

PRACTICE TRANSITION ACCREDITATION PROGRAM®

READINESS BUNDLE

As you prepare to pursue accreditation of your RN Residency/Fellowship program, we recommend completing the tools in the readiness bundle to aid in identification of gaps in your program. This analysis will reveal opportunities for program improvement, which will lead to action plan development and the best chance for accreditation success.

Additionally, we recommend completing this review annually in your strategic planning for program revisions.

STEP 1

ELIGIBILITY

Key eligibility components for program accreditation

STEP 2

GAP ANALYSIS

Identification of gaps in program that need to be closed to meet requirements for accreditation

STEP 3

ACTION PLAN

Detailed plan for closing gaps in order to meet accreditation standards

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Is my RN Residency/Fellowship program eligible for ANCC PTAP accreditation?

CATEGORY: PROGRAM

The program is an organized, time- or competency-bound, and consistently conducted in all sites and practice settings during which RNs may acquire and demonstrate the knowledge and skills to deliver safe and quality care. Components may include but are not limited to:

С	OMPONENT	EXAMPLE	COMMENTS
	Orientation (see glossary)	Organization orientation, RN specific orientation, onboarding structured time.	
	Didactic/ Classroom	Classroom setting introduction, online courses, seminars.	
	Simulation	Creation of patient scenario intended to teach the learner a specific skill or set of skills. For example: therapeutic communication or myocardial infarction.	
	Organizational Enculturation	Specific practices and expectations of the learner's role with patients, safety, or key processes in the organization.	
	Practice-Based Learning (see glossary)	Learning done in the clinical or work setting with a preceptor or other experienced professional. Working with specific patient populations, diagnosis, etc.	

CATEGORY: PROGRAM DIRECTOR

One individual who serves as Program Director and is accountable for ensuring program compliance with the standards.

PI	ROGRAM DIRECTOR REQUIREMENTS	COMMENTS
	Is a current RN licensed professional.	
	Possesses a graduate degree or higher (either the baccalaureate or graduate degree must be in nursing or an international equivalent).	
	Has education experience in adult learning principles.	
	Maintains accountability and oversight of all participating sites/practice settings.	
	Serves as primary point of contact for the program.	
	Maintains accountability for the education design process (development, design, implementation, and evaluation) of the program.	

CATEGORY: PROGRAM TYPE

RN Residency/RN Fellowship

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	EXAMPLE
RN Residency program is designed for newly licensed RNs with less than 12 months experience. RN Fellowship program is designed for experienced licensed RNs with 6 months or more nursing experience. RN Residency has a duration of at least six months. May include orientation; must include practice-based learning and supplemental activities to promote professional development.	A six-month curriculum including orientation, performance opportunities in the practice setting, and additional seminars for professional development.
COMMENTS	

CATEGORY: LEARNER(S) & COHORT

Program Director ensures learners in the program meet the requirements.

LEARNER(S) REQUIREMENTS	COMMENTS
Graduated from accredited nursing program.	
Current unencumbered license (or international equivalent) as an RN.	
Must be paid at least minimum wage requirements as part of employment.	
Cannot be required to pay to participate in program.	
PROGRAM DIRECTOR REQUIREMENTS	
Program Director must verify that a minimum of one learner has completed the program before applying for accreditation.	
COHORT REQUIREMENTS	
Minimum of one learner who has completed entire program.	
Indicate total number of learners who have participated in the program in the previous 12 months for each eligible site and practice setting.	

CATEGORY: SITE(S)

Program Director must identify participating sites when applying.

SINGLE SITE (see glossary)	MULTI-SITE (see glossary)	SITE COORDINATOR(S) (SC) (see glossary)		
Program has one location with single or multiple practice settings.	Program has multiple locations at more than one address and may have more than one practice setting. The maximum size of an accreditable program is up to 30 sites. A minimum of one learner must have completed the program at each site within 24 months (new applicant) or 48 months (reaccrediting applicant) prior to application submission. The Program Directors knows what site(s) the program is being conducted in. Each site has had a learner complete the program. If the site has not has a learner complete the program the site is not eligible at this time.	Required for multisite, multi-practice setting programs with 11 sites or larger. Each site must have a Site Coordinator (SC). The SC must have a direct or dotted line of authority to the Program Director. The Program Director may not be a Site Coordinator (Optional for multisite, multi-practice setting programs with 2-10 sites and multisite, single practice setting programs. The PD may be a Site Coordinator.) Must maintain a current, valid license as an RN, hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing, and have education and/or experience in adult learning principles.		
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CATEGORY: PRACTICE SETTING(S)

Program Director identifies participating practice settings where the program is operationalized.

PRACTICE SETTING(S): The area in which an RN practices the nursing profession.

