

# Santa Rosa Community Health Center Becomes First Organization in Nation to Receive ANCC Accreditation for Family Nurse Practitioner Residency Program



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**SILVER SPRING, MD** — Santa Rosa Community Health Centers' (SRCHC) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Residency Program is the first federally qualified health center (FQHC) to become accredited as a Practice Transition Program with Distinction by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

The SRCHC FNP Residency Program is an 18-month program that consists of weekly lectures, evidence-based training and personal coaching. Ten residents are accepted annually, and each resident can expect a personalized program structured around the gradual increase of responsibilities in an FQHC, with active support from their preceptor and Program Director Rebecca-Maria Norwick, FNP.

One of the primary goals of the SRCHC FNP Residency Program is to prepare newly graduated nurse practitioners to succeed in careers as primary care practitioners, specifically prepared to work with underserved populations. Norwick says, "We're very proud of our program, and its purpose is to have residents at the forefront — it's very learner-centered."

SRCHC is the largest FQHC in Northern California, providing service delivery to more than 45,000 patients every year. With services in comprehensive primary care, integrated mental health services, dental care and some specialty services, the SRCHC FNP Residency Program set a goal of becoming a PTAP-accredited program in order to receive recognition for its outstanding work and its commitment to meeting national standards.

"Our goal of becoming accredited was to be part of a national effort to raise the bar for nurse practitioner training by investing in nurse practitioners, so that when they leave their residencies, they are able to go out and provide superb care," said Marie Mulligan, MD, medical director of Southwest Community Health Center. "We are expanding the workforce of highly skilled nurse practitioners who will be able to work side by side as peers and with physicians."

Visit the website to learn more about the [Santa Rosa Community Health Centers Family Nurse Practitioner \(FNP\) Residency Program](#) and the [ANCC Practice Transition Accreditation Program](#).

## **About the Santa Rosa Community Health Centers Family Nurse Practitioner Residency Program**

The SRCHC FNP Residency Program is an opportunity for recently graduated FNPs to experience a supported transition to becoming a primary care provider. This program is offered in affiliation with Sonoma State University and offers students a range of experiences meeting the complex needs of underserved populations across all life cycles.

## **About the Santa Rosa Community Health Centers**

Santa Rosa Community Health Centers (SRCHC) is dedicated to providing excellent, patientcentered, primary health care and health education to underserved people in our community, regardless of their ability to pay. United in heart, health, and justice. SRCHC cares for the most vulnerable of our community. SRCHC is committed to the education of health care professionals and to creating a continuous learning environment for all staff.

## **About the ANCC Accreditation Program**

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