



Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP -BC™) Board Certification Examination Test Content Outline

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This test content outline lists the knowledge and skills identified as being important for the role, as determined by the most recent role delineation study. The number of questions in each of the major categories of the scored portion of the examination are shown below.

Note: The examples in parentheses are not all-inclusive and do not indicate importance but are simply to provide clarification and guidance for studying.

There are **175 questions** on the examination. Of these, **150 are scored questions** and **25 are pretest questions** that are not scored. Performance of pretest questions is evaluated and used to determine if they will be used in 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.

| 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 | |

36 questions; 24%

I. Core Competencies

A. Knowledge

1. Advanced pathophysiology
2. Advanced pharmacology

B. Skill

1. Advanced physical assessment

65 questions; 43%

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

49 questions; 33%

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. Research and evidence-based principles application

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