



# Vision of NP/APN Policy in Taiwan

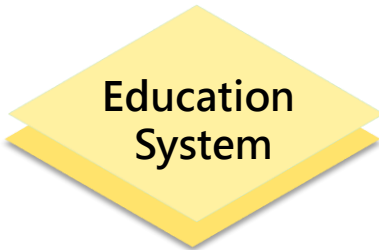
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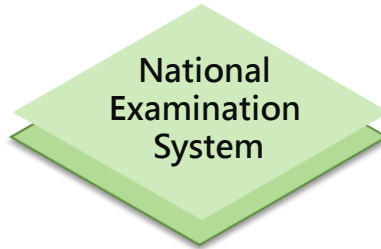
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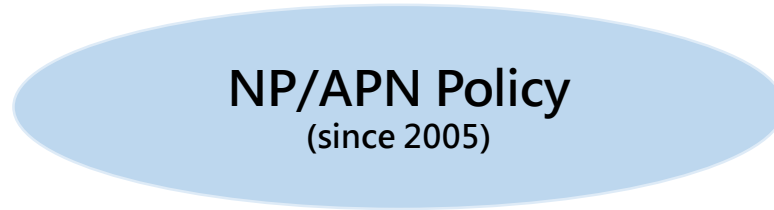
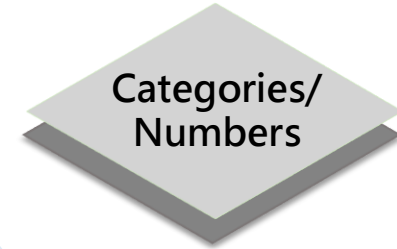
- ✓ 5 Universities
- ✓ 113 Training Hospitals
- ✓ 1,200-1,600 on Training/yrs



- ✓ Written Exam
- ✓ OSCE
- ✓ Expert Development



- ✓ **Current**
  - 7,685 Certified NP (up to2018)
  - 7,020 Practice NP (up to2018)
  - Acute Care(Internal & Surgical), Psychiatric, Pediatric, Women Health
- ✓ **Future**
  - Anesthesia Advanced Nursing
  - Nurse Practitioner in Community
  - The consensus of national NP/APN framework.



- ✓ NP Integrated Information System
- ✓ Research & Development
- ✓ Monitoring & Evaluation



- ✓ Qualification
- ✓ Certification
- ✓ Scope of Practice



## -For NP/APN Development in Taiwan

- ✓ More NPs
- ✓ More transparency and positive working conditions
- ✓ More NPs in community
- ✓ Upgrade NP education level
- ✓ Extend the scope of practice (more independent role and function, ex: furnishing privilege?)



- ✓ Determining the types of NP/APN roles that best fit Taiwan's needs for improving health and health system outcomes are essential for effective role implementation.
- ✓ Aging populations and increasing demands for care of the elderly, chronic disease management, health promotion and prevention and healthcare provider shortages are associated with needs for different healthcare delivery solutions that are amenable to NP/APN roles, especially NPs in community.
- ✓ The introduction of NP/APN roles are also identified as an important HRH(Human Resources for Health) strategy to improve nursing recruitment and retention and to provide opportunities for career advancement.



- ✓ The ideal ratio of advanced practice nurses to the number of registered nurses in most countries are un-known. An increase of NP/APN from 5% to 10% of nursing workforce would be supported our health care system.
- ✓ Maintaining formal movement of policies and practices for supporting optimal NP/APN role implementation such as legislation, regulation, education and reimbursement are necessary.

