



NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER RESIDENCY & FELLOWSHIP TRAINING CONSORTIUM

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NNPRFTC ACCREDITATION FACT SHEET

Eligibility:

The scope of National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Training Program Consortium's (NNPRFTC) accreditation includes postgraduate (master's degree in nursing or doctor of nursing practice) training programs located within the United States that provide a minimum of one-year of structured, intensive training in the service delivery setting that supports the transition from academic preparation to clinical practice at the advanced level as a nurse practitioner in primary care or specialty areas.

These postgraduate programs are intensive, 12-month, full-time training experiences. The trainees are paid, credentialed staff in the service delivery setting. These postgraduate training programs are sponsored by practice-based institutions that are accredited by one or more recognized United States healthcare regulatory authorities (eg: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (Joint Commission) or the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)) with the scope, focus, and resources to provide training in the broad and specific clinical, interprofessional, and leadership competencies that are fundamental to safe, quality practice. Many of the programs are based on a patient-centered, primary care delivery model and hold additional certifications such as NCQA's PCMH recognition.

The goal is that the new NP will be trained to the clinical complexity of primary care, and to a high performance model of healthcare delivery. The focus is transitioning to a new area of practice, whether in primary care or specialty area, either as an entry level nurse practitioner or as an experienced NP who is re-specializing.

Length of review process:

On average, the accreditation review process lasts from ten to 12 months. The interval from the completed application to submission of the Self Study Report is approximately six months. The site visit occurs two months after the Self Study Report is submitted. The accreditation decision is rendered within 45 working days of the site visit.

Duration of accreditation:

Accreditation is awarded for up to three years.

Fee:

Accreditation fee is \$10,000, inclusive of travel/lodging of site visitor(s). There may be additional fees if the program includes multiple sites that require additional travel or site visit time. The fee includes access to NNPRFTC staff throughout the process to answer questions/discuss issues. There is a separate fee structure for federal organizations. Please contact accreditation@nppostgradtraining.com for more information.

What is involved in the accreditation review process?

Accreditation is a voluntary, peer-review process initiated at the request of a program. NNPRFTC conducts a standards-based, comprehensive review of the candidate program. Evidence considered includes: candidate program documentation (e.g.: application, self-study report, third party comments); site visit report; and any additional requested, relevant, or otherwise submitted information. The decision for accreditation action is based upon the determination of the sufficiency of a program's adherence to the NNPRFTC's standards.

NNPRFTC accreditation review process consists of [six major steps](#):

1. Applicant submits a Notice of Intent to Apply via the NNPRFTC website (opens communication between the applicant and the NNPRFTC).
2. Applicant submits Application with \$1,000 payment.
3. Applicant conducts self study and submits self study report (within six months of submitting application); NNPRFTC's Accreditation Committee reviews and accepts self study as complete; balance of the remaining \$10,000 accreditation fee must be paid prior to site visit. Site visitors are identified.
4. The Site Visit is scheduled; public commentary is solicited. Site visit lasts 1.5 days; Site Visitor Report is reviewed for factual accuracy. Program may submit response to the Report.
5. All materials are forwarded to NNPRFTC Accreditation Committee.
6. NNPRFTC Accreditation Committee considers relevant documentation and renders a decision on the accreditation action.
7. Applicant is informed of the Accreditation action within one week; action is posted on NNPRFTC website, with follow up as needed.

NNPRFTC Seal of Approval:

Programs that receive accreditation or provisional accreditation are authorized to use the NNPRFTC's Seal of Approval as an indication of NNPRFTC accreditation when referencing their program.