

ON THE PULSE

Spring has sprung at the Consortium, and we're all a-buzz with the anticipation of exciting events and initiatives ahead. From a packed schedule of webinars to the eagerly awaited 7th Annual Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers Conference, to upcoming re-accreditation and initial site visits, there's plenty to look forward to.

The 7th Annual Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers Conference, bears the meaningful theme "Collaboration, Support and Community in Postgraduate APP Training". This title was crafted based on the invaluable feedback we received from attendees like you last year, reflecting what the Consortium means to you: a spirit of collaboration, a platform for support, and a community of peers. Mark your calendars for July 22-23, 2024, at The Westin Bayview in San Diego, CA, with pre-conference workshops on July 21, 2024. This intensive two-day conference is tailored to organizations and individuals passionate about developing or expanding their advanced practice provider postgraduate training programs. Take advantage of our Early Bird Registration rates by signing up before March 31 and save \$100!

We're also delighted to announce that this year's conference will offer a broad array of pre-conference workshop options to cater to diverse interests and needs. Whether you wish to sharpen your preceptor skills with one of our two Preceptor Workshops, Preceptor Fundamentals and Preceptor Mastery, or seek insights on enhancing the Administration and Operations of your postgraduate training program, we've got something special lined up for everyone.

In addition to the conference excitement, I want to shine a spotlight on the remarkable achievements of three postgraduate programs that have not only met but surpassed the Consortium's standards, earning accreditation and re-accreditation. On page 3, you'll find more about these exemplary programs, a testament to their unwavering commitment to excellence. Congratulations to each of them!

The Consortium has reached a significant milestone, having presented its Expansion of Scope Petition to the U.S. Department of Education and NACIQI (National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity) on February 27. This monumental step seeks to broaden the Consortium's current federal recognition by the U.S. Department of Education, to include Joint NP/PA Postgraduate Training Programs.

As our accreditation efforts continue, we have eight re-accreditation site visits scheduled throughout the year. These visits are pivotal in upholding the quality and integrity of our accredited programs, and we extend our heartfelt appreciation to our member organizations for their unwavering commitment to maintaining these high standards. To those of you seeking initial accreditation, we eagerly anticipate reading your Self-Study Guide, completing your site visit, and welcoming you into our community of excellence.

As we forge ahead in advancing the field of advanced practice providers and APP postgraduate training, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and dedication. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Consortium. We're here for you.

With gratitude,
Shay Felder, MBA

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

We hope you will follow us on social media to stay on the pulse with the Consortium.



2024 Annual Conference

The 7th Annual Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers will take place in San Diego, CA, at The Westin Bayview on **July 22-23, 2024**, with pre-conference workshops on **July 21, 2024**.

This exciting and intensive two-day conference is designed for organizations and individuals ready to create or grow their advanced practice provider postgraduate training programs. Register by March 31 to receive Early Bird Registration rates, save \$100!

Pre-Conference Workshops

There will be three pre-conference workshops offered on July 21. There are package options available:

- Preceptor Fundamentals: Preparing to Precept APP Residents and Fellows
- Preceptor Mastery: Advanced Skills for Precepting APP Residents and Fellows
- Administration and Operations Workshop

New this year: Administration and Operations Workshop, along with the option to bundle Preceptor Fundamentals and Preceptor Mastery, or Preceptor Fundamentals and Administration and Operations Workshops. Save \$100 by bundling!

Exhibitors and Sponsors

The Consortium encourages you to consider the benefit of exhibiting or sponsoring during the Annual Conference.

Why exhibit at the Consortium's Annual Conference? Based on previous feedback, exhibitors found value in the interactions with conference attendees.

Who are the conference attendees? Postgraduate APP Trainees, Program Directors, Program Coordinators and Managers, and more!

Why sponsor the Consortium's Annual Conference? Support Nurse Practitioner and Physician Associate/Assistant Postgraduate Training, and receive recognition on Conference Materials. If you choose to sponsor a meal or reception, receive recognition for sponsorship!



Call for Posters

2024 Annual
Conference
Submissions

Now accepting poster abstracts on topics about advanced practice postgraduate training in primary, specialty, and acute care!

Contribute to our professional community of practice by sharing ideas, best practices, overcoming challenges, and exemplars of postgraduate training.



Poster abstract submission deadline is **May 31, 2024**

Upcoming Events

Non-Clinical FNP Residency Program Managers/Coordinators Meeting

Are you or someone on your team interested in joining other non-clinical program managers and coordinators to discuss post-graduate residency and fellowship ideas, best practices, and for support? Email Michael Glorioso at mglorioso@healthlinchc.org to join the meetings throughout the year

Regional Membership Meetings

Connect with other Consortium members in your region during our bi-annual regional membership meetings! Join us as we discuss Consortium events, give us your feedback as a member, and network with other members in your region. Below is a list of the remainder Spring Regional Meetings:

- East Coast Regional Membership Meeting: April 17 from 12:00-1:00pm ET

Site Visitor Training

The two-day intensive course will be held on April 6th and May 4th. After the course is completed, each site visitor will complete an observation site visit before going out on their own. Missed this year's course? Apply to be a site visitor during our next offering!

