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Fall 2026 Newsletter

Dear Members,

As we enter the fall season, we are reflecting on a remarkable summer for the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers. Over the past few months, we welcomed attendees from across the country to Denver for our 2026 Annual Conference, continued supporting programs through the accreditation process with re-accreditation site visits, and reached an important organizational milestone as the Consortium appeared before the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) as part of our Renewal of Federal Recognition with the U.S. Department of Education on July 23rd.

These milestones reflect the continued growth of postgraduate NP and PA training programs and the strength of our community working to advance them. As we move into the fall, our Membership Committee is already reviewing conference feedback and planning for the 2027 Annual Conference.

2026 Annual Conference | Denver, CO

Our 2026 Annual Conference, *Building What's Next: Leadership, Workforce, and Innovation in APP Postgraduate Training*, brought together program directors, faculty, trainees, and healthcare leaders from across the country to collaborate, learn, and advance the future of postgraduate APP education. Through inspiring keynote presentations, engaging breakout sessions, and expert-led discussions, attendees explored today's most pressing topics in postgraduate training, from artificial intelligence and accreditation best practices to competency assessment, financial sustainability, workforce development, and leadership. The conference provided countless opportunities for attendees to leave with practical strategies, fresh perspectives, and new connections to strengthen their programs and organizations.



This year, we were excited to introduce two new pre-conference workshops: *Blueprint to Success: Designing and Implementing a Strong APP Postgraduate Training Program* and *Leadership and Executive Coaching: Advancing Influence, Insight, and Impact*. We also launched interactive breakout roundtable discussions during the main conference, giving attendees the opportunity to engage in small-group conversations, exchange ideas, and learn directly from peers facing similar opportunities and challenges.

Beyond the educational sessions, attendees connected during coffee breaks with exhibitors and an evening networking social. The poster presentations highlighted innovative research, quality improvement initiatives, and educational projects from programs across the country, sparking thoughtful conversations and the sharing of best practices. The conference concluded with our inaugural Pickleball Tournament, providing a fun and memorable way to celebrate new friendships, healthy competition, and the collaborative spirit of the Consortium community.

Thank you to our attendees, speakers, moderators, poster presenters, sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers, and Membership Committee for making this year's conference such a success. Your willingness to share knowledge, foster collaboration, and invest in the future of postgraduate APP education continues to strengthen our growing community. We look forward to seeing you at the 2027 Annual Conference as we continue building what's next

together.

Conference Highlights

 **125+**
ATTENDEES

 **30+**
STATES
REPRESENTED

 **18**
POSTER
PRESENTERS

 **16**
SPONSORS &
EXHIBITORS

 **15+**
EXPERT
SPEAKERS

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Stay Connected This Fall

We also invite you to mark your calendars for Accreditation Office Hours, Regional Membership Meetings, and Administrative Meetings. These events offer valuable opportunities to connect with peers, share feedback, and access personalized guidance throughout the year.

Monthly Accreditation Office Hours

Our monthly Accreditation Office Hours continue throughout 2026. Whether you are exploring accreditation, preparing your Self-Study Guide, or planning for an upcoming site visit, these sessions provide direct access to guidance and peer discussion. Please register for the Accreditation Office Hours you wish to attend by clicking on the links below.

[October 7 at 12pm ET/ 9am PT](#)

[November 4 at 3pm ET/ 12pm PT](#)

[December 8 at 12pm ET/ 9am PT](#)

Regional Membership Meetings

Our Regional Membership Meetings provide an opportunity for East Coast/Midwest and West Coast members to connect, share best practices, discuss Consortium initiatives, and network with colleagues in their region. Please be sure to register for each membership meeting below:

[October 22 at 12pm ET: East Coast/Midwest Regional Membership Meeting](#)

[October 29 at 12pm PT: West Coast Regional Membership Meeting](#)

APP Postgraduate Administrative Meetings

Our Administrative Meetings bring together non-clinical program managers and coordinators to discuss residency and fellowship administration & operations, share best practices, and build peer support. To participate, please email [Claire Lueck](#) or [Kaylee Blackburn](#).

Accreditation Activity

We are pleased to recognize the following programs on achieving re-accreditation:

[Shasta Community Health Centers's NP/PA Fellowship Program](#) located in Redding, CA, received re-accreditation on July 2, 2026, for five years.

[Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis Primary Care APP Fellowship Program](#) located in Davis, CA, received re-accreditation on August 13, 2026, for five years.

