
Practice Transition Accreditation Program™ Newsletter

February 2015

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

Announcing ANCC's First Accredited Practice Transition Programs

The American Nurses Credentialing Center is pleased to announce the accreditation of three practice transition programs:

Emory Critical Care Center NP Residency Program
Atlanta, GA

Versant RN Residency in Pediatrics at Children's Hospital Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA

Versant RN Residency at Baptist Health South Florida
Miami, FL

As the first group to achieve this accreditation status, these innovative programs represent national standards of excellence in transitioning nurses to new practice roles. [Read the press release here.](#)

Events

- The ANCC Accreditation Department will host a webinar providing an overview of the Practice Transition Accreditation Program. Learn about the details of applying for PTAP accreditation and have your questions answered by PTAP staff.

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. EST

Cost: Complimentary

[Register here.](#)

- PTAP staff will be present at the following upcoming conferences:

[AONE Annual Meeting](#)

April 15 – 18

Phoenix, AZ

[National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty 41st Annual Meeting](#)

April 23 – 26
Baltimore, MD

ANCC Pathway to Excellence Conference™

May 14 – 15
Louisville, KY

-See the panel discussion Nurse Residency Programs: Build, Implement, and Evaluate

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Newly Accredited Practice Transition Program

Congratulations to the Mayo School of Health Sciences Cardiology Nurse Practitioner Fellowship for achieving program accreditation from ANCC! Mayo's CNPF program is the fourth overall, and the second APRN Fellowship program, to be accredited according to ANCC's inaugural PTAP criteria. [See the list of accredited programs here.](#)

Addendum to Criteria

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June 9 – 14

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Association for Nursing Professional Development (ANPD) Annual Convention

Las Vegas, NV

July 14 – 17

-See the presentation *Evaluating Transition to Practice Program Outcomes: The Need to Create a Common Taxonomy*, at 10:15am on Friday, July 17.

In the Literature

- [The Journal for Nurse Practitioners](#) recently featured an article on Nurse Practitioner fellowships.

Schofield, D. L., & McComiskey, C. A. (2015). Postgraduate Nurse Practitioner Critical Care Fellowship: Design, Implementation, and Outcomes at a Tertiary Medical Center. *The Journal for Nurse Practitioners*, 11(3), e19–e26. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.nurpra.2014.11.001>

- [Journal of Nursing Regulation](#) recently featured the first longitudinal, randomized multisite design transition to practice study.

Spector, N., Blegen, M. A., Silvestre, J., Barnsteiner, J., Lynn, M. R., Ulrich, B., ... Alexander, M. (2015). Transition to Practice Study in Hospital Settings. *Journal of Nursing Regulation*, 5(4), 24–38.

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Reminder: Addendum to Current Criteria

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PTAP Application Manual Revision

A new edition of the Practice Transition Accreditation Program™ (PTAP) Application Manual will be published this summer with updated criteria to take effect January 1, 2016. More information about the changes will be shared in the coming months. If you have any questions before the new release please contact us at practicetransition@ana.org.

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PTAP Stakeholder Survey

As the Practice Transition Accreditation Program™ grows, we want to hear from you, our stakeholders. Please let us know how we can serve your needs by completing this very [brief survey](#).

ANA New Graduate Toolkit

Did you know that the American Nurses Association has introduced a [Welcome to the Profession Toolkit](#) for new graduate RNs? The toolkit provides new nurses with access to resources related to finding a job in nursing, best practices in patient care, tips on how to use social media responsibly, and much more to help navigate entry into the profession. [Click here](#) to register for this free resource, and share with students and new nurses in your organization.

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In the Know: Recent Transition to Practice Literature

The June 2015 issue of [The Journal of Nursing Administration](#) and the May/June issue of [The Journal for Nurses in Professional Development](#) both featured some items about transition to practice programs and related topics.

Also look for:

Barnes, H. (2015). Exploring the Factors That Influence Nurse Practitioner Role Transition. *The Journal for Nurse Practitioners*, 11(2), 178–183.

