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MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Richard L. Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

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Date: October 22, 2012

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2012-13(B) – Separation of the Dual Track Adult and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program into two individual tracks: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program, and the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program within Masters of Science in Nursing Program (MSN), School of Nursing and Health Studies

At its October 17, 2012 meeting, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved the proposal from the School of Nursing and Health Studies to separate the dual track Adult and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program into two individual tracks: *Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program, and the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program*. The naming of these individual tracks will comply with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the nursing accreditation body. These are tracks within the Masters of Science in Nursing Program (MSN).

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

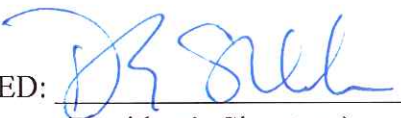
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Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
Nilda Peragallo, Dean, School of Nursing and Health Studies
Todd Ambrosia, Assistant Professor of Clinical, School of Nursing and Health Studies
Karen Beckett, Associate Registrar

CAPSULE: #2012-13(B) – Separation of the Dual Track Adult and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program into two individual tracks: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program, and the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program within Masters of Science in Nursing Program (MSN), School of Nursing and Health Studies

PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 04-23-2012
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: DEAN PERAGALLO

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: Immediately following Board of Trustees approval
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

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MEMORANDUM

To: Professor Richard Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

From: Dean Nilda (Nena) Peragallo, DrPH, RN, FAAN
School of Nursing and Health Studies

Date: October 4, 2012

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This memo is written in support of the separation of the dual track Adult and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program into two individual tracks, the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program, and the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program, and the naming of these individual tracks to comply with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), our nursing accreditation body. These programs are tracks within the Masters of Science in Nursing Program (MSN).

On August 22, 2012, the School Council of the School of Nursing and Health Studies approved names for the two individual tracks, from the dual program Adult and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program to the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program, and the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program. If the separation of tracks should not be approved by the Senate, the School Council of the School of Nursing and Health Studies has approved the name change of the dual program to Adult-Gerontology Primary/Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the School's nursing accreditation body, requires the tracks be referred to as programs. The changes in names were instituted to meet the requirement of the national certifying body, The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANNC), that program titles for Adult and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner programs include Adult and Gerontology qualifiers to adequately reflect required specialty content.

On September 19, 2012, the School Council of the School of Nursing and Health Studies approved the separation of the dual track Adult-Gerontology Primary/Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program within the MSN program into separate tracks within the MSN program: The Adult Gerontology Nurse Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program, and the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program.

Program content for each track will remain the same as that offered in the dual track, with courses required for each organized in the respective Plan of Study. Plans of Study are attached and were also approved by the School Council on September 19, 2012. There have been no changes made to program content or course additions, nor any deletions made in name changes or track separation.

I support these changes and approve decisions made by the faculty of the School of Nursing and Health Studies as noted above. I ask that the Faculty Senate approve our request to offer these programs as renamed individual tracks.

Attachments

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY Primary Care NP (FULL TIME)

Semester	Course	Total Credits	Class Credits	Clinical Credits	Clinical Hours
Fall I					
NUR 601	Advanced Pharmacology	3	3	0	
NUR 612	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	3	0	
NUR 613	Advance Health Assessment & Diagnostic Reasoning	3	2	1	28*
NUR 628	Adult Gerontology I	4	2	2	112
		13	10	3	140

Spring I

NUR 608	Concepts	3	3	0	
NUR 631	Adult Gerontology II	7	2	5	280
		10	5	5	280

Summer I

NUR 609	Professionalism in Advance Practice Nursing	2	2	0	
NUR 630	Research and Evidence-Base Advanced Practice Nursing	3	3	0	
NUR XXX	Advanced Practice Integration	7	3	4	224
		12	8	4	224
	Total Program	35	23	12	644

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ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACNP (FULL TIME)

Semester	Course	Total Credits	Class Credits	Clinical Credits	Clinical Hours
Fall I					
NUR 601	Advanced Pharmacology	3	3	0	
NUR 612	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	3	0	
NUR 613	Advance Health Assessment & Diagnostic Reasoning	3	2	1	28*
NUR 628	Adult Gerontology I	4	2	2	112
		13	10	3	140

