



25th Anniversary

*Where the past meets the future:
A legacy of leadership and clinical excellence*

An Overview of the National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners (NCGNP)

The National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners (NCGNP) is a non-profit professional organization representing almost 1,000 advanced practice nurses who care for older adults, nationally and through its local chapters. We are dedicated to improving the quality of care and the quality of life of all older adults by providing the highest quality professional nursing care available. Our organization is the voice that establishes standards for both the education of advanced practice nurses (APNs) as well as quality standards for the provision of care.

Our membership includes Gerontological, Family, and Adult Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists. We provide care in a variety of settings including acute hospitals, outpatient clinics, assisted living facilities, board and care homes, private homes, mental health facilities, and nursing homes.

Our Purpose

The National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners promotes high standards of health care for older adults through advanced gerontological nursing practice, education, and research.

Our Vision

NCGNP leads the way to excellence in advanced practice nursing, related to the care of older adults, through national and international leadership, practice, education, and research.

Our Values

As geriatric nurse practitioners, our members

- Advocate for interdisciplinary care
- Reduce hospitalization rates of nursing facility residents
- Improve access to medical care for nursing facility residents
- Offer health promotion activities
- Improve outcomes for chronic disease

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Our Goals

The goals of NCGNP are as follows:

- To advocate for quality care for older adults
- To promote professional development for advanced practice nurses
- To provide continuing gerontological education for advanced practice nurses
- To promote communication and professional collaboration among healthcare providers
- To educate consumers regarding issues of aging
- To establish standards of care and standards of practice for advanced practice gerontological nurses
- To support basic and advanced research related to the care of older adults and encourage implementation of evidence based practice
- To recognize achievement and excellence in advanced practice gerontological nursing

Our Key Services and Functions

NCGNP represents nearly 3,500 certified GNPs in the country and a multitude of family and adult NPs in geriatric practice. NCGNP communicates with others through its quarterly newsletter, regular electronic communication, and its Web site. NCGNP contributes to the literature of gerontological nursing through its bi-monthly journal, *Geriatric Nursing*, which features the latest information, research, and resources relevant to advanced practice gerontological nursing. The annual convention, held every year in the fall, offers unparalleled opportunities for professional development and networking for nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists who work with older adults. The Board recently approved moving forward with a core curriculum for gerontological nursing to be co-developed with the National Gerontological Nursing Association. Active committees on education, practice, health affairs, and research ensure that NCGNP remains the organization of choice for NPs who want to pursue continuing education in geriatric care and who seek peer support from experienced clinicians.

Why NCGNP supports Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Home Campaign

We have long been believers in the need for collaborative interdisciplinary care. As advanced practice nurses, we hold a unique position between nursing and medicine. As nurses, we fully understand the role of the nursing home staff. As nurse practitioners, we have been educated to understand and function in the role of primary care medical providers, crossing over into the role of primary care medicine while maintaining our nurturing and caring holistic role as nurses. We provide a strong leadership role in facilitating communication between all of the individual providers in the nursing home with the staff, patient, and family. There are no other healthcare professionals who fulfill this role.

Because of our perspective on interdisciplinary collaboration, NCGNP believes it is particularly well positioned to support this unprecedented campaign that joins government, consumers, clinicians, and providers toward a single goal of improving the quality of nursing home care.