



Dear CAPP Members,

As 2025 comes to a close, I am filled with gratitude for another year of progress, partnership, and shared purpose within the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers (CAPP) community. Together, we celebrated a growing network of 45 accredited programs, supported more than 1,200 postgraduate APP alumni, and contributed to new research publications advancing advanced practice provider education and training. Each of these accomplishments reflects the dedication of our members and the continued evolution of postgraduate APP programs nationwide.

Looking Ahead to 2026

Looking ahead, 2026 will be an exciting year for the Consortium. In addition to returning to Denver, CO, for our Annual Conference on July 12–14, 2026, we will also submit our Petition for Renewal for Federal Recognition to the U.S. Department of Education, with our hearing to NACIQI in July. This renewal marks a significant step in reaffirming our role as the national accreditor for postgraduate NP, PA and joint NP/PA training programs, and underscores our ongoing commitment to maintaining the highest standards of quality and accountability.

2026 Annual Conference

Our 2026 Annual Conference will be a fitting celebration of this progress, featuring two new pre-conference workshops!

New Pre-Conference Workshops | July 12, 2026

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

This pre-conference workshop focuses on the foundational elements of

launching a postgraduate APP training program. Designed for programs preparing to begin or those in

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SAVE THE DATE!
Monday-Tuesday, July 13-14, 2026
Pre-Conference Workshops on Sunday, July 12th

The Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers
2026 Annual Conference

Make plans to join us in-person for our Annual Conference on July 13 and 14, 2026 at the Grand Hyatt in Denver, Colorado. Watch for details coming soon!

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the early stages of development, the session provides practical guidance, tools, and strategies to support a strong and sustainable program start.

Leadership and Executive Coaching

This interactive pre-conference workshop is designed to strengthen leadership confidence, communication effectiveness, and executive presence. Open to all participants—including trainees, coordinators, managers, directors, and clinical leaders—this session is ideal for anyone seeking to enhance leadership, communication, and interpersonal influence skills.

In addition, [poster submissions are now open](#) and will be accepted through **May 30, 2026**. We encourage members to share their innovative work and programmatic successes.

[Early Bird Registration is now open](#), and we look forward to networking, collaborating, and innovating together in Denver.

Stay Connected in 2026

We look forward to continued engagement through our membership programming in the coming year.

Regional Membership Meetings

Connect with fellow Consortium members in your region during our Regional Membership Meetings. These sessions provide opportunities to discuss Consortium updates, share feedback, and network with colleagues.

Spring 2026 Meeting Dates:

- East Coast / Midwest: April 8 at 12:00 pm ET
- West Coast: April 15 at 12:00 pm PT

Calendar invitations will be sent in advance with RSVP details.

Accreditation Office Hours

Accreditation Office Hours offer an open forum to ask questions about accreditation, the Self-Study Guide, and upcoming site visits.

- [February 4 at 12pm ET](#)
- [May 6 at 12pm PT](#)
- [August 12 at 12pm ET](#)
- [November 4 at 12pm PT](#)

Administrative Meetings

Non-clinical program managers and coordinators are invited to join our Administrative Meetings to discuss residency and fellowship operations, best practices, and peer support. To participate, please email [Kaylee Anthony](#) or [Kaylee Blackburn](#).

Recent Accreditation Activity

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

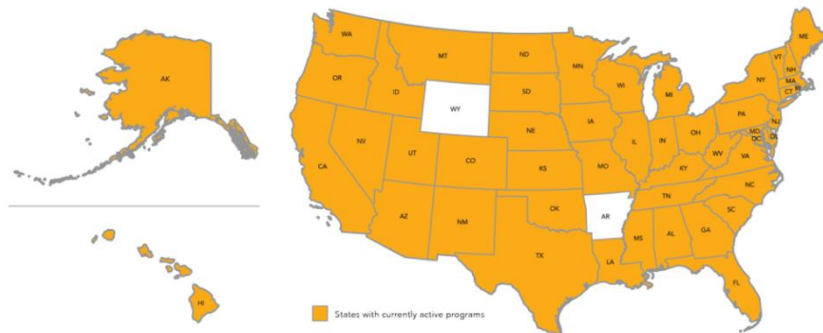


- [La Clinica del Valle Family Health Care Center, Inc.'s Advanced Practitioner Residency Program](#) in Medford, OR received initial accreditation on October 9 for three years.
- [Oak Street Health's New Graduate NP in Adult Primary Care Fellowship](#) headquartered in Chicago, IL received initial accreditation on November 13 for three years.

Congratulations to both teams on this achievement!

By the Numbers

- **45** programs accredited by the Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers
- **566** postgraduate NP, PA, and joint NP/PA programs nationwide
- **165** postgraduate APP alumni from Consortium-accredited programs in 2024–2025
- **1,291** total postgraduate APP alumni from Consortium-accredited programs



New Published Research

There continues to be an exciting increase in published research on postgraduate training for Advanced Practice Providers (APPs). The Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers is proud to highlight two impactful recent studies that further emphasize the growing importance of structured transition-to-practice programs for Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and Physician Assistants/Associates (PAs).

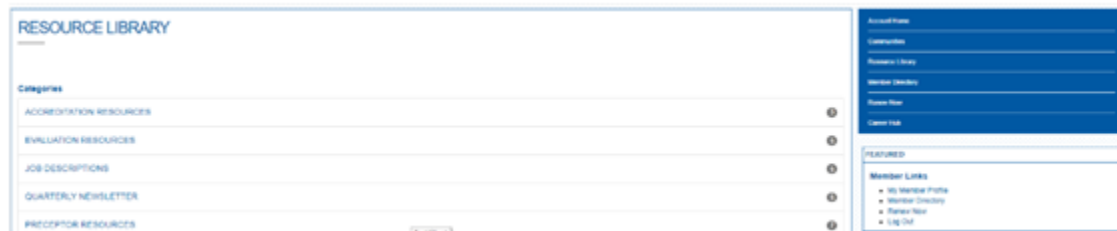
The first article, ["The Development and Design of a Competency-Based Postgraduate Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Program,"](#) by Tudhope *et al.*, published in *The Journal for Nurse Practitioners*, describes the creation and implementation of a competency-based NP fellowship model. The authors outline key design elements, including defined milestones, structured evaluation, and mentorship—that bridge the gap between academic preparation and independent clinical practice. This study underscores

the value of formal postgraduate programs in building clinical confidence, improving retention, and enhancing patient care outcomes.

Another article of note, "[Battling the 'Imposter': Our Experience in the Development of an Advance Practice Provider Fellowship](#)," by Lynn, Smith, Menefee, and Meyer, published in *The Journal of Nursing Administration: Quality and Patient Safety*, explores one health system's experience developing an APP fellowship to support new graduates navigating "imposter syndrome" and the challenges of early practice. The authors highlight how structured fellowships foster confidence, professional identity, and job satisfaction among APPs, contributing to improved readiness and long-term retention.

Resource Library

Looking for templates for job descriptions, evaluations, or preceptor resources? Visit the Resource Library on the Consortium Membership website. After logging in, select *Resource Library* from the right-hand menu. If you don't see what you need, post in one of our forums, shared documents may be added to the library for the benefit of all members.



Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to excellence in postgraduate APP training. Your passion and partnership drive our mission forward.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a bright start to the New Year!

With gratitude,

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