Spring I

NUR 608	Concepts	3	3	0	
NUR 621	Diagnosis & Therapeutic Interventions	3	2	1	56
NUR 631	Adult Gerontology Acute I	7	3	4	224
		13	8	5	280

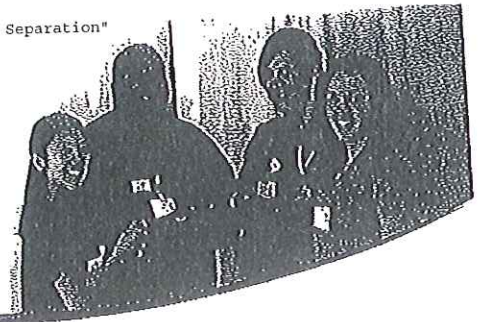
Summer I

NUR 609	Professionalism in Advance Practice Nursing	2	2	0	
NUR 630	Research and Evidence-Base Advanced Practice Nursing	3	3	0	
NUR 639	Adult Gerontology Acute II	7	3	4	224
		12	8	4	224
	Total Program	38	26	12	644

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American Association of Critical-Care Nurses

November 8, 2011

Joanna D. Sikkema, MSN, ARNP
Program Director
University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies
P.O. Box 248153
Coral Gables, FL 33124

Dear Ms. Sikkema:

The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) and AACN Certification Corporation led advocacy efforts to retain acute care graduate education and certification competency testing for APRNs within the licensure tier throughout the development of the *Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education* (Consensus Model).

As the organization representing the interests of and setting standards for acute and critical care nurses, we know the indispensable role that APRNs play in meeting the healthcare needs of the country's most medically fragile patient populations and, therefore, believe that protecting the role is imperative.

We are actively moving our APRN certification programs to be in alignment with the Consensus Model. As such, we are pleased to share with you the Study of Practice Summary and Test Plan for AACN Certification Corporation's new Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNPC-AG) exam.

The new test plan is the result of a 2011 nationwide acute care nurse practitioner study of practice and is in alignment with the new Consensus Model. We wanted to share this document with you as soon as possible to assist with curriculum changes as your adult-gerontology ACNP program is developed.

AACN Certification Corporation's current Adult ACNPC exam will continue as we launch our new Adult-Gerontology ACNPC exam. The current ACNPC exam will be retired as of Dec. 31, 2014, but the ACNPC program will continue as a renewal credential only for those who hold current ACNPC certification.

Our anticipated timeframe for implementation of the new Adult-Gerontology ACNP exam is February 2013. At that time we will be prepared to test candidates who have completed an Adult-Gerontology ACNP program. With the launch of the new exam in early 2013, we anticipate pilot testing in select graduate programs to take place in November 2012.

Exam	Credential	Pilot Testing	Exam Release
Current - Adult ACNP	ACNPC	-	-
New - Adult-Gerontology ACNP	ACNPC-AG	November 2012	February 2013

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To assist you in the transition to implementation of the new Consensus Model, we have enclosed the following resources:

- AACN Certification Corporation's Study of Practice Summary and Test Plan for the new ACNPC-AG certification exam
- AACN's Advocacy Role for Acute Care APRNs
- APRN Consensus Model graphic
- NP Graphic Overlay — shows how NPs are impacted by the Consensus Model
- AACN's Frequently Asked Questions About Consensus Model Implementation for NP Programs
- NONPF Statement on Acute Care and Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Practice
- Registered Nurse Practitioner (RNP) Practicing in an Acute Care Setting (2009) — a white paper from the Arizona Board of Nursing that clarifies the appropriate qualifications for NPs to fill hospitalist roles in acute care facilities
- Table of contents for *AACN Advanced Critical Care* issue with Geriatric Symposium (April/June 2011) — free access to this issue is available at the Web page noted below

Our website at www.aacn.org/APRNresources has additional resources for program directors, with links to valuable information about the Consensus Model and AACN Certification Corporation's advanced practice certification exams.

AACN is committed to providing education, resources and a full spectrum of services such as the certification program for adult acute care nurse practitioners. *Scope and Standards of Practice for the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner*, developed and published by AACN, is being updated with an expected release in May 2012. We'll be happy to send you a copy of the new version when it is published. If you would like to receive a complimentary copy of the current 2006 version, please send an email request to certification@aacn.org.

