

# GAPNA eAlert

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## Time to Submit Your Application

Submit your application for the APRN Gerontological Specialist Certification exam by July 22, 2020 for the September Computer Based Testing month. Visit [www.gerocert.org](http://www.gerocert.org) to review eligibility criteria, recommended study materials, and the application process.

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## GAPNA March Membership Madness

Each year GAPNA Chapters participate in the March Madness Membership Drive to see which chapter can recruit the most new or renewing members. Congratulations to this year's winner: North Carolina Triad Chapter.

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## APRN Preceptors and Students Toolkit Available

The latest edition of the Gerontology Resources for APRN Preceptors and Students toolkit is now available for free download. The goal of this 7th edition is to make geriatric and gerontological content accessible to those caring for older adults. It is designed with APRN students, preceptors, and educators in mind, and provides a single portal to comprehensive resources.

[Download the Toolkit](#)

## Last Chance for Free CNE: Diagnosing and Managing Parkinson's Disease in Older Adults

## Upcoming Events

*Registration Open!*  
[Save the Date](#)

### [GAPNA Annual Conference](#)

September 24-26, 2020  
Hyatt Regency  
New Orleans, LA

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This multidisciplinary activity examines evidence-based recommendations for the diagnosis and management of the motor and neuropsychiatric signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease in older adults. Earn 1.0 contact hours. Expires May 31, 2020.

[Access the Presentation](#)

### American Heart Association Interviews GAPNA President About Elder Care During COVID-19

GAPNA President Deborah Dunn was interviewed recently for two articles by the American Heart Association. In a feature article, Dr. Dunn discusses the additional challenges caused by the pandemic facing those who are caring for elderly loved ones. In a second article, Dr. Dunn provided "Tips for Caregiving During the Coronavirus Pandemic." Both articles are syndicated and are being picked up by news sources across the country, including U.S. News and World Report and the Houston Chronicle.

[Read the Caregiver Article](#)

[Read the Tips Article](#)

### COVID-19 LTC Transfer Scenarios

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is providing supplemental information for transferring or discharging residents between skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities based on COVID-19 status (positive, negative, unknown/under observation). In general, if two or more certified long-term care (LTC) facilities want to transfer or discharge residents between themselves for the purposes of cohorting, they do not need any additional approval to do so. However, if a certified LTC facility would like to transfer or discharge residents to a noncertified location for the purposes of cohorting, they need approval from the State Survey Agency.

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The AARP Public Policy Institute, home to the Center to Champion Nursing in America, is in the business of developing sound policies to address the need for economic security and health care. Now it's offering guidance to those ages 50+ and caregivers to protect themselves and others from the virus.

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### **Recommendations on Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery for Older Adults**

[American Academy of Nursing](#) and the [American Red Cross](#) collaborated on a white paper titled [%u201CClosing the Gaps: Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery for Older Adults.%u201D](#). The report, based on review of the latest evidence and legislation on the topic, was produced by members of the American Red Cross Scientific Advisory Council and the Academy Policy Expert Round Table on Emergency/Disaster Preparedness for Older Adults. The study found that while disaster preparedness is vital for people of all ages, older adults are more vulnerable and experience more casualties after a natural disaster or emergency.

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### **Age-Friendly Health Systems and COVID-19 Telehealth Resources**

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement produced an Age-Friendly Health Systems educational webinar that offered practical guidance on how to integrate the 4Ms during age-friendly telehealth visits as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Here are relevant materials to learn more:

- %u2022 Watch the [recording](#) of the webinar.
- %u2022 Learn the [Keys to Effective Telemedicine for Older Adults](#).
- %u2022 Review [scripts](#) for ensuring age-friendly telehealth visits.
- %u2022 Read an [interview](#) with John A. Hartford Foundation President Terry Fulmer about why age-friendly care is needed now more than ever.

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