[UC Davis Health Specialty Care Advanced Practice Fellowship Program](#) located in Davis, CA, received re-accreditation on August 13, 2026, for five years.

[Sea Mar Community Health Centers' APP Residency Program](#) located in Seattle, WA, received re-accreditation on August 13, 2026, for five years.

Congratulations to all teams on this achievement!

By the Numbers

- **47** programs accredited by the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers
- **624** postgraduate NP, PA, and joint NP/PA programs nationwide

New Published Research

Research evaluating the impact of postgraduate training for Advanced Practice Providers continues to expand as healthcare organizations seek evidence-based approaches to preparing new clinicians for independent practice. The Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers is pleased to highlight a recent study examining the outcomes of a primary care nurse practitioner fellowship program and its role in workforce development.

The article, "[Developing a Nurse Practitioner Workforce for Primary Care: Evaluation of a Fellowship Program](#)," published in *The Journal for Nurse Practitioners*, evaluated five cohorts of family nurse practitioners who completed a one-year primary care fellowship program. Using longitudinal competency self-assessments, the researchers found statistically significant improvements across multiple domains, including patient care, clinical reasoning, communication, professionalism, practice-based learning, and knowledge for practice.

The study concludes that structured postgraduate fellowship programs provide an effective transition-to-practice model for newly graduated nurse practitioners by strengthening clinical competence, increasing confidence, and supporting readiness for independent practice. The authors suggest that fellowship programs represent an important workforce development strategy as healthcare organizations work to address primary care workforce shortages and improve access to high-quality patient care.

This publication adds to the growing body of evidence supporting postgraduate APP training as an effective approach to workforce development, transition-to-practice, and the preparation of highly competent advanced practice providers. As additional research continues to emerge, the Consortium remains committed to sharing evidence that advances the field of postgraduate APP education.

We look forward to highlighting additional research in future newsletters. If you have a recently published article you would like featured, please let [Shay Etheridge](#) know.

Accreditation Corner: Site Visitor Tip of the Quarter

One of the popular sessions at the 2026 Annual Conference was *Navigating Accreditation: Expert Tips from a Site Visitor Panel*. During the Q&A, attendees asked if we could continue sharing practical tips in future newsletters, and we loved the idea!

Beginning with this issue, we'll feature a brief accreditation best practice from our site visitors and Accreditation Commission to help programs prepare for successful site visits and continuous improvement. Keep reading below for this issue's best practice:

One of the most common strengths identified during site visits is a program's ability to demonstrate continuous improvement. During your site visit, be prepared to share examples of how feedback from trainees, preceptors, faculty, alumni, or program evaluations has led to meaningful changes. Whether you updated your curriculum, modified clinical rotations, strengthened preceptor development, or adjusted onboarding based on evaluation results, documenting these improvements demonstrates that your program is using data to drive quality and continually enhance the trainee experience.

Support the Future of APP Postgraduate Training

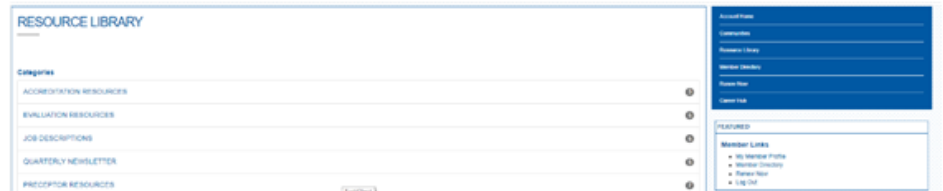
The Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers is committed to advancing high-quality postgraduate education and supporting the continued growth of NP and PA residency and fellowship programs nationwide.

Your support helps strengthen educational resources, accreditation efforts, professional development opportunities, and collaboration across our growing community. If you would like to contribute to the Consortium's mission, we welcome your support.

Donate [here](#).

Resource Library

Looking for templates for job descriptions, preceptor resources, or evaluations? Visit the Resource Library on the Consortium Membership website. After logging in, select *Resource Library* from the right-hand menu. Don't see



what you need? Post in one of our forums, and the shared resources may be added to the library for all members.

Finally, we celebrate the achievements across our community, from programs achieving initial and re-accreditation to the 2025-2026 graduating cohort of APPs who are stepping confidently into their roles as skilled, resilient clinicians.

Thank you for your dedication, collaboration, and commitment to advancing the next generation of APPs. Together, we are shaping the future of healthcare.

With gratitude,

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