

Biographical Statement

Dr. Deanna Adams is dual-certified as an FNP and as an AGACNP and is a certified gerontological specialist. She earned her DNP from Texas Christian University, an MSN and post-master's certification from the University of Texas at Arlington, and her BS from Texas Woman's University. As the owner of Adams NP Medical Services, PLLC, she works with patients undergoing dialysis and works in a rural emergency department in East Texas. She is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Texas at Tyler, where she serves as faculty in both the FNP program and the DNP program, mentoring future leaders in nursing practice. Dr. Adams is actively involved in numerous community and professional organizations. She is the president of the Thomas Jefferson Rusk Rotary Club. Currently, she serves as a legislative ambassador for the Texas Nurse Practitioner Association and as the incoming co-chair of the Gerontology SIG of the NONPF. Dr. Adams has been an active member of GAPNA since 2018, serving as chairperson of the Acute and Emergent Care SIG for three years and as co-chair member of the annual conference planning committee. She is currently a member of the Membership Task Force, focusing on increasing the presence of APRNs in GAPNA. She is a member of the Acute Care Resource Guide Task Force for the Gerontology Resources for APRNs in Acute and Emergent Care Settings, 2nd and 3rd Editions. Dr. Adams has focused her practice on providing evidence-based care and increasing awareness of the healthcare needs of the older adult population.

Ballot Statement

I am seeking a position on the Nominating Committee to contribute to the continued strength, diversity, and strategic direction of GAPNA's leadership. Through this role, I hope to support a thoughtful and inclusive selection process that identifies candidates who not only demonstrate clinical and professional excellence, but who also reflect the evolving needs of older adults and the nurses who serve them. I am particularly committed to promoting leadership opportunities for individuals from varied backgrounds, practice settings, and levels of experience to ensure a well-rounded and forward-thinking organization.

Through my service, I hope GAPNA continues to advance as a leading voice in gerontological nursing by fostering innovation, advocacy, and professional development. I aim to help cultivate a pipeline of engaged leaders who are passionate about improving care for older adults and addressing the complex challenges facing our aging population. By supporting transparent, equitable, and mission-driven nomination processes, I believe we can strengthen member engagement and ensure sustained organizational growth.

Ultimately, my goal is to contribute to a leadership framework that empowers nurses, elevates the specialty, and aligns with GAPNA's mission to promote excellence in advanced practice nursing for older adults.