

NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER
RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP TRAINING CONSORTIUM (NNPRFTC)

ACCREDITATION FACT SHEET

Timeframe/cost:

- Length of review process: On average, the accreditation review process lasts from six to ten months. The interval from the completed application to submission of the self study report must be six months or less. The accreditation decision is rendered within six weeks of the site visit.
- Duration: accreditation is awarded for up to three years.
- 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.

What is involved in the accreditation review process?

- Accreditation is a voluntary, peer-review process initiated at the request of a program.
- Consortium conducts a standards-based, comprehensive review of the candidate program. Evidence considered includes: candidate program documentation (eg: application, self study report, third party comments); site visit report; and any additional requested, relevant, or otherwise submitted information.
- Decision for accreditation action is based upon the program's adherence to the Consortium's standards.
- Consortium accreditation review process consists of six major steps:
 1. Applicant submits a Notice of Intent to Apply (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); Accreditation Committee reviews and accepts self study as complete; balance of the remaining \$10,000 accreditation fee must be paid prior to site visit.
 4. The Site Visit is scheduled; site visit lasts 1.5 days; site visit report is submitted to Accreditation Committee.
 5. Accreditation Committee considers relevant documentation and makes a recommendation to the NNPRFTC Board, which considers the recommendation and renders a decision on accreditation action.
 6. Applicant is informed of the Board's decision within one week; decision is posted on Consortium website.
- 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.