

Test Content Outline  
 Effective Date: November 1, 2020

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner  
 Board Certification Examination

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 included 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
1	Core Competencies	35	23%
2	Clinical Practice	67	45%
3	Professional Role	48	32%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>100%</b>

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 clinical guidelines
2. Standardized assessment tools
3. Psychosocial factors (e.g., emotional, cultural, spiritual)
4. Cost-effective care
5. Health promotion and disease prevention

### **B. Skill**

1. Risk stratification (e.g., 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 systems
3. Quality improvement processes

### **B. Skill**

1. Research and evidence-based practice
2. Educational strategies and health literacy
3. Relationship development (e.g., patient, family, inter-professional)