 50th NP anniversary celebration reception and an opportunity to explore the many exhibiting companies that are part of the 2015 conference.

I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans and visiting with you about the fabulous growth of the NP role and where we are going in the future. Make plans now—you won’t want to miss this conference and celebration!

Ken Miller, PhD, RN, CFNP, FAAN, FAANP
President, AANP Board of Directors

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AANP MISSION AND CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The mission of AANP, a full-service national professional membership organization for NPs of all specialties, is to lead NPs in transforming patient-centered health care.

Conference Objectives

- Provide expert faculty presentations of current, practical and clinically oriented evidence-based practice information that addresses the roles of all providers and patients, incorporating an inter-professional perspective with a focus in acute care, adolescent/pediatric, adult/family, business, emergency department, gerontology, integrative medicine, men’s health, occupational health, oncology, pain management, pharmacology, professional issues, psychiatric/mental health, research, uniformed/military and women’s health
- Provide state-of-the-art skill enhancement workshops
- Discuss current national, state and local legislative, regulatory and practice issues affecting nurse practitioners
- Provide international and national opportunities for collegial networking

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WHY ATTEND AANP NATIONAL CONFERENCE?

- Largest national conference for NPs of all specialties
- Eight featured tracks
- Approximately 260 sessions throughout the conference focusing on diversity of the NP profession
- Approximately 40 skill enhancement workshops throughout the conference
- Earn up to 37.75 contact hours of CE pending approval by AANP (includes all sessions Tuesday through Sunday)
- Discussions on current national, state and local legislative, regulatory and practice issues affecting nurse practitioners
- International and national opportunities for collegial networking
- Industry Supported/Sponsored Events (with food service)
  - CE Symposia
  - Non-CE Product Theaters

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IMPORANT DATES

- March 2, 2015 – Early Bird Drawing Deadline
- March 31, 2015 – Early Bird Drawing Winners Announced
- May 10, 2015 – After 11:59 PM CT, no changes can be made to registration schedules
- June 8, 2015 – On-Site Registration Begins
  (If session capacities have not been reached)
IMPORTANT CONFERENCE FEATURES

AANP appreciates feedback from national conference attendees. Your input helps AANP enhance the conference experience and offerings. Some important conference features are:

Two Dedicated Workshop Days

Tuesday, June 9 — Workshop Day Opportunities
- 12-Lead ECG Interpretation
- Dermatologic Procedures
- Diabetes
- Honing Your Cardiac Exam
- Integrative Modalities
- Long-Acting Reversible Intrauterine Contraception
- Minor Surgical Skills
- Musculoskeletal Injection & Arthrocentesis
- Percutaneous Tracheostomy
- Spirometry
- Vascular Access

Sunday, June 14 — Workshop Day Opportunities
- Acute Abdomen
- Auricular Acupuncture
- Basic Suturing
- Fine Needle Aspiration of Superficial Lesions
- Minor Surgical Skills
- Musculoskeletal Injection & Arthrocentesis
- Neurological Exam Essentials

Presentations

Concurrent Presentations
There are approximately 170 75-minute concurrent presentations that will be offered Wednesday, June 10 – Saturday, June 13.

Other Presentations
In addition, there are other presentations such as general sessions, podium and poster presentations, regional meetings and interest forums that add to the variety of the many session opportunities.

6-Minute Lectures
The highly popular 6-Minute Lectures return on Saturday afternoon, June 13! Presenters will share pearls of wisdom in six minutes. 6-Minute Lectures are a fun and fast-moving platform for NPs to share their knowledge with fellow conference attendees. Watch for the “Call for Abstracts” that will be sent out via email to all national conference registrants and speakers.

Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS)
The FCCS course instructors will maintain the new course structure to enhance the learning environment and accommodate more registrants.

Exhibit Hall

AANP Store
We will once again provide a store so attendees can purchase their favorite AANP name or logo apparel and items such as key chains, mugs, pens, etc. To visit the store throughout the year go to aanpstore.com.

Market Place
To continue broadening the exhibit hall experience, the Market Place which appeals to attendees’ personal interests will be available. A limited number of exhibitors will feature items such as jewelry, handbags, lotions and other products.

Featured Tracks
The following tracks are featured throughout the conference schedule.

