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January 2016



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ANCC does not prescribe a minimum duration for the APRN Fellowship. The timeframe does not have to be part of the definition of the program. If the same resources and content are used for the overarching program, but individual placements, and setting of incremental goals, including timelines, are separate, that can still be part of one program.

***What do you mean by “adult education experience” of the Program Director?***

The eligibility criterion for the Program Director includes “education or experience in adult learning.” There are many ways to exemplify this requirement that do not necessarily include a degree in education. Evidence of this expertise may be found in the CV, including any publications or presentations on adult learning, relevant past work experiences, teaching positions, participation in faculty development courses and/or preceptorships.

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Pre Con – October 20

ANCC-Building the Bridge between Academia and Practice: Transition to Practice Programs

By Kathy Chappell and Ashley Kellish

Association of Post Graduate APRN Programs (APGAP) Fellowship/Residency Program Development Workshop

Charlotte, NC – October 27-28, 2016

Breakout sessions will be devoted to post-graduate training for APRNs in these areas: cardiology, critical care, emergency medicine, hospitalist medicine, oncology, primary care. For questions reach out to [apgap2016@gmail.com](mailto:apgap2016@gmail.com).

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***For a system-wide program, must a site clinical coordinator (SCC) reside on-site?***

Different organizational structures may make it unfeasible to have one SCC permanently housed in each participating organization within the system—as, for example, in the case of various specialty rotations or due to regional geographic challenges. The program must ensure that each site at which the resident or fellow practices during his or her residency or fellowship knows and understands the purpose and structure of the program.

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Thursday, October 6, 11:30-12:30

Facilitating Effective Transitions of New Graduate Nurses: Magnet Organizations Response to SE7a

By Sheri Cosme, Carey Yarbrough, and Priya Nair

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*Example:*

*Application year: \$1,500 (application fee) + \$3,000 (annual fee) = \$4,500*

*Accredited year 1: \$3,000 (annual fee)*

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**2016**

Applications for PTAP accreditation for October, November, and December 2016 cycles are being accepted.

<b>Application form submitted in the month of:</b>	<b>Self-Study due no later than:</b>
October 2016	February 1, 2017
November 2016	March 1, 2017
December 2016	April 1, 2017

**2017**

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*Annual fees will be bill either in February or June depending on your application cycle.*

*Fees are shown in US dollars.*

*ANCC reserves the right to adjust fees as needed. The ANCC will provide six months' notice of any fee changes.*

## Events

### Professional Nurse Educators Group (PNEG) Conference

Columbus, OH – October 21-23, 2016

Pre Con – October 20

ANCC-Building the Bridge between Academia and Practice: Transition to Practice Programs

By Kathy Chappell and Ashley Kellish

### Association of Post Graduate APRN Programs (APGAP) Fellowship/Residency Program Development Workshop

Charlotte, NC – October 27-28, 2016

Breakout sessions will be devoted to post-graduate training for APRNs in these areas: cardiology, critical care, emergency medicine, hospitalist medicine, oncology, primary care. For questions reach out to [apgap2016@gmail.com](mailto:apgap2016@gmail.com).

## In the Know: Recent Transition to Practice Literature

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### Reminder: PTAP Criteria Update

The Practice Transition Accreditation Program Application Manual has been updated and is available now. The 2016 manual can now be [downloaded as a PDF](#) for **free**. You may also still purchase the manual as before if you would like a printed and bound copy.

The revised criteria will become effective on January 1, 2017. Programs may choose to follow the 2016 criteria earlier, but will not be required to write to it in applications until 1/1/17. The manual has been streamlined to reduce redundancy and to clarify some of the items. In addition, a separate chapter has been added with criteria specifically for system-wide transition programs. Any program applying for accreditation that is implemented across a system will be required to write their self-studies to the system chapter criteria. Additionally a chapter has been added to address frequently asked questions about the resident/fellow survey.

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## Practice Transition Accreditation Program™ Update

### December 2016

We are pleased to bring you this program update containing information about the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Practice Transition Accreditation Program™ (PTAP).

#### 2016 Reflection

*As we reflect on the last year, Morgan and I are grateful for the many connections we've made in 2016. This year we introduced our PTAP program guidance workshop and interacted with close to 100 new PTAP friends who are on the journey to accreditation. We also met and interacted with many of you at conferences, or spoke with you on email or on the phone. As we look forward to 2017 we are excited to see how the PTAP program grows. We look forward to seeing you at one of our 3 program guidance workshops or conferences in 2017. Morgan and I would like to thank you for your passion and excitement for transition to practice programs, each and every one of you in making a difference in a nurse's life.*

*Happy Holidays!!  
Sheri and Morgan*

#### Accredited Programs

Congratulations to Santa Rosa Community Health Centers Nurse Practitioner Residency Program! Their program received Accreditation with Distinction in November, and Santa Rosa is now the **first federally qualified health center (FQHC)** to earn accreditation for a nursing transition to practice program. [Read about their accomplishment here.](#)

They join a distinguished and growing list of ANCC Accredited transition programs. View the list on our [directory page](#). You can also read some of their [testimonials here](#).

#### PTAP Program Guidance Workshops

ANCC will host three workshops in 2017. Two will be held at our office in Silver Spring, MD, while one will be hosted at Children's Hospital Los Angeles so we may accommodate our west coast friends.

This two-day interactive workshop will explore a deep dive of the PTAP criteria, clarifying what they are and what they are not. We will provide an overview of the accreditation process and small group activities will offer participants a chance to share ideas and best practices.

For all workshops, there is a registration cost of \$250. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please see below for registration and event dates and details.

Please join us:

March:

Saturday, March 25, 2017, 8am – 4pm & Sunday, March 26, 2017, 8am – Noon  
ANA Offices; Silver Spring, MD  
Registration open from December 5, 2016 – March 10, 2017  
[Click here to view details and register for the March workshop.](#)

August:

Friday, August 4, 2017, 8am – 4pm & Saturday, August 5, 2017, 8am – Noon  
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles; Los Angeles, CA  
Registration open from March 1, 2017 – July 21, 2017

November:

Thursday, November 16, 2017, 8am – 4pm & Friday, November 17, 2017, 8am – Noon  
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### Pre-Intent Program

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Contact Sheri Cosme at [sheryl.cosme@ana.org](mailto:sheryl.cosme@ana.org) for more information.

### *Disclaimer*

*Membership in the program is not required to apply for any ANCC credential. Membership in the program does not guarantee that the program member will receive any ANCC credential. The program does not include consulting services. ANCC does not offer or provide consulting services.*

### Attention ANCC-Certified Nurses!

Did you know? ANCC-certified nurses may use preceptor hours as part of the requirements toward renewing your certification. Please see the [Certification Renewal Handbook](#) for details. This is a great opportunity for preceptors to get credit for everything they do to support transitioning RNs and APRNs!

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