Accreditation Activity



Petaluma Health Center

Congratulations to Petaluma Health Center in Petaluma, CA, on being re-accredited! The PHC Nurse Practitioner/ Physician Assistant Residency Program received re-accreditation for five years. Congratulations to the Petaluma Health Center NP/PA Residency Team!

Congratulations to Urban Health Center in Bronx, NY, on being re-accredited! The UHP Family/Adult Nurse Practitioner/ Physician Assistant Residency received re-accreditation for five years. Congratulations to the Urban Health Center NP/PA Residency Team!



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Community Health Centers

Congratulations to Open Door Community Health Center in Eureka, CA, on receiving accreditation! The Advanced Practice Clinician Residency received initial accreditation for three years. Congratulations to the Open Door APC Residency Team!

Program Highlight

Seattle Children's Hospital - Advanced Practice Provider Fellowship

We are proud to highlight the distinguished Seattle Children's Advanced Practice Provider Fellowship. The program's leadership has been recently spotlighted in The Journal for Nurse Practitioners with their publication of "[Development and Accreditation of an Advanced Practice Provider Fellowship at an Acute Care Pediatric Hospital.](#)" This seminal article details the journey of creating a postgraduate training fellowship program and becoming accredited. Rooted in excellence and innovation, the fellowship offers a unique blend of immersive clinical experiences, specialized training, and mentorship opportunities, setting a new standard for professional development in pediatric care. The Consortium invites you to review the article published by Johannah Crogan, Ronna Smith, and Emily Moore, and learn more about the Seattle Children's APP Fellowship Program.

The mission of the APP Fellowship Program at Seattle Children's is to support newly graduated APPs, or APPs with limited pediatric experience, in successfully entering their practice in a complex, highly collaborative pediatric setting.

- Who we Train: PNP – PC & AC, FNP, PA-C
- Year Started: 2017
- Year Accredited: 2020
- Number of cohorts per year: 3
- Number of fellows per cohort: 6-10
- Number of fellowship graduates: 109
- Number of graduates hired on permanently: 93

A few innovative approaches, key findings, and lessons learned:

Each fellow assigned a "Fellowship Educator" who acts as clinical coach, providing support and feedback throughout the year.

Medical Advisor – Physician who is part of APP Fellowship faculty, provides education, acts as supervising physician of PA-Cs, acts as a liaison with hospital physicians working with APP Fellows.

We do not train APP Fellows on a specialty track, rather we orient them to general acute care pediatrics and give them opportunity to rotate through various areas of the hospital to provide well-rounded pediatric training. At the end of their fellowship, they choose to apply to available jobs at the hospital that align with their goals and interests. Fellows often find they develop new or different interests from when they started the program.

We tried specific specialty tracks in the beginning (urgent care, emergency department, cancer care) but found it to be unsuccessful for several reasons:

- Occasionally fellows changed their minds and decided to pursue other specialties
- Sometimes there were no open jobs within that specific specialty upon fellowship graduation

Having fellows trained to multiple areas in the hospital is helpful during times of surge related to increased volumes or hospital staffing issues. APP Fellows have been deployed to fill staffing holes in the inpatient medical services, and the Emergency Department.



SCH APP Fellowship Class Outings

Resource Library

Need a template for job descriptions, preceptor resources, or evaluations?
Check out our new Resource Library on the Consortium Membership website!

After logging in, go to the right hand menu and click on Resource Library. Don't see something you're looking for in the library? Post in one of our forums! Documents posted to the forum will be added to the Resource Library as well.

The Consortium for Advanced Practice's dues-based membership program provides a platform for our community to network, to participate in sharing expertise, wisdom and best practices. The Consortium exists to support new and ongoing postgraduate training programs for nurse practitioners and physician assistants in the achievement and maintenance of the highest standards of rigor and quality, consistent with achieving the goal of an expert healthcare workforce prepared to meet the needs of patients and the society as a whole.



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Welcome to the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers Membership Site!

Welcome to our APP Postgraduate Training Community! We are delighted to have you on board as a

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By the Numbers

31 programs NP and NP/PA Consortium Accredited Programs

Learn more how your program can become accredited [here](#)!

531 NP, PA, and Joint NP/PA Programs in the US!

View the national listing of Postgraduate NP, PA, and Joint NP/PA Programs [here](#).

127 Postgraduate APP Alum in 2022-2023 from Consortium Accredited Programs

If you have information you would like to be shared in the newsletter, please reach out to Shay at shay.felder@apppostgradtraining.com.