



# CONSORTIUM

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## CAPP FAQs

### What is the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers (“the Consortium”)?



- The Consortium offers accreditation for postgraduate nurse practitioner and joint nurse practitioner/physician assistant training programs, developed by NP program directors;
- Postgraduate NP and NP/PA training programs from a wide variety of settings are eligible: e.g., federally qualified health centers, Veterans Affairs (VA) programs, academic practices, or large health systems.
- The Consortium is a national, private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization created to advance the model and rigor of postgraduate nurse practitioner (NP) and physician assistant (PA) postgraduate training programs—both residency and fellowship—through accreditation.

### How to contact the Consortium?

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### Who is involved in the Consortium?

- Board consists of individuals who are national leaders or stakeholders in advancing health and healthcare;
- Staff has expertise in health professions education, measurement, and nonprofits;
- Membership in the Consortium: currently over 250 members representing clinical practice, academia, policy, and public health who are committed to excellence in postgraduate nurse practitioner training and advancing health and healthcare.

### Why accreditation?

- Accreditation is a quality assurance review of programs or institutions. (Certification is for individuals.)
- Accreditation is a recognized way for trainees, patients, organizations, government officials, and the public to know that an institution or program provides quality postgraduate training.
- Goal of accreditation is to ensure that the experience provided by postgraduate training programs meets acceptable levels of quality.

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- Accreditation Fact Sheet
- Based on adherence to the Consortium Accreditation Standards that were thoughtfully and rigorously developed by NP program directors and other healthcare leaders with consultation from experts in adult education curriculum, design and evaluation;
- Informed by programmatic the Consortium Self-Study Guide that is designed to foster programmatic continuous quality improvement and innovation;
- Includes a 1.5-day on-site visit conducted by professional peers such as NP and joint NP/PA program directors who collect evidence pertinent to an accreditation decision;
- Accredits postgraduate nurse practitioner and joint nurse practitioner/physician assistant programs for up to three years.

### Why do we need accreditation?

- As of January 2022, there are over 250 primary care NP postgraduate training programs;
- Major growth in specialty, sub-specialty, and acute care postgraduate training programs as well.
- Program directors identified the need for a national accreditation organization that recognizes a program's adherence to quality assurance standards.
- If federal funding becomes available for NP postgraduate training programs, national accreditation by a recognized organization is highly likely to be one component of eligibility for such funding.

### Who do we accredit?

**Established postgraduate NP and joint NP/PA training programs** in the United States that have graduated at least one cohort of trainees with the following characteristics:

- A minimum one-year program with structured and intensive education and training;
- A service delivery setting that supports training to mastery and confidence in the full scope of clinical practice and a higher performance model of care.



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