- Acute Care
- Dermatology
- Emergent/Urgent Care
- Military/Uniformed Services Healthcare
- Orthopedics
- Pain Management
- Pharmacology
- Women’s Health

Session Content Levels
Each session, as applicable, is denoted based on content level of material to be presented. The levels below are based on the Dreyfuss Model of Skill Acquisitions. Each session is assigned one of the following codes:

- Advanced Beginner
- Competent
- Proficient
- Expert
CONFERENCE INFORMATION

PODIUM AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS
Abstracts selected for podium (research/clinical/practice) and poster presentations feature the latest evidence in the field. A detailed schedule listing individual podium and poster presentations will be available in the AANP 2015 Conference Guide that is distributed on-site to registered attendees. These presentations will occur:

Podium Presentations
Thursday, 6/11 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Poster Presentations (In Exhibit Hall)
Wednesday, 6/10 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Thursday, 6/11 3:45 PM – 5:45 PM
Friday, 6/12 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM

INDUSTRY SUPPORTED / SPONSORED EVENTS
Costs of industry supported/sponsored (IS) events with food service presented at the AANP conference are not included in the conference registration fees. These limited CE symposia and non-CE product theaters are funded entirely by the supporting/sponsoring company, allowing AANP to offer some conference registrants complimentary access to a limited number of CE and non-CE educational presentations. Due to their educational focus and guideline requirements, attendance is restricted to only conference registrants. To expedite processing attendees into these events, registration/admission will occur at the entrance of each scheduled event, on a first-come first-served basis. There will be no pre-registration.

When available, IS event description notices will be posted on the National Conference page at aanp.org, on signage located throughout the conference area, and in the AANP 2015 Conference Guide each registered attendee receives at AANP Registration Operations during conference check-in.

CONTINUING EDUCATION / PHARMACOLOGY CONTACT HOURS
The program is pending approval for CE and pharmacology credit by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners Accreditation Program. Up to 37.75 contact hours of CE will be offered at the 2015 National Conference. Most sessions will have the estimated number of contact hours listed near the educational session category in the registration brochure when available. Approved pharmacology credit will be posted on the national conference page at aanp.org when available. All NP state regulatory agencies and certifying bodies recognize and accept AANP CE credit.

PRESENTATION HANDOUTS
Presentation handouts will be available online and the access link will be emailed to all conference registrants no later than early June 2015. Prior to attending the sessions, registrants are encouraged to print the materials or store them on an electronic device.

NAME BADGES
Registered Attendees: Registered attendees MUST wear their official conference name badge at all times to access conference events.

Guests of Registered Attendees: Complimentary guest badges for persons age 16 and older are available at AANP Registration Operations. ID with proof of age is required if requested by AANP management and/or security staff. This guest badge allows entrance into the Exhibit Hall only.

CHILDREN
Children (including infants) under the age of 16 are not allowed in conference sessions or the Exhibit Hall due to safety concerns, audio recording and maintaining an appropriate learning environment.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE
Attire at the national conference is business casual. The Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (ENMCC) strives to keep rooms at a comfortable temperature, but layered clothing is strongly suggested. Comfortable shoes are highly recommended.

STANDING & SITTING IN CLASSROOMS
Sitting in chairs is required in classrooms for the majority of presentations due to Fire Marshall regulations. Sitting on floors is not permitted. Standing is very limited and not allowed unless there is a hands-on or networking portion of the session, or you have a medical or health condition. Please kindly inform the classroom assistant(s) if you have a medical or health condition and need to stand during part of a session.

FORCE MAJEURE
In the event AANP should find it necessary to cancel or postpone the AANP 2015 National Conference for any reason, including but not limited to low registration, strikes, acts of nature, war, terrorist acts or other circumstances beyond AANP’s control, AANP’s liability shall be limited to refund of registration fees paid to AANP.

REGISTRATION OPERATIONS

AANP MEMBERS/REGISTRATION CATEGORIES
If you are not an AANP member, we encourage you to join in order to take advantage of a great member conference rate. AANP members receive a discount on their conference registration fees.

NP Members have successfully completed an NP program and/or maintain certification as NPs with a nationally approved certifying body.

Associate Members are non-NPs who are interested in fostering the objectives of AANP and the NP profession.

Student Members are currently enrolled in an entry-level program that prepares nurse practitioners.

Post Master’s Student Members are nurse practitioners who have returned to school for further education.

Career Starter Members are newly graduated NPs who are beginning their careers.

Retired Members are NPs who have retired from NP practice.
REGISTRATION OPERATIONS CONTINUED

REGISTRATION FEES

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On-Site: On-site registration will be available if session capacities have not been reached. If available, on-site registration will open starting Monday, June 8, 2015, from 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM CT in the ENMCC, Lobby E.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICIES

Cancellations: All cancellations require written notification to AANP at admin@aanp.org.

