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Announcement

NNPRFTC Awards National Programmatic Accreditation to Western North Carolina Community Health Services' Advanced Practice Safety Net Residency

The National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Consortium (NNPRFTC) is pleased to announce the accreditation of another postgraduate nurse practitioner residency: the [Western North Carolina Community Health System's](#) (WNCCHS) [Advanced Practice Safety Net Residency](#) headquartered in Asheville, NC. WNCCHS was awarded programmatic accreditation for the full 3-year period. The current trainees will be considered to have completed an accredited program.

WNCCHS is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that was established in 1993, and serves more than 18,000 patients. WNCCHS's founders created this organization in response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic that left many individuals ostracized and poorly treated by the healthcare system, and by society as a whole.

The APSNR was created in 2014, offering a one-year salaried, intensive, post-graduate NP and PA training program. The mission of this training program is to provide care to the whole person, specifically in populations with the most barriers for healthcare services. WNCCHS specializes in HIV and transgender care, and thus its training program is specifically focused in this specialty. The program trains three residents per year.

Accreditation shows the program's commitment to providing the highest levels of rigorous clinical training for their postgraduate trainees and the same high level of conduct in their business practices. Accreditation by the NNPRFTC is proof of this commitment and signifies that they have met the rigorous standards of a nationally recognized third party.

The NNPRFTC is proud to serve as a national accrediting organization, consistently upholding the principles of excellence in accreditation and in clinical training while fostering innovation and leadership in healthcare.

Doquyen Huynh, DNP, FNP and Chairperson of the NNPRFTC's Accreditation Committee says: "We are dedicated to serving the postgraduate training community through accrediting high-performance programs such as WNCCHS's Advance Practice Safety Net Residency. These programs are providing an additional elective year of rigorous clinical training for fully qualified nurse practitioners – they are our future leaders in health care."

For further information about the NNPRFTC, visit: www.nppostgradtraining.com. The website provides information on the meaning and significance of accreditation, the process, and useful resources such as regular informative blog postings, listings of current publications and research. For additional information, please contact Candice Rettie, PhD executive director at crettie@nppostgradtraining.com