

# HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF ADVANCED PRACTICE

National Timeline

American College of Nurse Midwives established ← 1955  
CRNA credential officially recognized ← 1956

1950's

→ 1958 → First VUSN MSN degree awarded

Loretta Ford develops first NP program,  
University of Colorado ← 1965  
Rapid increase in CNS programs & jobs ← 1967

1960's

→ 1964 → First CRNA hired

One of first FNP programs, Primex,  
begins at University of Washington ← 1971  
65 NP Programs in US; NAPNAP established ← 1973

1970's

→ 1970 → First VUSN CNS graduates; CNSs join VUMC  
→ 1972 → First VUSN FNP graduates  
→ 1973 → First FNP in VUMC Internal Medicine Clinic  
→ 1974 → First FNP joins Occupational Health  
→ 1975 → More FNPs join Pediatrics & OB/GYN Practices  
→ 1976 → FNPs & CNSs increase in OP & IP settings  
→ '80

15,000 US NP ← 1979

1980's

→ 1982 → Estimated 35 APRNs in VUMC IP & OP settings

22,000 - 24,000 NPs ← 1983  
AANP established ← 1985

AANP creates Certification program ← 1993  
NEJM article "Advance Practice Nursing—  
Good Medicine for Physicians" ← 1994  
National Association of CNS founded ← 1995  
68,300 US NPs ← 1999

1990's

→ 1995 → CNM Faculty Practice Established  
→ 1997 → First VUSN CNM graduates

82,000 NPs ← 2001  
97,000 NPs ← 2003  
106,000 NPs; National NP Week Recognized ← 2004

2000's

→ 2005 → 100 APRN's; Virtual CAPNAH created  
→ 2008 → Launch of Clinical Practice Grand Rounds  
→ 2009 → 479 Advanced Practice Professionals (APP)

120,000 NPs ← 2007  
130,000 NPs ← 2009  
140,000 NPs ← 2010  
148,000 NPs ← 2011  
157,000 NPs ← 2012  
171,000 NPs; 90,000 US PAs ← 2013  
192,000 NPs; 70,000 CNSs ← 2014  
53,000 CRNAs; 11,000 CNMs ← 2015

2010's

→ 2010 → 519 APPs  
→ 2011 → 569 APPs; DNP CC Fellowship launched  
→ 2012 → 627 APPs  
→ 2013 → 679 APPs  
→ 2014 → 699 APPs; LEAP! Mentoring Program launched  
→ 2015 → 750 APPs

Anticipate 244,400 NPs in US ← 2025

2020's

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VUMC Timeline