If we may answer any questions about our certification programs, the Consensus Model or other resources, please send an email to certification@aacn.org or call (800) 394-5995, ext. 334.

We look forward to partnering with you in ensuring the competence of adult acute care nurse practitioners.

Sincerely,



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Certification Programs Strategist



Karen Harvey, RN, MSN
Certification Programs Specialist



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Certification Practice Specialist



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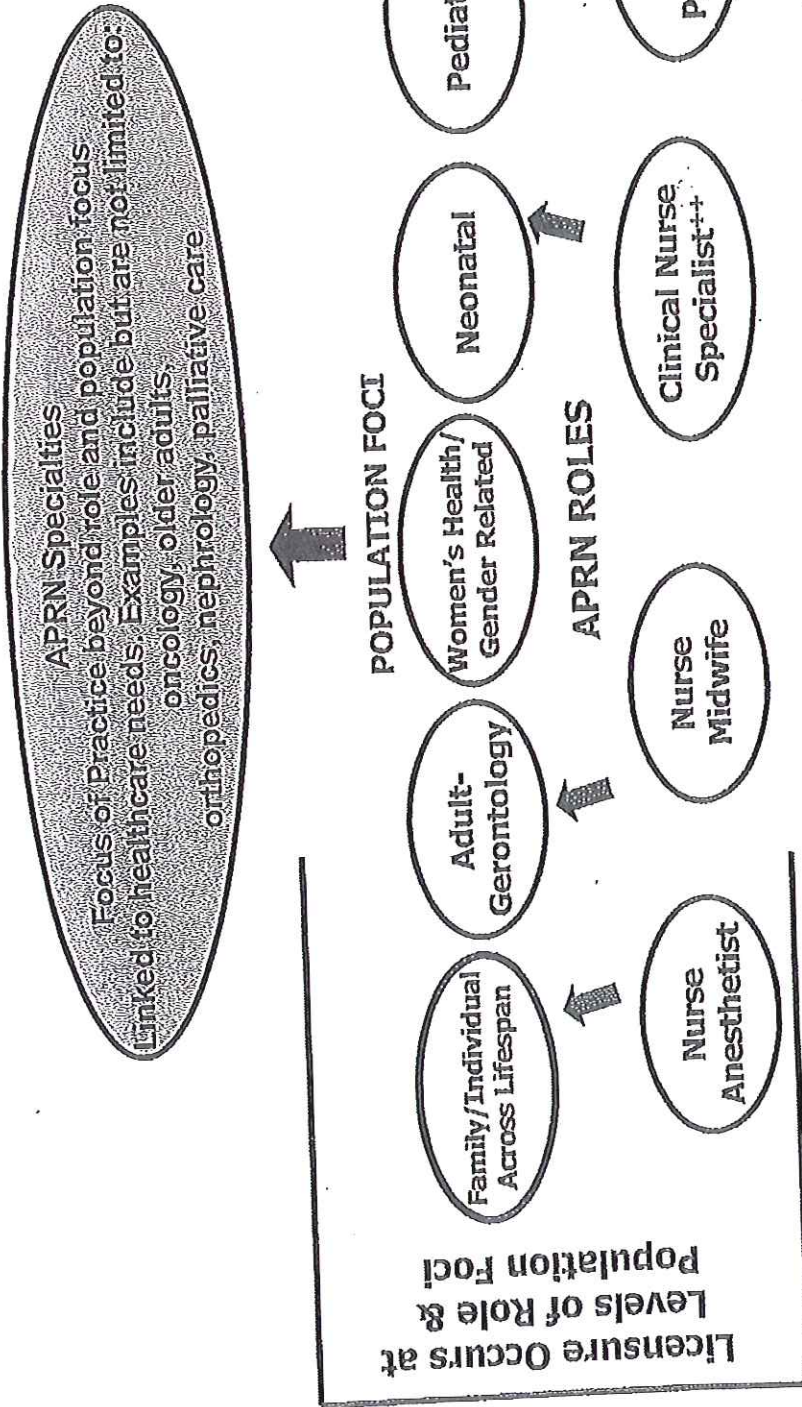
Certification Organization for the American Association of Critical Care Nurses

