



## FMDA'S 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE NATIONAL LEADERS FORUM

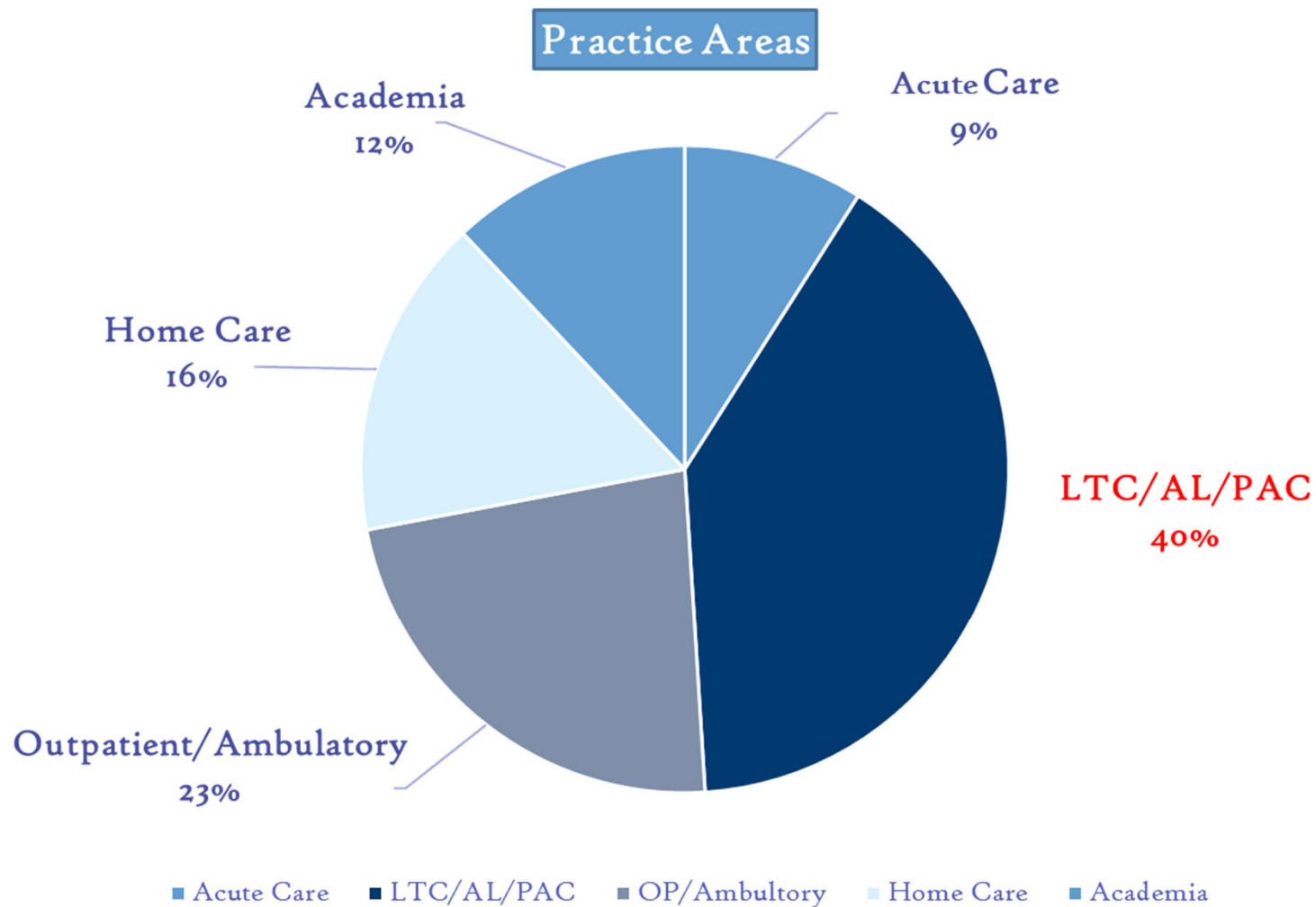
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*care continuity connection*

# About GAPNA

- ❑ Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
- ❑ Established in 1981 – *Celebrating 40 years in 2021*
- ❑ Premier professional organization that represents the interests of advanced practice nurses who care for older adults
- ❑ Members Nationally - 3000
- ❑ Membership Types Include:
  - ❑ *Regular*
  - ❑ *Associate*
  - ❑ *Student*

