



OAAPN | Fact Sheet

OAAPN is the unified voice of more than 10,000 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) in the state of Ohio, which includes Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (CRNPs), Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs).

Nurses with the APRN designation have obtained post-graduate education (Master's or Doctorate degree) as well as an in-depth degree of knowledge through training, accumulated skills and clinical experience.

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Website: www.aaapn.org

Founded: 1990 – formed as the Ohio Coalition of Nurses with the Specialty Certification (OCNSC)
1996 – membership of OCNSC voted to change its name to the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses (OAAPN)

Organizational

Priorities: Through education, communication and collaboration, OAAPN is actively advancing the health and well being of patients as well as its profession in Ohio.

- **Educating** members and influencers (e.g., legislators) on the positive impact APRNs have on the delivery of accessible, high quality, cost-effective health care in addition to the ongoing and emerging issues affecting the APRN profession. OAAPN provides access to required continuing education to ensure its members maintain certification and a high level of practice excellence.
- **Communicating** on a timely and consistent basis, OAAPN engages members and influencers in all matters that affect the growth of its APRN professionals and its profession.
- **Collaborating** within its member base through networking and committee work – and among other health care providers– to share best practices, support health policy and remove barriers to practice.

Active

Members: One in every four APRNs in Ohio belongs to and benefits from OAAPN, making it the largest and only full-service statewide professional membership organization for Advanced Practice Nurses of all specialties within Ohio.

Guiding

Philosophy: There is *strength* in our numbers; *authority* in our voice; and *influence* in our action.

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