Please Note: If you cancel your AANP conference registration please cancel your housing reservation within the AANP Housing Block. AANP has the right to remove any housing reservations within the AANP Housing Block that are not supported by an AANP conference registration.

Refunds: Refunds on paid registrations will be issued for written cancellation requests received, via email, fax, or mail no later than Monday, April 27, 2015. All refunds will be issued for the paid registration minus a $50 administrative fee or a $25 administrative fee for a student registration.

Refunds will not be issued after Monday, April 27, 2015.

Returned Checks: An administrative fee of $35 will be charged for all checks returned to AANP for insufficient funds.

No Shows: If you do not cancel in writing to AANP and do not attend, you still are responsible for payment.

REGISTRATION OPERATIONS QUESTIONS

Email: conference@aanp.org
Phone: 512-442-4262
Fax: 512-442-6469
Mail: American Association of Nurse Practitioners
      PO Box 12846
      Austin, TX 78711

HOW TO REGISTER

Online: Go to the National Conference page at aanp.org. When registering online you have current availability of sessions, immediate confirmation of assignments and printable receipt of payment. Session assignments occur when the registration is entered and payment has been confirmed. Online registration requires credit card payment—AANP accepts VISA, MasterCard and American Express.

Please Note: If you do not receive a receipt via email within one (1) business day of online payment, please notify conference@aanp.org.

Mail/Fax (Available in January 2015): Complete the registration form and mail or fax with all required information and payment. Incomplete submissions will be returned to the sender. Session assignments occur when the registration is entered and payment has been confirmed. Receipts including session assignments will be emailed to the registrants. Receipts will be included in attendee packets and available on-site at the conference for those registrations received after Thursday, June 4. If you do not receive, via email, your session confirmation/receipt within ten (10) business days of mailing or five (5) business days of faxing your form and payment, please notify AANP at admin@aanp.org or 512-442-4262.
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
AANP 2015 National Conference Housing offers a wide selection of hotels near the convention center and throughout the area with discounted pricing for those staying within the AANP Housing Block. Information regarding hotel descriptions, availability and rates are provided on the AANP Housing Block reservation website, available to attendees after they have registered for the conference.

Special conference rates, ranging from $169-$195 (single/double) plus taxes and fees per night, will be honored for conference registrants and their families for reservations covering lodging between June 6-16, 2015, based on availability.

Make plans to arrive early or stay later to enjoy all New Orleans has to offer.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS & CUT-OFF DATE
You MUST register for the conference BEFORE you can make your hotel reservation. After registering you will receive housing information on the registration receipt. Hotel reservations must be made by the date indicated for each hotel in the AANP Housing Block, based on availability.

Please Note: If you cancel your AANP conference registration please cancel your housing reservation within the AANP Housing Block. AANP has the right to remove any housing reservations within the AANP Housing Block that are not supported by an AANP conference registration.

HOTEL POLICIES
Policies are hotel specific. Please review the AANP Housing Block website for policies specific to deposits, early departure fees and cancellations.

HOUSING QUESTIONS
The AANP Housing Center is available to answer questions from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM ET, Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

Email: housing@aanp.org Phone: 855-857-5933 Fax: 607-674-6132
TRANSPORTATION
Information regarding transportation services will be posted on the National Conference page at aanp.org.

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS
To provide a safe and healthy environment, the ENMCC is a non-smoking facility. All interior areas are designated as non-smoking areas.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)
The New Orleans Public Facility Management, Inc. is complying with requirements specified by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). AANP is responsible for all non-permanent accessibility requirements. If you have any questions, require special accommodations or auxiliary aid needs relating to a disability for your conference attendance, please notify AANP at conference@aanp.org or 512-442-4262 no later than Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

ANIMALS
Live animals are prohibited within the ENMCC other than animal(s) that serve a guide or service function as defined by ADA (Americans with Disabilities). The ADA defines service animals as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.

FIREARMS / WEAPONS
Firearms/weapons are prohibited on the convention center premises.

WHAT TO DO IN NEW ORLEANS
Watch for information to come regarding discounts, special offers and additional information on what to do and where to go in New Orleans.

GENERAL QUESTIONS
Email: conference@aanp.org
Phone: 512-442-4262
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM CT, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays
Fax: 512-442-6469

AANP believes in giving back to the host city, New Orleans, by providing its conference attendees the opportunity to show their support for the community. This year we will partner with Dress for Success—a non-profit, volunteer driven organization that works with over 50 greater New Orleans area agencies to identify disadvantaged women who, with a little help, can gain employment and economic independence.