Frequently Asked Questions About APRN Consensus Model Implementation for NP Programs

Question	Answer
What is the APRN Consensus Model?	The Consensus Model is a broad-based model developed by the APRN Consensus Work Group and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) APRN Advisory Committee, with extensive input from APRN stakeholders that defines APRN roles, appropriate credentials and scope of practice, and promotes uniformity in state regulations and education.
Is the APRN Regulatory Model the same as the APRN Consensus Model?	Yes. The full name of the work is the <i>Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification and Education</i> .
What is the purpose of the Consensus Model?	The Consensus Model was created to establish standards for uniform APRN regulation across the country, to enhance utilization of patient care services provided by APRNs.
When will the Consensus Model go into effect?	The target date for full implementation of the Consensus Model is by 2015. APRN education programs should prepare to be transitioned by 2013.
How does the Consensus Model impact the scope of practice for the certified nurse practitioner (CNP)?	With the Consensus Model, adult NPs are required to be educated, and their competencies assessed via national certification exams, in gerontology content. Acute care and primary care remain separate CNP roles; the acute and primary care delineation applies only to pediatric and adult-gerontology population foci. Scope of practice of the nurse practitioner is not setting specific but is based on patient care needs.

<p>How will the Consensus Model affect the current ACNPC certification program offered by AACN Certification Corporation?</p>	<p>ACNPC certificants will continue to renew under the existing renewal by CE program. Effective January 1, 2015, ACNPC renewal by exam will no longer be an option.</p>
<p>What happens if an ACNPC allows his or her certification to lapse?</p>	<p>If an ACNPC is unable to maintain his or her certification or does not renew on time, he or she would need to meet the eligibility requirements for the new exam and test under the Consensus Model, which would require additional post-graduate education.</p>
<p>Will AACN Certification Corporation continue offering the existing ACNPC exam?</p>	<p>The ACNPC exam will be offered through December 31, 2014.</p>
<p>When should the Consensus Model be implemented into education programs?</p>	<p>Programs should consider that all students currently enrolled under existing curricula must graduate and pass the ACNPC exam <i>before</i> it is retired December 31, 2014.</p>
<p>What credential will AACN Certification Corporation offer to Acute Care Nurse Practitioners (ACNPs) in the future?</p>	<p>Starting in 2013, AACN will offer a new Adult-Gerontology ACNP certification program, the ACNPC-AG. This new certification will meet requirements for ACNP licensure as defined by the Consensus Model.</p>
<p>How will eligibility for the new Adult-Gerontology ACNP exam be different than eligibility for the existing ACNPC exam?</p>	<p>To be eligible for the ACNPC-AG exam, candidates must be educated in an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner graduate program that includes in-depth competencies to care for the entire adult population (young adults, older adults and the frail elderly).</p>
<p>Will advanced practice nurses be grandfathered into the new certifications?</p>	<p>No. While individual states may grandfather nurses currently working in the role, making them exempt from new requirements, AACN Certification Corporation cannot grandfather current certificants into the new credential. Additional education would be required to become eligible to sit for the new certification exam.</p>
<p>Will a DNP be required for advanced practice certification in 2015?</p>	<p>The Consensus Model does not require or preclude the DNP as an entry-level degree for APRNs.</p>

