

NAPNAP

NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

Dear NC NAPNAP Members,

As I reflect on my time as president of this incredible chapter, I am filled with gratitude and pride for what we have achieved together. It has been an honor to serve alongside such dedicated and passionate professionals who are committed to advancing pediatric healthcare in North Carolina.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kristi Hildebrand,
MSN, APRN, CPNP-
AC

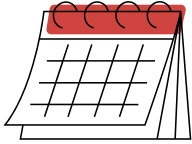
Throughout my tenure, I have witnessed the power of collaboration and the impact of our shared vision. We have strengthened our community, advocated for our patients, and supported one another in professional growth. Your unwavering dedication has been truly inspiring.

As I hand the baton over to Samantha Eaker as the new NC Chapter President, I hope that my contributions have made a positive impact on each of you and that you continue to feel empowered and valued in your roles. Thank you for your trust, support, and friendship during my presidency. I am excited to see the continued growth and success of our chapter as I transition to Past-President.

Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of children and families across North Carolina. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." — Helen Keller

With heartfelt appreciation,
Kristi

CONTINUING EDUCATION



NC NAPNAP Annual Fall Conference

Save the Date: **Monday**, October 6, 2025

McKimmon Center – Raleigh, NC

Call for Abstracts

The NC Chapter of NAPNAP invites all members, students, and fellow pediatric providers to submit an abstract for a podium or poster presentation at our annual Fall Conference!

[Click here for the abstract form.](#)

Follow the instructions on the form and be sure to complete it in its entirety to avoid delays or missed opportunities!

Abstracts will be accepted July 1-31. Selected podium presentations and posters will be notified by August 8, 2024.

Please submit abstracts to the Conference Committee at ncnapnapabstracts@gmail.com

Want help writing the abstract?

View our Mastering the Abstract webinar (1.0 CE for members) and/or attend the DUSON/NC NAPNAP Abstract Writing Workshop on June 9 from 5–8 pm (up to 3.0 CE for members) at the Duke School of Nursing.

[View the flyer for more details.](#)

Registration is required for the event. [Register for the workshop here.](#)

For questions, email the Conference Chair, Becky Carson, at becky.carson@duke.edu

Free Chapter CE

Up to 4 CE available through abstract writing webinar (on-demand) and abstract workshop in June. Stay tuned for CE events in July, August, and September!

Thank you to Melissa Babb for outreach and coordinating events. If you have suggestions, please let us know!



NC NAPNAP & DUSON Abstract Writing Workshop

Abstract Writing Workshop: Revise and Refine for Submission

This in-person workshop helps participants improve the content, flow, and clarity of their abstract first draft to create a polished work that is ready for submission. With support from experienced faculty and peer editors, the workshop will encourage writers to critique and refine their work, integrate feedback to strengthen the quality, and create a compelling abstract that publicizes their scholarly work.

Participants are encouraged to view the pre-workshop webinar and come prepared with a first draft. *Members may claim 1.0 CE for viewing the webinar.*

The event is open to all NC NAPNAP members, students, and pediatric focused providers. There is no cost to attend. Pizza will be served. *Members may claim up to 3.0 CE credits for attending the workshop.*

Pre-Workshop Webinar

Mastering the Abstract: Writing for Impact and Clarity

Becky Carson, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC/AC

View recording [here](#)

Claim Webinar CE [here](#)

Monday, June 9, 2025

5-8 pm

Duke School of Nursing

307 Trent Drive, Durham

Room Pearson 1103

Register

[RSVP Here](#)

Please come to the event with your first draft

Questions? Email

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CHAPTER NEWS

Member Survey

Please consider taking 10 minutes to share your perspective as a NC NAPNAP member. This feedback is vital for the board in planning events and making decisions with the understanding of member preferences and values. Many thanks to Dr. April Braswell for assisting with this survey.

https://uncw.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dcftmKTlcvtniqG

Check out these photos from our Member Appreciation event at Strike & Barrel!



Community Engagement

NC NAPNAP will be preparing and serving dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House on Wednesday 5/28 3-6pm! Sign up to volunteer!

As you may know the Ronald McDonald House provides a "home-away-from-home" for families of children receiving healthcare at local hospitals. Many of these families are under a great deal of stress and appreciate coming back to the Ronald McDonald House after a long day at the hospital to a home cooked dinner.

We will maintain a wait list and ask that you let us know if you will not be able to attend as planned so we can extend the invitation to those on the wait list.



BUDGET BALANCE

Laura Bacigalupi, MSN, MBA, APRN,
CPNP-AC
Treasurer

\$39,891.10.

Sign up to volunteer here: <https://ncnapnap.wufoo.com/forms/zlcyzt40rok8mq/>

Please let Emma Zabor (Community Engagement Chair) know if you have suggestions for community involvement that you'd love to see NC NAPNAP support!

FROM THE LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Michelle Bae, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC, IBCLC

Pictured: Michelle & Sara attending NCNA Road to Advocacy



The NC General Assembly convened for the regular or “long session” in January. We currently have 4 nurses serving in the General Assembly: Rep. Carla Cunningham, Rep. Donna White, Rep. Diane Wheatley, and Sen. Gale Adcock. While there are numerous bills relating to healthcare, the one most frequently asked about is what was previously known as the SAVE act. It has been rebranded to **“HB 514/SB 537 – APRN Definitions”** or the APRN Full Practice Authority bill (there is now a federal SAVE act that has nothing to do with full practice authority, this was done to prevent confusion) . A separate amendment to bill SB 345 (which was previously unrelated to APRNs—many times amendments are added to completely unrelated bills in hopes of passing the amendment) moves the oversight of NPs and CNMs solely under the Board of Nursing (and removes the Board of Medicine oversight) This bill has been passed in the Senate, which is great news and a good step forward.

The Full Practice Authority bill has long been supported in the Senate and also has a lot of support on the House side but has previously not been allowed out of committee, which means the full House cannot vote on it.

What can we do as NPs? Some suggestions:

Tuesdays at the Legislature: Difficulty timing as it occurs from 10a-12p on Tuesdays. The reason for Tuesdays is that is when the majority of the General Assembly members will be in Raleigh in their offices. You can sign up for a shift here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca8a82aaaf5c70-ncga#/>

Send a message to your legislator! You can look them up here: <https://www.ncleg.gov/FindYourLegislators>. If they are a sponsor of the bill, thank them for sponsoring it. Personal stories work! Especially those of you who own your own practice or are paying a collaborating physician. Remember that legislators are regular citizens who may not know a whole lot about the health care system and the awesome care we give our patients and our roles as collaborative members of a healthcare team.

Here is some sample messaging from NCNA (personalize it and use it!):

“Passing the APRN Full Practice Authority bill (H 537/S 514), introduced with 65 bipartisan co-sponsors, will modernize regulations for Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, and Clinical Nurse Specialists, making North Carolina the 28th state to do so. Now is the time for NCNA members and North Carolina nurses to make their voices heard and urge their legislators to support the bill and pass it – once and for all.”

Ask questions! We are available to answer any questions you may have. And if we don’t know the answer, we will surely help you find it!