

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Building What's Next:
Leadership, Workforce, and Innovation in APP Postgraduate Training

Pre-Conference Workshop: Sunday, July 12, 2026 from 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (4 CMEs)

Blueprint to Success Workshop: Designing and Implementing a Strong APP Postgraduate Training Program Workshop

8:00–8:15 a.m. Welcome

8:15–9:10 a.m. APP Postgraduate Residency/Fellowship Creation: From Concept to Launch

Presenter: **Shelley Rio**, ACNP, Senior Instructor, Department of Radiology-Interventional at the University of Colorado School of Medicine
Moderator: **Lisa Budka**, FNP-BC, Family Nurse Practitioner Residency Program Director at HealthLinc

9:10–10:05 a.m. Finding the Right Fit: A Strategic Approach to NP Fellowship Recruitment and Selection

Presenter: **Carolyn Read**, MSN, MSW, MPH, APRN-BC, FNP, ACHPN, Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner, NP Fellowship Faculty at Oak Street Health
Moderator: **Nicole Seagriff**, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, Vice President of the Western Region at Community Health Center, Inc.

10:05–10:20 a.m. Refreshment Break and Networking

10:20–11:10 a.m. Building a Responsive Postgraduate Training Program: Strategies for Success and Organizational Impact

Presenter: **Victoria Rines Palmer**, FNP-C, Director of the NP Anchor Program and Urgent Care Family Nurse Practitioner at South Boston Community Health Center
Moderator: **Deb Bakerjian**, PhD, APRN, FAANP, FGSA, FAAN, Associate Dean for Practice and Clinical Professor, Director of the NP Fellowship at Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis

11:10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Administrative and Operations Roundtable Discussions

Participants will rotate through 4 focused 20-minute discussions, each designed to provide practical strategies and peer insights in the following key areas:

● **Preparing for Accreditation Success**

Presenter: **Shay Etheridge**, MBA, Program Manager at the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers

● **Designing Effective Evaluation Structures: Program Evaluation Frameworks**

Presenter: **Lisa Budka**, FNP-BC, Family Nurse Practitioner Residency Program Director at HealthLinc

● **Operational Excellence in Program Administration**

Presenter: **Danielle Hebert**, DNP, MBA, MSN, ANP-BC, Assistant Professor/Coordinator, Primary Care NP Track, Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing

● **Navigating Funding and Workforce Challenges and Stability**

Presenters: **Margaret Flinter**, PhD, APRN, FNP-C, FAAN, FAANP, Chairperson of the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers, Senior Vice President & Clinical Director at Community Health Center, Inc.; **Garrett Matlick**, DNP, MPH, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, NP Residency Clinical Program Director at Community Health Center, Inc.

Pre-Conference Workshop: Sunday, July 12, 2026 from 1:00–5:00 p.m. (3.5 CMEs)

Leadership and Executive Coaching: Advancing Influence, Insight and Impact

1:00–1:15 p.m. Welcome and Introduction to Workshop

1:15–2:10 p.m. Developing Your Leadership Skills

2:10–3:05 p.m. Critical Conversations with Your Teams: Self-Awareness as the Foundation of Leadership

3:05–3:20 p.m. Break

3:20–4:10 p.m. Financial Literacy: Understanding How Your Financials Work

4:10–5:00 p.m. Communicate with Confidence and Clarity: Crafting the Right Message for Your Audience