# Our Members



# GAPNA'S GOALS



- *Advocate* quality care for older adults
- *Promote* professional development
- *Provide* continuing gerontological education
- *Enhance* communication and professional collaboration among healthcare providers
- *Educate* consumers regarding issues of aging

# Collaboration and communication through Committees and SIGs

## Committees

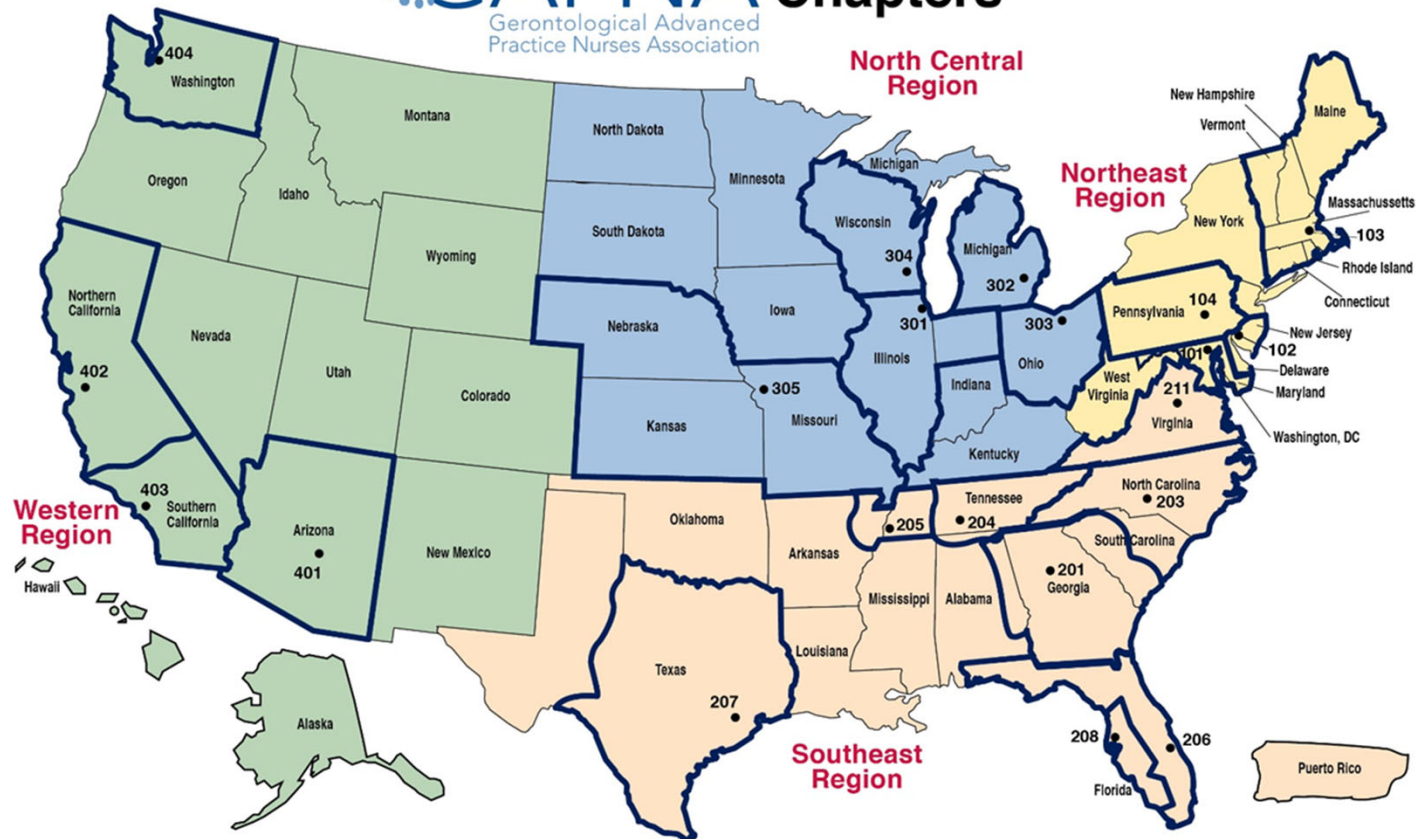
- ❑ Research
- ❑ Education
- ❑ Health Affairs
- ❑ Awards
- ❑ Chapter Leadership
- ❑ Communications
- ❑ Conference Planning
- ❑ Nominating
- ❑ Historical

## Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

- ❑ Post Acute/Long-term care
- ❑ GeroPsych
- ❑ Hospice/Palliative Care
- ❑ House Calls
- ❑ Leadership
- ❑ Cross Cultural Care
- ❑ Veterans