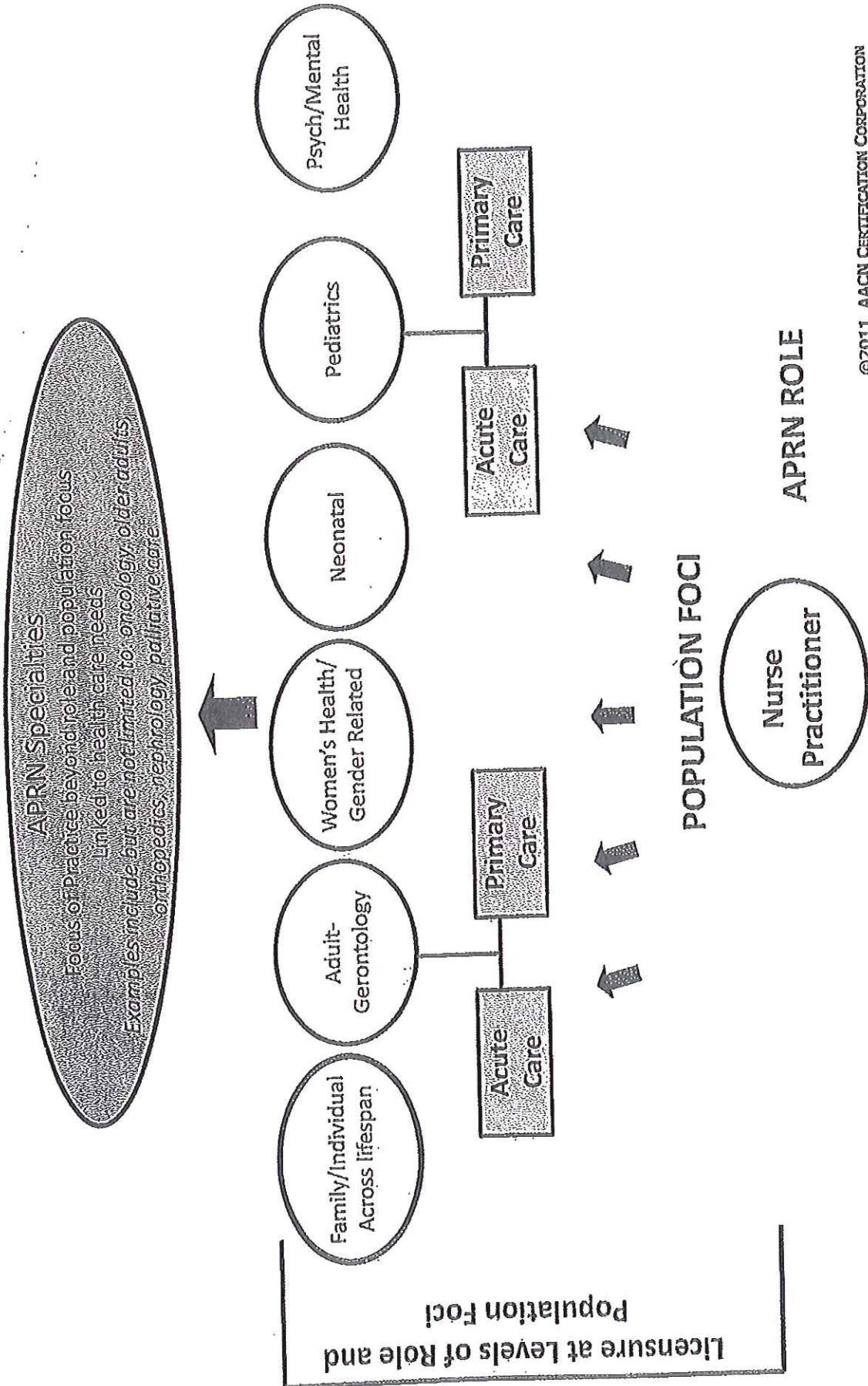
CONSENSUS MODEL FOR APRN REGULATION



+The certified nurse practitioner (CNP) is prepared with the acute care CNP competencies and/or the primary care CNP competencies. At this point in time the acute care and primary care CNP delineation applies only to the pediatric and adult-gerontology CNP population foci. Scope of practice of the primary care or acute care CNP is not setting specific but is based on patient care needs. Program may prepare individuals across both the primary care and acute care CNP competencies. If programs prepare graduates across both sets of roles, the graduate must be prepared with the consensus-based competencies for both roles and must successfully obtain certification in both the acute and the primary care CNP roles. CNP certification in the acute care or primary care roles must match the educational preparation for CNPs in these roles.

++The clinical nurse specialist (CNS) is educated and assessed through national certification processes across the continuum from wellness through acute care.

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Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Competencies

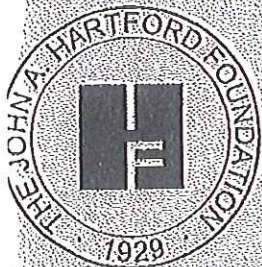
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