SPECIA	ALTY(IES)/SERVICE LINE(S) REQUIREMENTS	COMMENTS
	nical environment or may include leadership, management, search, and other areas.	
Sta	andardized educational design across all sites and specialties.	
ADDI	ITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	
Со	emplete one program cohort in all participating practice settings.	
	nintain program structures and processes in all participating practice ttings.	
	aintain single Program Director oversight and accountability in all rticipating practice settings.	
pra	minimum of one learner must have completed the program in each actice setting within a 24-month time frame (or within a 48-month ne frame for reaccrediting applicants) prior to application submission.	
be th	ne Program Directors knows what practice setting(s) the program is eing conducted in. Each practice setting has had a learner complete see program. If the practice setting has not has a learner complete the rogram the site is not eligible at this time.	
PRAC ¹	TICE SETTING COORDINATORS (PSC) — (see glossary)	
pra Co	required for multisite, multi-practice setting programs: Each eligible actice setting functioning in multiple sites has a Practice Setting prodinator (PSC) with a direct or dotted line of authority to the ogram Director. (Optional for single site, multi-practice setting programs)	
	ust be licensed RN, hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing, d have education and/or experience in adult learning principles.	
	is role is to coordinate the practice setting curriculums across all	

CATEGORY: COMPLIANCE

Program Director maintains oversight of program compliance.

	ROGRAM DIRECTOR MUST ENSURE	COMMENTS
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	Disclosure of previous program denials, suspensions, or revocation of any ANCC credential or any other accrediting bodies.	
	Compliance with ANCC PTAP requirements of accreditation.	
	Compliance with all regulation bodies that pertain to ability of site(s) and specialty(ies) to meet PTAP requirements.	
	Compliance with regulation bodies pertaining to equal opportunity employment.	
	Compliance with all laws and regulations and must not be excluded or barred by federal law.	



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GAP ANALYSIS

INSTRUCTIONS

The Gap Analysis tool should help you identify missing components or areas to improve upon as you begin your journey to accreditation. Program domains and focus points are listed to aid in your review, and space is provided to include gap details as well. As you investigate the details of your gap, you will notice the tool uses a "structure" or "curriculum" flag. This flag will assist you as you move to your action plan phase. You'll be able to consider whether this gap requires a structure change, which may involve a multitude of stakeholders and financial resources, or is it a curriculum gap in which the Program Director has the authority to implement changes quickly?

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PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

PTAP DOMAIN REQUIREMENT	GAP?	GAP DETAILS	IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIRED STATE	ACTION PLAN
Program Director has roles and responsibilities throughout the program. Focus points include: Fiscal accountability Advocation for resources Strategic planning Succession planning Multisite program: Meet regularly with the system's highest-ranking nursing leader to report on program	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES YES NO YES NO NO		
Program operationalized consistently throughout all sites and/or practice setting(s). For multi-site and multi-practice setting programs, must have a quality assurance process (see manual definition and process)	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES YES NO YES NO		
Orientation of stakeholders involved in the program.	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES		

PROGRAM GOALS & OUTCOMES MEASURES

PTAP DOMAIN REQUIREMENT	GAP?	GAP DETAILS	IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIRED STATE	ACTION PLAN
Program SMART goals and outcome measures Focus categories include: Learner professional development Learner competency Self-reported measure (learner focused) Stakeholder evaluation Financial	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES YES NO YES NO		
Program revised based on outcome measures to achieve program goals.	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES YES NO YES NO NO		
Outcome measures shared with key stakeholders.	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES YES NO NO NOTES		

ORGANIZATIONAL ENCULTURATION

PTAP DOMAIN REQUIREMENT	GAP?	GAP DETAILS		IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIRED STATE	ACTION PLAN
Learner assimilation Focus points include: Program orientation Participating site(s) and practice setting(s)	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES	YES NO YES NO YES NO		
Learner scope and standards introduction Focus points include: ANA Scope and Standards of Practice (or international equivalent) Practice setting scope and standards of practice	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES	YES NO YES NO YES NO		

DEVELOPMENT & DESIGN

PTAP DOMAIN REQUIREMENT	GAP?	GAP DETAILS	IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIRED STATE	ACTION PLAN
Program competency infrastructure Focus points include: Learner evaluation competency tools Competency formative and summative feedback Competency gap identification Competency gap identification	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES YES NO YES NO NO		
Program competency curriculum Focus points include: Competency development General competencies Practice setting competencies	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES YES NO YES NO NO		
Interprofessional team members are integrated into the program. Program faculty Focus points include: Faculty selection Faculty evaluation	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES		

DEVELOPMENT & DESIGN CONTINUED

PTAP DOMAIN REQUIREMENT	GAP?	GAP DETAILS		IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIRED STATE	ACTION PLAN
Program preceptors Focus points include: Preceptor selection Preceptor education Preceptor evaluation (by program director/ designee and by learner)	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES	YES NO YES NO YES NO		

PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING

PTAP DOMAIN REQUIREMENT	GAP?	GAP DETAILS	IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIRED STATE	ACTION PLAN
Supportive guidance Focus points include: • Mentorship • Peer support • Interprofessional teaming	YES NO	Structure YES Curriculum YES NOTES		

PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING CONTINUED

PTAP DOMAIN REQUIREMENT	GAP?	GAP DETAILS		IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIRED STATE	ACTION PLAN
Learner well-being is incorporated in the program.	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES	YES NO YES NO YES NO		
Professionalism is integrated in the program.	YES	Structure Curriculum Other	YES NO YES NO YES NO		
Practice setting learning Focus points include: Communication Critical thinking Ethics Time management	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES	YES NO YES NO YES NO		

PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING CONTINUED

PTAP DOMAIN REQUIREMENT	GAP?	GAP DETAILS	IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIRED STATE	ACTION PLAN
Social determinants of health are integrated throughout the program.	YES NO	Structure Curriculum Other NOTES YES NO YES NO NO		