

PANCE AT A GLANCE

- PA program graduates will be deemed to have graduated from an accredited program if their PA educational program was accredited at the time of their matriculation.
- Student eligibility to take the PANCE is received and accepted only through the secure Program Portal where PA Programs enter this information.
- Verification of graduation/completion must be received within 48-hours of the expected completion/graduation date. If not, the PA's application will be withdrawn, and exam date canceled, if applicable. Upon receipt of confirmation of the graduation/completion, NCCPA will reinstate the application.
- Students may apply for the PANCE as early as 90 days prior to the expected completion/graduation date provided to NCCPA.
- Eligibility information will not be sent from NCCPA to Pearson VUE until 90 days prior to the start of the exam timeframe.
- If a PA applies for the PANCE after receipt of their confirmed graduation date, the exam timeframe will begin the day the application process is complete and end 180 days later.
- PANCE applicants have 180 days from the beginning of their exam application timeframe in which to take the exam.
- Individuals may take PANCE one time in any single 90-day period or three times in a calendar year, whichever is fewer.
- Individuals who have never been certified and who graduated from an ARC-PA accredited physician assistant program on or after January 1, 2003, will be eligible to take PANCE for up to six years after completing the requirements for graduation from that program. During that six-year period, PANCE may be taken a total of six times. When either the six attempts or six years are exhausted, whichever occurs sooner, the individual loses eligibility to take PANCE. The only way to establish new eligibility is to complete an unabridged ARC-PA accredited physician assistant educational program again.
- Applicants who fail to graduate from an ARC-PA accredited program prior to the scheduled examination date or otherwise, lose status as a graduate of an ARC-PA accredited program and will be summarily withdrawn from the examination and receive a full refund of their application fee, if applicable.



- The fee for taking PANCE is \$500.00 and is due at the time of application.
- The six-hour computer based PANCE includes 300 multiple-choice questions, administered in five blocks of 60 questions. Examinees are allotted 60 minutes to complete each block.
- The PANCE is offered approximately 355 days per calendar year, for a total of 50 weeks of testing. There is no testing available during the last 10 – 12 days of each calendar year
- The PANCE is administered by Pearson VUE in over 200 testing centers throughout the U.S. and the world.
- NCCPA complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations for documented physical or mental disabilities. Detailed information on exam accommodations can be found on NCCPA's web site at <http://www.nccpa.net/SpecialAccommodations>. Applicants must request special accommodations at the time of application and submit the required documentation.
- NCCPA will post scores for the PANCE to each examinee's personal certification record approximately two weeks after the individual's exam date and will notify them via email when the score is posted. No scores are given over the phone.
- State licensing boards may obtain score results and the current status of an exam applicant or PA through the secure state portal.
- NCCPA mails initial certificate documents to examinees within 24 hours of processing their scores.