

Perspectives on Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing

Increasingly Nurse Practitioner (NP) and Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) roles are emerging and being identified worldwide. The definition, scope of practice and educational standards are varied and context sensitive. In an effort to provide a comprehensive base of information addressing education and practice issues the International Nurse Practitioner/ Advanced Practice Nursing Network (INPAPNN) has initiated the development of papers describing the presence and development of these roles in several areas of the world. Perspectives on NP/APN practice have originated with members of the education and practice subgroup of INPAPNN. The intent is to provide background information to support exploration and discussion for a field that is an evolving and vibrant addition to the nursing profession.

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