



## About CANP Fast Facts

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**Mission Statement:** The California Association for Nurse Practitioners is the unifying voice and networking forum for nurse practitioners statewide, providing expert guidance and the advancement of the nurse practitioner profession.

- CANP is comprised of advance practice registered nurses licensed to provide healthcare independently, held to the same legal and ethical standard of care as physicians, with a commitment to giving personalized, quality health care to all.
- CANP promotes a strong nurse practitioner movement through a statewide communication system.
- CANP strengthens the public image of the nurse practitioner.
- CANP supports legislative action that encourages the development of the role of the nurse practitioner and makes the healthcare system more responsive to the needs of the consumer.
- CANP supports the establishment and permanence of policies and programs that provide primary and preventive health care for all Californians.
- CANP supports the intimate involvement of nurse practitioners in these policies and programs and the inclusion and utilization of nurse practitioners in the provision of primary and preventive health care services for all Californians.
- CANP supports the authority and capacity of nurse practitioners to function as professional and independent health care providers with full recognition of their expertise and central concern for access to health care for all Californians.
- CANP supports the concept of a national health program that mandates not only insurance coverage, but also the priorities of general primary care and preventive health care, and the inclusion and utilization of nurse practitioners with full recognition and reimbursement.
- CANP was founded in 1977 by nurse practitioners from the University of California, Davis.
- CANP has 2541 members. California has 10,959 active nurse practitioners.
- CANP is organized into 21 regions that offer local monthly meetings, provide educational programs, and share pertinent information about legislative and practice issues.

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