

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Accreditation Manager

Dear Consortium Members,

As we welcome the winter season, I am excited to share some important updates and initiatives that reflect our ongoing commitment to advancing APP postgraduate training.

One of our key priorities as we head into 2025 is the submission of our petition for renewal as a federally recognized accreditor by the U.S. Department of Education. This renewal is a crucial step in maintaining the high standards that define our programs and ensures that we continue to meet the rigorous criteria for recognition. It is an essential part of our efforts to uphold the quality and integrity of APP postgraduate training across the Consortium. We are also thrilled to share that we have hit a major milestone—35 APP Postgraduate programs now hold accreditation status with the Consortium! This achievement underscores the growing impact of our work and highlights the commitment of all involved in shaping high-quality APP postgraduate training.

Additionally, we are proud to highlight several recent accreditation actions, including updates from International Community Health Services, AltaMed Health Services Corporation, and the Community Health Center, Inc.

Looking ahead, we are also preparing for several exciting events, including the Accreditation Office Hours, Regional Membership Meetings, and the much-anticipated Annual Conference. These events will offer valuable opportunities for connection, professional development, and continued growth in APP Postgraduate training.

This winter, we are excited to continue fostering collaboration through the Communities Forums, where members can exchange insights and share best practices. We also featured an article that reveals the importance of ongoing research in shaping the future of APP postgraduate training.

Thank you for your continued dedication and involvement in the Consortium. Your commitment is essential to our success as we work together to shape the future of advanced practice. I look forward to what 2025 will bring.

With gratitude,
Shay Felder

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The 2025 Annual Conference promises to be a landmark event as we celebrate the Consortium's 10th anniversary! Join us in Denver, CO, from July 13–15, 2025, for an inspiring lineup of sessions and workshops designed to elevate advanced practice provider training and education.

Early Bird Registration is now open and will end on March 31.

[Learn more about the Conference here.](#)

Poster submissions are now open and will be accepted until April 30, 2025—don't miss the opportunity to share your innovative work! [Learn more here.](#)

We are also seeking Conference Sponsors and Exhibitors. If there is an exhibitor, you would love to see, please let us know.

[Learn more about Sponsorship and Exhibiting here.](#)



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SAVE THE DATE!
Monday–Tuesday, July 14–15, 2025
Pre-Conference Workshops on Sunday, July 13th

The Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers 2025 Annual Conference
Make plans to join us in-person for our Eighth Annual Conference on July 14 and 15, 2025 at the Grand Hyatt Denver, Colorado. Watch for details coming soon!

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ACCREDITATION ACTIVITY

Congratulations to International Community Health Services' Advanced Practice Providers' Residency Program in Seattle, WA! ICHS received re-accreditation for five years on October 7, 2024.



Congratulations to the Community Health Center, Inc.'s Primary Care and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency Training Programs in Middletown, CT. Both programs received re-accreditation for five years on November 14, 2024.



Congratulations to the AltaMed Health Services Corporation Nurse Practitioner Fellowship in Commerce, CA! AltaMed received initial accreditation on November 14th for three years! Learn more about AltaMed and their Fellowship below!



Congratulations to all three programs!

NEW PUBLISHED RESEARCH!

We are pleased to share two impactful pieces of research on the role of postgraduate training in advancing the practice of nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants/associates (PAs).

Carolyn Hawes' recent study, *The Impact that Postgraduate Fellowships Have on Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in Specialized Areas of Practice* explores the significant benefits of fellowship programs for APRNs, particularly in enhancing skills and expertise in specialized fields. This study underscores the role of these programs in fostering career growth and improving patient care outcomes. [**Read the full article here.**](#)

These studies provide valuable insights into the growing importance of APP postgraduate training programs in shaping the future of advanced practice roles.

BY THE NUMBERS

35 programs NP and NP/PA Consortium Accredited Programs
[Learn more how your program can become accredited here!](#)

549 NP, PA, and Joint NP/PA Programs in the US!
[View the national listing of Postgraduate NP, PA, and Joint NP/PA Programs here](#)

154 Postgraduate APP Alum in 2023-2024 from Consortium Accredited Programs

939 Total Number of Postgraduate APP Alum from Consortium Accredited Programs

ACCREDITED PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

AltaMed Health Services Corporation

Rooted in social justice and advocacy, AltaMed Health Services Corporation is the largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in the United States, operating over 52 medical centers, 11 PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) sites, and 13 pharmacies across Los Angeles and Orange County. Serving nearly 500,000 patients annually and conducting over one million visits, more than 80% of its patient population identifies as Latinx, with the majority being Spanish-speaking Medi-Cal enrollees.

In 2021, AltaMed launched its Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Fellowship Program to further its mission of reducing health disparities and providing high-quality, culturally sensitive health services to Southern California communities. This program aims to build AltaMed's NP workforce by recruiting and training nurse practitioners who align with its values and mission. Recently accredited in November 2024, it stands as one of only three NP residency programs in Los Angeles County.

The fellowship is specifically designed for newly graduated family nurse practitioners committed to serving medically underserved populations. The 12-month program incorporates one-on-one precepting, a gradual patient ramp-up schedule, specialty rotations, and structured didactic sessions. It prepares participants to deliver compassionate, comprehensive, culturally competent care across the lifespan, with a strong focus on preventive care, chronic disease management, and health promotion.

Since its inception, AltaMed's NP Fellowship program has:

- Cohorts each year: one cohort beginning each October
- Residents per cohort: 6
- Graduates: 14
- Graduates hired: 12 (12 are still employed)

AltaMed's Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Program is dedicated to addressing the health needs of Latinx, multi-ethnic, and medically underserved communities through active community engagement and collaboration with AltaMed's Family Medicine Residency and Sports Medicine programs. Many program graduates have returned to contribute as preceptors for the NP Fellowship and AltaMed's ANEW program, which trains second-year Family Nurse Practitioner students from CSULA and UCLA. Here's what some of AltaMed's NP Fellowship alumni have shared about their experience in the program:

- "The fellowship has been absolutely wonderful. The resources provided and foundation given to clinical practice are gold. I feel confident in my diagnosis and plan of care. I learned thorough evaluation and assessments. I can walk into a patient's room with ease. I highly recommend this program for any new graduate Nurse Practitioner." Fatima Urquilla, Class of 2024
- "Thoroughly enjoyed my experience with the fellowship, it provided me a guided opportunity to learn about AltaMed's diverse patient populations, resources, and helped make interprofessional collaboration easier after meeting new colleagues via rotations; all are factors that contribute to high quality patient care." Jessica Rodriguez, Class of 2023



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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 geographic region.

Below is a list of the 2025 Meetings:

- East Coast/Midwest Regional Meeting: [March 26, 2025 at 12pm ET](#); [October 15 at 12pm ET](#)
- West Coast Regional Meeting: [April 2, 2025 at 12pm PT](#); [October 22 at 12 pm PT](#)

Registration is required. Click on the links above to register.

Administrative Meetings

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 Kaylee Blackburn at kblackburn@myheritagehealth.org to join the meetings throughout the year

Accreditation Office Hours

Join us for our Accreditation Office Hours in 2025. Whether you are exploring accreditation, have questions about the process, or simply want to connect with peers, this is the perfect opportunity. [Register and learn more about the 2025 Office Hours 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.

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