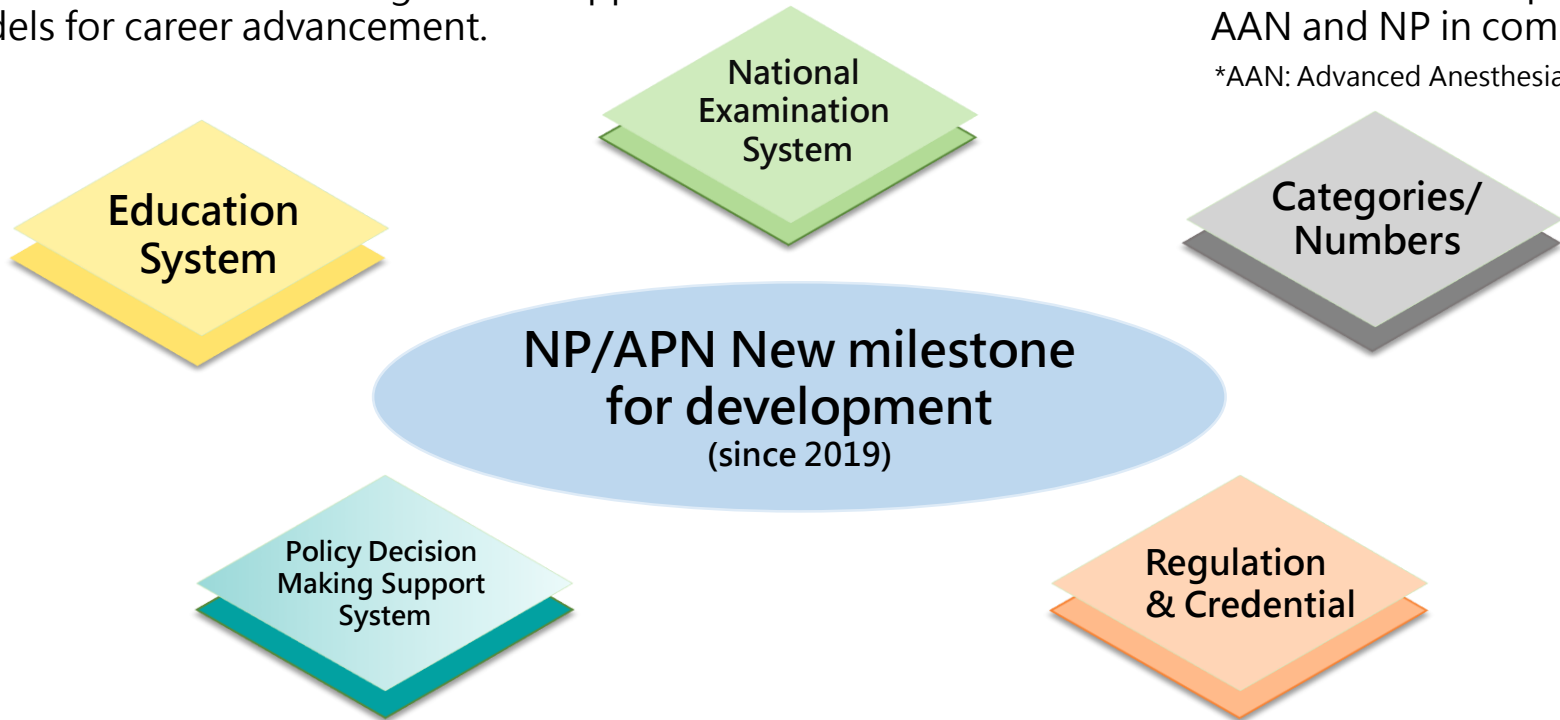


# New Milestone of NP/APN in Taiwan

- ✓ To recognize NP graduate training program based on partnership between universities and hospitals.
- ✓ Open more flexible learning models for career advancement.

- ✓ Standardize the NP national examination administration.
- ✓ Innovate the NP certification process by new technology application.

- ✓ Offer the national NP certification examination twice a year beginning in 2019.
  - ✓ Initiate the development for AAN and NP in community.
- \*AAN: Advanced Anesthesia Nursing



- ✓ To develop the NP data base.
- ✓ Initiate the multiple function on-line survey platform of NP practice.

- ✓ To start a pilot project for NP Practice in remote areas.
- ✓ To set up the standing committee to review NP regulations.



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# Thank you



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