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## Announcement

NNPRFTC Awards National Programmatic Accreditation to Sea Mar Community Health Center's Family Nurse Practitioner Residency

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The <u>National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Consortium</u> (NNPRFTC) is pleased to announce the <u>accreditation of another postgraduate Nurse Practitioner residency</u>: the Sea Mar Community Health Center's (Sea Mar) <u>Family Nurse Practitioner Residency</u> headquartered in Seattle WA. Sea Mar was awarded programmatic accreditation for the full 3-year period. The current trainees will be considered to have completed an accredited program.

<u>Sea Mar Community Health Centers</u> is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that was established in 1973. Sea Mar has over 50 clinics in western WA and serves over 200,000 patients, with a special focus on meeting the healthcare needs of the local, rural Latino population. The Family Nurse Practitioner Residency program is in its third year and accepts two residents a year. Sea Mar has accomplished a very important goal, to train and then retain all of their highly skilled family NPs trainees as full-time staff, dedicated to providing service within the local community. In 2020, the residency will be expanding to four residents per year, with a second primary site in Everett.

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, Board member 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 Sea Mar's postgraduate Family NP 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: <a href="www.nppostgradtraining.com">www.nppostgradtraining.com</a>. 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 S. Rettie, PhD executive director at <a href="mailto:crettie@nppostgradtraining.com">crettie@nppostgradtraining.com</a>