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American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification Scholarship & Award Recipients

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

2013

- Certification: 10
- Recertification: 3

2014

- Certification: 9
- Recertification: 1

2015

- Certification: 11
- Recertification: 1

2016

- Certification: 8

2017

- Certification: 6
- Recertification: 1

2018

- Certification: 8
- Recertification: 3

2019

- Certification: 18
- Recertification: 9

2020

- Certification: 19
- Recertification: 7

2021

- Certification: 25
- Recertification: 5

2022

- Certification: 27
- Recertification: 4

2023

- Certification: 27
- Recertification: 3

2024

- Certification: 23
- Recertification: 7

2025

- Certification: 22
- Recertification: 8

2026

- Certification: 19
- Recertification: 8



ADVOCACY AWARD WINNERS

2001

- Carolyn Bennett, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA — Arizona

2002

- Joan Groff, RN, CAPA — Maine

2003

- Maria Dittmar, RN, CPAN — New York

2004

- Denise Darby, RN, CAPA — New Hampshire

2005

- Emily Allen, RN, CPN, CAPA — Oklahoma

2006

- Sara Waldron, RN, CPAN — Arizona

2007

- Eileen Dalton, RN, BSN, CPAN — Arizona

2008

- Judy Duersch, BSN, RN, CPAN — Utah

2009

- Jonah Enriquez, RN, BSN, CPAN, CAPA — Texas

2010

- Vonda Kay Fitch, RN, CPAN, CAPA — New Mexico

2011

- Kundry Grove, BSN, RN, CAPA — Pennsylvania

2012

- Connie Hardy Tabet, RN, CPAN, CAPA — New Mexico

2013

- Peggy Running, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA — Minnesota

2014

- Cathy A. Lee, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA — Tennessee

2015

- Gloria Luu, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA — California

2016

- Nancy Carr Atkinson, RN, CAPA — Kentucky

2017

- Brenda Berry, RN, CPAN — Kentucky

2018

- Suzanne Russell, BSN, RN, CAPA — Massachusetts

2019

- Ronda Dyer, MSN, BSPA, RN, CPAN, CAPA, CNE — California

2020

- Lynda Lepp, RN, CPAN, CAPA — New Mexico

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ADVOCACY AWARD WINNERS CONT.

2021

- Lesley Lay, BSN, CPAN — Kentucky

2022

- Tanya Gros, RN, CPAN — Louisiana

2023

- Valerie Boatwright, ADN, RN, CAPA — New Mexico

2024

- Cale Moyle, RN, BSN, CPAN — Wisconsin

2025

- Delores “Dee” Buonacuore, BSN, RN, CAPA — New Jersey

2026

- Eladio Sandefur, BSN, RN, CPAN — Michigan



SHINING STAR AWARD WINNERS

2004

- Maine Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (MESPAN)

2005

- Arizona PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association (AZPANA)
- Northwest PeriAnesthesia Nursing Association (NPANA)

2006

- Arizona PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association (AZPANA)
- Maine Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (MESPAN)
- Oklahoma Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (OSPAN)

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- Arizona PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association (AZPANA)
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CERTIFICATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

2017

- Amita Health, Adventists Medical Center — Bolingbrook, IL
- Lowell General Surgery Center — Chelmsford, MA
- Mebane Surgery Center — Mebane, NC
- Oak Hill Hospital — Brooksville, FL

2018

- Amita Health, Adventists Medical Center — Hinsdale, IL
- Cedar Sinai Memorial Center PACU — Los Angeles, CA
- Cone Health Alamance Regional Mebane Surgery Center — Mebane, NC
- Goshen Hospital PACU — Goshen, IN
- Harmony Surgery Center PACU — Fort Collins, CO
- Hilton Head Hospital PACU — Hilton Head Island, SC
- Jefferson Health PACU — Stratford, NJ
- Lowell General Surgery Center — Chelmsford, MA
- Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital Ambulatory Surgical Center — Grayslake, IL
- Oak Hill Hospital — Brooksville, FL
- Palmetto Health Baptiste, Outpatient Surgery — Columbia, SC
- South Miami Hospital PACU — Miami, FL
- St. Elizabeth Hospital PACU — Gonzales, LA
- Tacoma General Hospital, Day Surgery — Tacoma, WA
- Tower Health Reading Hospital SurgiCenter — Wymossing, PA
- Tulsa Spine and Specialty Hospital — Tulsa, OK
- UPMC Hamot PACU — Erie, PA
- Vail Health Pre-op/PACU — Vail, CO

