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Primary Purpose

The primary purpose of accreditation for APP postgraduate training is quality assurance. The goal of accreditation is to ensure that the experience provided by the APP postgraduate training programs meets acceptable levels of quality, rigor and national standards. It strengthens program operations, reputation, and outcomes while providing numerous advantages.



Builds Collaborative Networks

- Connects APP Postgraduate Training programs to a national community of accredited peers for resource sharing and best practices.
- Provides access to workshops, mentorship, and educational opportunities.



Elevates Program Excellence

- Validates that your APP Postgraduate Training Program meets national standards.
- Demonstrates a commitment to quality and continuous improvement.

Enhances Recruitment & Retention

- Attracts competitive applicants by signaling program credibility.
- Boosts faculty and preceptor satisfaction through structured, high-quality training opportunities.

Supports Funding Opportunities

- Increases eligibility for funding opportunities, such as HRSA grants.
- Strengthens opportunities for external partnerships and support.

Facilitates Program Development

- Offers a framework for program growth and alignment with healthcare needs.
- Provides actionable insights from accreditation reviews and site visits.

Boosts Organizational Reputation

- Accreditation provides the public with a recognizable seal of approval that is an indication of quality and integrity. Potential trainees, potential employers and others use programmatic accreditation as a mechanism to identify training programs that meet national standards of educational quality and graduate individuals who have been well prepared in discipline-specific knowledge, skills, and attitudes.
- Accreditation positions your organization as a leader in APP education and workforce development.
- Accreditation strengthens relationships with stakeholders and enhances your public profile.

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Why Accreditation Matters

Accreditation means that an institution that is hosting an APP postgraduate training program can assure applicants who are applying to the program, as well as patients receiving care from the APP resident/fellow, that the program sufficiently meets peer-reviewed quality standards.

Through accreditation and reaccreditation, organizations can further develop their programs by systematic self-evaluation against the standards. This lets a program readily identify strengths and weaknesses, refine the curriculum, and otherwise enhance the program to reflect the realities of challenging and changing practice environments. This last point is critical to understanding the benefits of accreditation.

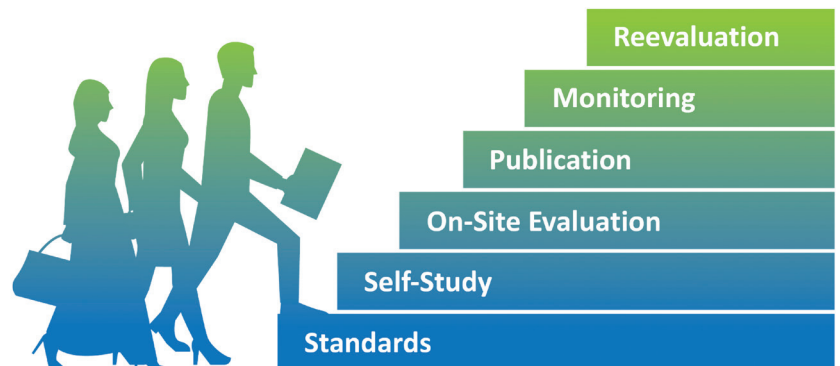
Change in healthcare and the health professions is a constant. When APP postgraduate programs are accredited, they join a group of APP postgraduate training programs that emphasizes collegial and collaborative inter-professional practice, and networking.

Accredited programs stand out for their commitment to quality and excellence, while empowering APPs to thrive in advanced practice roles.

For more info on accreditation and its benefits, visit www.APPpostgradtraining.com or contact us at info@APPpostgradtraining.com



U.S. Department of Education Accreditation Process—6 Major Steps the Consortium follows:



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