

# ON THE PULSE

Summer is upon us, and the Consortium is bustling with excitement as we prepare for a season packed with key events and initiatives. From our much-anticipated 7th Annual Conference to significant accreditation milestones, there is much to share.

The highlight of our summer is undoubtedly the 7th Annual Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers Conference, themed "Collaboration, Support, and Community in Postgraduate APP Training." This dynamic and intensive two-day event will be held in San Diego, CA, at The Westin Bayview on July 22-23, 2024, with pre-conference workshops on July 21, 2024. Designed for organizations and individuals looking to create or expand their advanced practice provider postgraduate training programs, this conference is a must-attend. Please note that registration for the conference and pre-conference workshops closes on July 15, 2024. Secure your spot today!

In addition to the conference, we are pleased to announce that several programs have recently achieved re-accreditation, demonstrating their commitment to excellence and adherence to the highest standards. We also have seven more re-accreditation site visits planned for later this year, along with several initial accreditations. These visits are crucial for maintaining the integrity and quality of our accredited programs, and we commend everyone involved for their dedication and hard work.

In a significant development, the U.S. Department of Education has approved the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers (CAPP) Expansion of Scope petition to accredit postgraduate physician associate (PA) as well as joint nurse practitioner (NP/PA) postgraduate training programs. In 2022, CAPP became the first accrediting organization to earn federal recognition for accrediting postgraduate nurse practitioner residency and fellowship training programs. This "Expansion of Scope" significantly expands our reach and impact, making CAPP the first and only organization in the United States federally recognized to accredit joint NP/PA postgraduate residency and fellowship programs. The U.S. Department of Education has granted the Consortium an Expansion of Scope to its initial federal recognition for a period of five years.

In other news, a recent article co-authored by our Executive Director Kerry Bamrick, MBA, and Program Specialist Shay Felder, MBA, breaks new ground by reviewing survey data from directors of 181 APP postgraduate training programs across the U.S. This study, the largest of its kind, highlights the level of institutional support needed to run these programs effectively and support the administrative workforce fairly. It underscores the need for national guidelines around the appropriate level of program support to facilitate postgraduate training programs for advanced practice providers. The national survey and article were conducted in collaboration with lead author Vasco Deon Kidd, DHSc, MPH, MS, PA-C, and Jessica Horstmann, MSN, APRN FNP-C. Please click here for the full article <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC11003727/>

As we navigate this busy and productive summer, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support and commitment to advancing the field of advanced practice providers. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

With gratitude, Shay Felder, MBA

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# The Consortium Approved to Accredite Postgraduate PA Programs Nationwide

On May 27, 2024, the U.S. Department of Education has announced that the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers (CAPP) is now approved to accredit postgraduate physician associate (PA) as well as joint nurse practitioner/ physician associate (NP/PA) postgraduate training programs.

In 2022, CAPP, commonly known as “The Consortium,” was the first accrediting organization to earn federal recognition from the U.S. Department of Education to accredit postgraduate nurse practitioner residency and fellowship training programs. Today’s announcement significantly expands the Consortium’s reach and impact as a leader in accrediting NP only, PA only, and joint NP/PA postgraduate training programs. The Consortium is the first and only organization in the United States to be federally recognized to accredit joint NP/PA postgraduate residency and fellowship programs.

Nurse Practitioners and Physician Associates represent a vital and growing portion of both primary care and specialty healthcare providers in the United States. From community health centers to acute care hospitals and across the full range of health care settings, PAs and NPs are essential health care providers. New NPs and PAs, and those seeking to change specialty areas, increasingly seek formal postgraduate residency and/or fellowship programs to deepen their expertise in their clinical practice specialty. CAPP provides a vital service in assuring the excellence and rigor of these programs through federally recognized accreditation.

“We at the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers fully respect and deeply appreciate the value of federal recognition and the assurance it brings to the public, to trainees, and to the health care system,” said Kerry Bamrick, MBA, Executive Director of the Consortium. “It is the gold standard of accrediting agencies, and demonstrates our commitment to the highest standards of excellence.” The Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers Accreditation Commission Vice-Chair, Dr. DoQuyen Huynh, DNP, FNP, ARNP, FAAN stated, “The Consortium has worked diligently to achieve Federal recognition for its Expansion of Scope from the U.S. Department of Education. With this achievement, we are able to expand our work in education and health care to support the next generation of advanced practice providers. Attaining this recognition not only speaks to the quality and rigor of our accreditation process, but it is also a testament to the synergy of minds that came together to achieve something greater for health care and for our patients.”

“Advanced Practice Providers are vital to our health care system,” said Consortium Board Chair Dr. Margaret Flinter, PhD, APRN, FNP-c, FAAN, FAANP, “and formal postgraduate APP training programs provide the training bridge between education and practice for new APPS. The Consortium is proud to receive the U.S. Department of Education’s Federal recognition and deeply appreciate the role it plays in assuring that APP postgraduate training programs meet the highest standards for quality and impact. We are honored to serve the public as a Federally Recognized accrediting agency ensuring our nation’s advanced practice providers are prepared to meet the challenge of providing health care to people of all ages in communities in every corner of our country.”

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# 2024 Annual Conference

The 7th Annual Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers is quickly approaching and 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.

**Registration closes on July 15, 2024.**

## 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!



**Please click here to**  
**watch a brief**  
**Conference**  
**Highlights video**  
**from the 2023**  
**Conference.**

# Mark your Calendars!

## 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 Fall Regional Meetings:

- West Coast Regional Meeting: August 13 at 12PM PT
- East Coast and Midwest: October 15 at 12PM ET
- Bi-Annual Membership Meeting: December 11 at 3pm ET

## 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](mailto:mglorioso@healthlinchc.org) to join the meetings throughout the year

# Site Visitor Training

The two-day intensive course was held on April 6th and May 4th. We had 16 site visitors complete the training!

Each site visitor will complete an observation site visit with experienced site visitors before going out on their own.

Missed this year's course? Apply to be a site visitor during our next offering!

# Accreditation Activity



Congratulations to Community Healthcare Network in Bronx, NY! Community Healthcare Network has two tracks, Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Programs, who were both re-accredited on June 13, 2024! The Community Healthcare Network Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Programs each received re-accreditation for five years. Congratulations to the Community Healthcare Network Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Teams!

# By the Numbers

## 31 programs NP and NP/PA Consortium Accredited Programs

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

## 533 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

# New Published Research!

Authors all over the country have been busy the past few months to publish new research articles, including Consortium Leadership! [A recent article](#) co-authored by Consortium Executive Director Kerry Bamrick, MBA, and Consortium Program Specialist Shay Felder, MBA, breaks new ground in reviewing survey data from directors of 181 APP postgraduate training programs across the U.S.

The largest published study on APP postgraduate training programs, it draws attention to the level of institutional support needed to run the programs effectively and support the administrative workforce fairly. The study underscores the need for national guidelines around the appropriate level of program support to facilitate postgraduate training programs for advanced practice providers. The National survey and article was conducted in collaboration with lead-author Vasco Deon Kidd, DHSc, MPH, MS, PA-C and Jessica Horstmann, MSN, APRN FNP-C.

Read the full article here:

[National Survey on Support for Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant/Associate Postgraduate Fellowship/Residency Programs and Director Compensation](#)

Another article of note is *Accreditation Outcomes: Does Program Director Experience Matter?* authored by Jennifer Snyder, PhD, PA-C, Brenda Quincy, PhD, MPH, PA-C, Darwin Brown, MPH, PA-C, and David Asprey, PhD, PA-C. Read the full article [here](#).

## 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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