All conference participants of the AANP 2015 National Conference are invited to donate to a clothing drive that may help someone take that all important step on the road to a “new” life. AANP is assisting by collecting professional clothing, new or gently used, that women getting back into the workforce can wear to a job interview and hopefully, on the job. Most needed items are suits and tops (sweaters and blouses), but Dress for Success also accepts dress pants and skirts, and accessories such as shoes and purses.

Make plans now to attend conference and start setting aside the item(s) of new and like-new clothing you want to bring with you to donate in support of this conference special initiative. Let’s show New Orleans we care by combining our efforts to make a difference in someone’s life!

THANK YOU CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Thank you to the 2015 National Conference Committee members for their expertise and time they committed to advising and planning the conference schedule.

Jill Johnson, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CCRN, CEN, CFRN – Chair
Angela Golden, DNP, FNP-C, FAANP – Vice-Chair
Sattaria Dilks, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FAANP
Mary Ellen Roberts, DNP, RN, APRN, FAAN, FAANP
Sophia L. Thomas, APRN, FNP-BC, PPCNP-BC, FAANP
Barbara Todd, DNP, ACNP-BC, FAANP
Ken Wysocki, PhD, FNP-C, FAANP

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

AANP shares the latest NP news through social media, and we want to hear from you. Get involved today at LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, ENP Network and Generation NP.

Join the conference conversation by using #AANP15
**REGISTRATION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Register online at [aanp.org](http://aanp.org) for immediate access to session availability & assignment.
- AANP student member conference registration rate is only $120!
- Join AANP NOW and attend conference at the member rate. See page 5, Registration Fees.

**COMPLETE YOUR 2015 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION NOW!**

**“EARLY BIRD” DRAWINGS FOR VALUABLE PRIZES**

(All prizes are subject to change without notice.)

To be eligible for the following drawings, attendees must:

### DRAWING #1

- Be an AANP NP Member and paid registrant attending the *entire* conference  
  (Students, Post Master’s Students, Career Starters, Retired and waivers/discounts are not eligible)
- Must have a valid phone number and email address on file in your AANP account
- Stay for at least five (5) nights between June 8-14, 2015, at one of the conference hotels  
  (Name must match on conference registration and the hotel reservation)
- Register for the conference and make your AANP Housing Block reservation on or before Monday, March 2, 2015, to be eligible:

**GRAND PRIZE:** Four (4) of the five (5) nights stay at one of the conference hotels

**2nd Prize:** Two (2) nights at the Sheraton New Orleans (not applicable for the AANP 2015 National Conference)

**3rd Prize:** One (1) complimentary conference registration for the AANP 2016 National Conference

**4th Prize:** Kindle Fire

**5th Prize:** $125 AmEx Gift Card

**6th Prize:** $125 AmEx Gift Card

**7th Prize:** $100 AmEx Gift Card

### DRAWING #2

- Be an AANP Student Member, Post Master’s Student Member, Career Starter Member or Retired Member and paid registrant attending the *entire* conference  
  (Only Students, Post Master’s Students, Career Starters, or Retired with no waivers/discounts are eligible)
- Must have a valid phone number and email address on file in your AANP account
- Stay for at least five (5) nights between June 8-14, 2015, at one of the conference hotels  
  (Name must match on conference registration and the hotel reservation)
- Register for the conference and make your AANP Housing Block reservation on or before Monday, March 2, 2015, to be eligible:

**GRAND PRIZE:** Three (3) of the five (5) nights stay at one of the conference hotels

**2nd Prize:** One (1) complimentary conference registration for the AANP 2016 National Conference

**3rd Prize:** $125 AmEx Gift Card

**4th Prize:** $125 AmEx Gift Card

**5th Prize:** $100 AmEx Gift Card

**MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVE REGISTRANT COMMUNICATIONS**

All registrant receipts, notifications and updates from AANP are communicated utilizing email. Please verify AANP ([aanp@aann.org](mailto:aanp@aann.org)) is in your email address book. If you currently are not receiving communications from [aanp@aann.org](mailto:aanp@aann.org), contact [conference@aann.org](mailto:conference@aann.org). If you cannot receive email from AANP, you will miss important conference notifications.

**Announcement of Winners**

Winners will be notified, announced in AANP communications, and on the AANP National Conference page at [aanp.org](http://aanp.org) no later than March 31, 2015.