

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

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### 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

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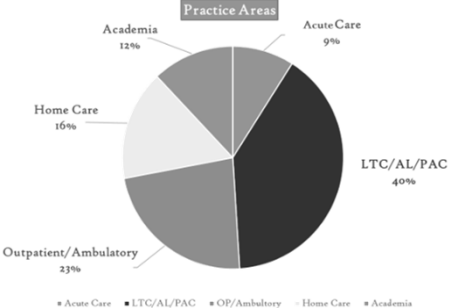
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### Our Members



Practice Area	Percentage
LTC/AL/PAC	40%
Outpatient/Ambulatory	23%
Home Care	16%
Academia	12%
Acute Care	9%

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## 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

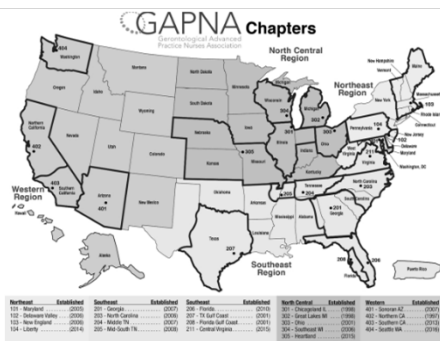
### Committees

- ☐ 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



## Educational Conferences

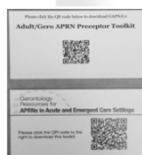
- ☐ **Spring Conference:**  
Pharmacology &  
Prescribing in Older  
Adults



- ☐ **Fall Conference**



## Interactive & Online Continuing Education



## 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

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## 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




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## 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

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## GAPNA Priorities

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




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## 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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