# 21 Regional Chapters

## GAPNA Chapters Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association



Northeast	Established	Southeast	Established	Southeast	Established	North Central	Established	Western	Established
101 - Maryland	(2005)	201 - Georgia	(2007)	206 - Florida	(2010)	301 - Chicagoland IL	(1998)	401 - Sonoran AZ	(2007)
102 - Delaware Valley	(2006)	203 - North Carolina	(2006)	207 - TX Gulf Coast	(2001)	302 - Great Lakes MI	(1998)	402 - Northern CA	(1997)
103 - New England	(2006)	204 - Middle TN	(2007)	208 - Florida Gulf Coast	(2001)	303 - Ohio	(2001)	403 - Southern CA	(2013)
104 - Liberty	(2014)	205 - Mid-South TN	(2008)	211 - Central Virginia	(2015)	304 - Southeast WI	(2006)	404 - Seattle WA	(2016)
						305 - Heartland	(2015)		



# Educational Conferences

- *Spring* Conference:  
Pharmacology &  
Prescribing in Older  
Adults



- *Fall* Conference



# Interactive & Online Continuing Education





## Introducing a DEMENTIA Care Course

9.00 contact hours


The overall goal of this course is to provide Nurse Practitioners with knowledge necessary to provide high quality dementia care management.

Available to members  
at NO cost until  
September 1, 2019.

[gapna.org/DCS](http://gapna.org/DCS)


Please click the QR code below to download GAPNA's:

**Adult/Gero APRN Preceptor Toolkit**



Gerontology  
Resources for  
**APRNs in Acute and Emergent Care Settings**

Please click the QR code to the  
right to download this toolkit





# Publications & Dissemination of Best Practices



- ❑ GN subscription is included with GAPNA membership
- ❑ GAPNA pages in each issue
- ❑ Monthly Newsletter
- ❑ Research grant awards to advance senior care
- ❑ GAPNA Exchange – web-based portal for members

# Advancing & Recognizing Gerontology Specialization

- ❑ APRN Gerontological Specialist Exam
- ❑ Established 2018
- ❑ Recognizes APRNs who possess expert knowledge, experience, and skill in managing the complex health needs of older adults
- ❑ Initial certification is successful completion of GNCC exam
- ❑ Re-certification by a variety of CE activities
- ❑ [www.gerocert.org](http://www.gerocert.org)



# Leadership Development



*Preparing the Next Generation of Leaders in Gerontological Nursing*

## ***Purpose***

To develop, support, and enrich leadership skills of GAPNA members to prepare them for leadership roles and opportunities within GAPNA and other organizations that advance the care of older adults.

## ***Benefits***

Fellows will gain a deep understanding of GAPNA's mission and organizational structure, develop and enhance their leadership skills, develop cross-organizational relationships and lead a change project.

# GAPNA partners to advance senior healthcare



- Health Care for America's Seniors at a Tipping Point – An Analysis of Results, Implications of Major National Study. *Valerie K. Sabol, PhD, ACNP, GNP, ANEF, FAANP, FAAN*
- <https://www.gapna.org/resources/crc/health-care-americas-seniors-tipping-point>
- Senate Aging Committee Briefing
- Diverse Scholars Forum
- Regional Chapter - Conferences

# Policy Advocacy



- Capitol Hill Day
- Health Affairs Committee
  - ▣ Health Affairs Fellowship
- Legislative Review
- Position Papers
- Collaboration with other organizations; on Position Papers; Letters to CMS; Letters to Congress



# GAPNA Priorities

- Workforce Development to meet the growing needs of the senior population

- Geriatric Expertise of

- Clinicians
    - Nurse Educators
    - APRN Preceptors
    - Leaders



- Expertise Recognition through Gerontological Specialist Certification



# GAPNA Priorities



- Professional Development & Advocacy to address:
  - Populations
    - Underserved
    - Veterans
    - Geropsych
  - Across the Care Continuum
    - Long-term care/PAC
    - Acute Care
    - Palliative & Hospice Care
    - House Calls

# GAPNA Priorities

- Partnership and Collaboration with other professional organizations to advance:
  - ▣ Older adults access to healthcare
  - ▣ APRN practice – to care for them



# Connect with Us!



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Twitter

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[www.linkedin.com/company/gapna](http://www.linkedin.com/company/gapna)

# Thank You!



*A rich life consists fundamentally of serving others,  
trying to leave the world a little better than you found it.*

*Cornel West*

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