



NNPRFTC Annual Report 2016



Colleagues and Friends,

During the past year, we have completed a two-year effort to establish a robust infrastructure for accrediting postgraduate nurse practitioner training programs. We have developed and published accreditation standards and a self-study guide and established a training program for site visitors.



Margaret Flinter
Chair of Board of
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We launched our website; and, literally, within days, programs began submitting their applications for accreditation. There are multiple training programs in various stages of the accreditation process, some just beginning the self-study process while others have completed the on-site external evaluation.

As a nimble start-up and in keeping with the times, we're building out our social media presence. We have regular blog postings that muse on current events and turn a dry subject like accreditation into vibrant explorations of the process.

In effect, we have officially created an effective, reliable accreditation organization that will extend the reach of effective healthcare access to our most vulnerable populations.

Our pride in these accomplishments is matched only by our gratitude to all the volunteers who contributed to our work. None of this could have occurred without your wisdom, passion and support. Thanks to you, we are optimistic about our progress and our future. We hope that you find the 2016 Annual Report to be informative and inspiring.

Sincerely,



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Highlights of 2016

Accreditations Underway

Multiple nurse practitioner postgraduate programs have applied for accreditation during the year. They represent a variety of settings, including federally qualified health centers and a major medical system. Programs are at every stage of the process, ranging from initial application to final decision. Our site visitor recruitment and training program is open and active.



Tax Exempt Status Confirmed

The NNPRFTC's tax exempt status was confirmed by the IRS in June 2016, retroactive to July 31, 2015. One of the primary benefits of being tax-exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) is the ability to accept contributions and donations that are tax-deductible to the donor. Additional benefits include:

- Exemption from federal and state corporate income taxes
- Possible exemption from state sales and property taxes
- Ability to apply for grants and other funds available only to IRS-recognized organizations
- Potentially lower federal and state unemployment tax liabilities

Google Grant to Hike Visibility

NNPRFTC receives \$120,000 of free advertising annually from Google Nonprofit Grants to improve search engine optimization.

Infrastructure Developed

2016 saw the completion of a robust, nimble, and thoughtfully designed infrastructure for the National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Training Consortium. The process, begun two years ago with 11 nationally recognized experts in nurse practitioner training and education, resulted in the creation, review and publication of the Accreditation Standards that serve as the foundation for all accreditation activities conducted by the NNPRFTC. The accompanying Self-Study Guide, also created and published during the year,

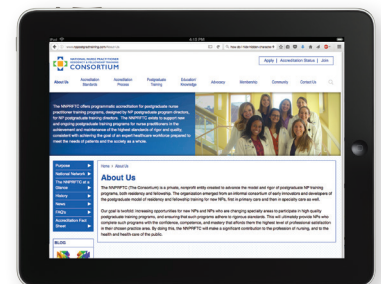
gives step-by-step directions and suggestions for conducting the required internal program evaluation. Extensive policies and procedures were developed to cover everything from handling applications for accreditation, to perceived conflicts of interest, to conducting on-site visits, to the decision-making process for awarding accreditation.

We created an extensive program for recruitment, training, deployment and retention of volunteer site visitors. We are one of the few accreditation agencies with a pictorial flow diagram of the accreditation process. This infrastructure supports a meaningful accreditation process for nurse practitioner postgraduate training programs that will help create an expert healthcare workforce that meets the needs of our patients and our society.

Our goal is to connect with members and accredited programs and advance nurse practitioner postgraduate training as it achieves and maintains the highest standards of rigor and quality.

Digital Platform Established

Our website was launched to serve as the portal for the accreditation process. Applications are submitted through the website and updated with status reports. Accreditation resources such as the Standards, the Self-Study Guide, FAQ, and the Accreditation Fact Sheet are posted online. Knowledge resources include a regularly updated comprehensive listing of published papers relevant to nurse practitioner postgraduate training. We are participating in social media with periodic news updates, topical blogs, and twitter posts. We've created LinkedIn and Facebook pages. Using our Google AdWords award of 120,000 Google dollars, we instituted search engine optimization to position the NNPRFTC as one of the top organizations to come up in searches for postgraduate nurse practitioner training program accreditation. Our goal is to make it easy to connect and stay in touch with our members and accredited programs and provide meaningful resources to support and advance nurse practitioner postgraduate training programs as they achieve and maintain the highest standards of rigor and quality.



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