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### **Achieving Streamlined Path to Adult and Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certification**

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#### **Abstract**

**Background:** The University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) developed a streamlined process for experienced nurse practitioners with other certifications returning to school and obtain their Doctor of Nursing Practice degree as well as the academic education needed to qualify for the Adult Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) National Certification Exam. In July 2008, the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Consensus Work Group completed the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation. The unintended outcome of this work is that all nationally certified ANP's currently hold a certification that is no longer offered. Currently, active advanced practice nurses are in areas of practice in which they are considering a change to a different APRN specialty area.

**Objectives:** To facilitate a plan for nurses to increase their knowledge and skills, especially with the expectation that the population of people over the age of 60 will double by 2050 (World Health Organization, 2015) and the need for qualified health care providers for this population is crucial. In addition, the plan addresses the need to increase numbers of doctoral prepared nurse practitioners.

**Methods:** Strategies to facilitate this streamlined path include:

- Structured plan of study to address gaps in academic requirements for the Advanced nurse practitioner returning to school.
- Targeted clinical experiences to develop expertise in management of different populations such as older adults.
- Development of online modules to supplement specific population content in the AGPCANP courses.
- Development of a targeted market strategy to recruit potential applicants.

**Results:** This project is in its third and final year and has focused on marketing and recruitment of applicants. We currently have 2 students in the program who will graduate in 2023 and 2024. This presentation will detail the strategies for marketing and recruiting potential students to continue facilitating more applicants moving forward.

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