



# NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER RESIDENCY & FELLOWSHIP TRAINING CONSORTIUM

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## Announcement

### **NNPRFTC Awards National Programmatic Accreditation to CHAS Health Nurse Practitioner Residency**

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The [National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Consortium](#) (NNPRFTC) is pleased to [announce the accreditation](#) of another postgraduate Nurse Practitioner residency: CHAS Health's (CHAS) [NP Residency Program](#) headquartered in Spokane WA. The CHAS NP Residency transitioned from Pre-Accreditation to programmatic Accreditation for the full 3-year period. The current trainees will be considered to have completed an accredited program.

[CHAS Health](#), a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) opened its door to the communities in Spokane, Washington, in 1994. Between 2014-2018, CHAS nearly doubled in size. In 2017, CHAS served over 73,000 patients, and had a 15% growth rate. Projection for growth remains the same for the foreseeable future, but insufficient primary care providers are available to serve these patients. Therefore, as part of a strategic pipeline, CHAS created the CHAS Health Nurse Practitioner Residency Clinic (NPRC), which opened in the Spokane Valley in August 2017. The NP Residency is designed to provide newly graduated primary care nurse practitioners with a 13-month program designed to enable these residents to grow and strengthen their knowledge, skills and confidence in the provision of care to patients in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The NP Residency Clinic, dedicated to the residency program, is the first of its kind in Washington.

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. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors, during an on-site visit, its commitment to delivering a training program that meets national standards of educational quality, including measurable indicators of accountability and best practices.

As stated by the members of the CHAS Core Team, "there were many lessons learned throughout the self-study process and the evaluation of the program enabled the leadership to identify best practices and look to the future for growth and quality improvement."

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.

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