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- Cedar Sinai Memorial Center PACU — Los Angeles, CA
- Fairbanks Memorial PACU — Fairbanks, AK
- UPMC Hamot PACU — Erie, PA
- Valor Health PACU — Emmett, ID
- Wellspan Surgery and Rehab Pre-op — York, PA

2020

- UPMC Hamot PACU — Erie, PA

2021

- Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic, Day Surgery, PACU — Clifton Springs, NY
- Emory Johns Creek Hospital PACU — Johns Creek, GA
- Newark Wayne Community Hospital, Same Day Surgery Center/PACU — Newark, NY

2023

- Chesapeake Regional Healthcare, Post Anesthesia Care Unit — Chesapeake, VA
- Houston Methodist Hospital, Dunn 6 PACU — Houston TX
- Houston Methodist Hospital, OPC 18 PACU — Houston, TX
- Inova Fairfax Medical Campus Professional Services Building Surgery Center, Pre-op, PACU — Falls Church, VA
- Lahey Health LOCD Surgical Services — Danvers, MA
- The Reading Hospital SurgiCenter at Spring Ridge — Wyomissing, PA

2024

- Adventist Medical Center, Short Stay Surgery — Hanford, CA
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, 4 Pavilion PACU — Los Angeles, CA
- Inova Fairfax Medical Campus Professional Services Building Surgery Center, Pre-op, PACU — Falls Church, VA
- Jefferson Methodist Hospital, PACU — Philadelphia, PA
- The Reading Hospital SurgiCenter at Spring Ridge — Wyomissing, PA

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CERTIFICATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

2025

- Adventist Health Hanford, Hanford, CA
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (multiple units recognized), Los Angeles, CA
- Endeavor Health Orthopedic and Spine Institute Skokie Hospital, Skokie, IL
- Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital, The Woodlands, TX
- Inova Fairfax Medical Campus, Falls Church, VA
- Jefferson Health Methodist Hospital – Central Region, Philadelphia, PA
- Mercy Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
- Salem Hospital, Salem, OR
- The Reading Hospital SurgiCenter at Spring Ridge, Wyomissing, PA

2026

- Adventist Health, Short Surgical Stay — Hanford, CA
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (multiple units recognized) — Los Angeles, CA
- Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, Same Day Surgery, PACU — Cheyenne, WY
- Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital, PACU — Nassau Bay, TX
- Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital, PACU — Conroe, TX
- Jefferson Methodist Hospital — Philadelphia, PA
- Mercy Medical Center, Institute for Foot & Ankle Reconstruction, Crane Pre-op — Baltimore, MD
- Northeast Georgia Health System, Pre-op, PACU, Post-op — Lumpkin, GA



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- North County Hospital & Health Center PACU — Newport, VT
- Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU — Aurora, IL

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- Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU — Aurora, IL
- North County Hospital & Health System PACU — Newport, VT

2008

- Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU — Aurora, IL

2009

- North County Hospital & Health Center PACU — Newport, VT
- Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU — Aurora, IL
- Phoenix Integrated Health Care System PACU — Phoenix, AZ
- Providence Surgery Center — Missoula, MT

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- North County Hospital & Health Center PACU — Newport, VT
- Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU — Aurora, IL

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- Ashlee N. Skarzenski, MSN, BA, RN, CPAN, CEN, NE-BE — Erie, PA

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- Vonda Fitch, RN, CPAN, CAPA — Carlsbad, NM

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- Ronda Dyer, MSN, BSPA, RN, CPAN, CAPA, CNE — Hanford, CA

