

Dear Dermatology PAs:

As a PA practicing in Dermatology, you have a very special role providing treatment and interventions for patients in a wide range of settings and practices.

Over the past few years, PAs working in Dermatology have contacted NCCPA requesting that NCCPA consider adding a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in this field and the Society of Dermatology PAs have also been supportive of this initiative. Last year, the NCCPA Board of Directors approved moving forward with developing a CAQ in Dermatology and collaborated with leaders from SDPA and PAs working in the specialty to develop the requirements for this new CAQ. PAs may begin fulfilling the non-exam requirements for the CAQ later this year, and the inaugural exam will be available in 2023.

As a PA working in Dermatology, you are a subject matter expert, and your input is critically important in developing the CAQ exam. Panels of PAs practicing in the specialty worked with NCCPA to develop a draft content blueprint for the Dermatology CAQ exam, and we need your feedback as a subject matter expert. To view the draft blueprint and provide your feedback, please click on the link below. The comment period ends *March 27th* so please be sure to act soon to provide your feedback. A panel of PAs will convene to review the feedback received during the comment period and develop recommendations needed to finalize the Dermatology CAQ exam content blueprint.

Click <u>Dermatology CAQ Blueprint Feedback</u> to access the content blueprint and provide your feedback. If you have any questions about the new CAQ or experience any issues with the survey, please contact us at <u>PracticeAnalysis@nccpa.net</u>.

Thank you for your dedication to the patients you see every day and thank you for your feedback that will help us provide a quality CAQ program in this specialty.