Chappell, K. B., & Richards, K. C. (2015). New Graduate Nurses, New Graduate Nurse Transition Programs, and Clinical Leadership Skill: A Systematic Review. *Journal for Nurses in Professional Development*, 31(3), 128–137.
<http://doi.org/10.1097/NND.000000000000159>

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PTAP Stakeholder Survey Results

Thank you for participating in our Stakeholder survey. The results we gathered will be used to develop tools for PTAP and plan for the future.

Here are some answers to some of your questions:

1. Who can I call with questions?
 - a. Sheri Cosme, Sr. Operation Manager, Accreditation, PTAP & NSCP
301-628-5377
sheryl.cosme@ana.org
 - b. Morgan O'Brien, Sr. Accreditation Program Specialist, PTAP & NSCP
301-628-5183
morgan.obrien@ana.org

We are here to help and would love to talk to you. Please call or email us.

2. Are there mentors available who have gone through accreditation?
 - a. Yes, our accredited sites are willing to talk to you. Just give us a call and we can formally connect you.
3. Will there be any new tools or resources available?
 - a. Yes, we are working on some tools to help you build the business case. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters.
4. Will there be networking opportunities?
 - a. Yes, we are working on a workshop in 2016. Stay tuned for more information. At this workshop we hope to explore some examples on competency, evaluation, and outcome measures.

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In the Know: Recent Transition to Practice Literature

Here are two great articles on RN Residency and APRN programs.

Cosme, S. (2015). Residency and Fellowship Programs for RNs and Advanced Practice RNs: *JONA: The Journal of Nursing Administration*, 45(9), 416–417.
<http://doi.org/10.1097/NNA.0000000000000224>

Wiltse Nicely, K. L., & Fairman, J. (2015). Postgraduate Nurse Practitioner Residency Programs: Supporting Transition to Practice. *Academic Medicine*, 90(6), 707–709.
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In the Know: Recent Transition to Practice Literature

PTAP featured in [The American Nurse](#)

Recent article discussing accreditation standards:

Hansen, J. (2015). National Accreditation Standards for Nurse Residency Programs, Part 1: *Journal for Nurses in Professional Development*, 31(5), 300–302.
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Planning for 2016

As we look ahead to the coming year, we want to make sure that all of our applicants receive the best possible level of service, especially in regards to a timely accreditation decision. If your program plans on applying for accreditation in 2016, please contact practicetransition@ana.org so that we may estimate the resources needed for the expected volume. Your help is most appreciated as we enter the new year!

PTAP Criteria Update

The Practice Transition Accreditation Program Application Manual is being updated for release early in 2016. 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 revised criteria have been streamlined to reduce any 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.

New Resource: ROI Tool

ANCC has a new free resource available for transition programs: the [ANCC TTP Implementation ROI Calculator](#)

You can insert your organization's data into the tool to calculate an expected return on investment for implementing a transition program.

Please contact us with any questions in using the tool.

Accredited Programs

Are you familiar with the residency and fellowship programs that have been accredited by ANCC so far? View the list on our [directory page](#). You can also read some of their [testimonials here](#).

Events

PTAP Staff are excited to announce a one-day workshop for interested representatives of transition programs to be held at our offices in Silver Spring, MD on March 4, 2016. Registration will become available in January and an invitation will be sent to all members of this mailing list at that time.

In the Know: Recent Transition to Practice Literature

Clipper, B., & Cherry, B. (2015). From Transition Shock to Competent Practice: Developing Preceptors to Support New Nurse Transition. *The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing*, 46(10), 448–454. <http://doi.org/10.3928/00220124-20150918-02>

Thabault, P., Mylott, L., & Patterson, A. (2015). Describing a Residency Program Developed for Newly Graduated Nurse Practitioners Employed in Retail Health Settings. *Journal of Professional Nursing*, 31(3), 226–232. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.profnurs.2014.09.004>

Windey, M., Lawrence, C., Guthrie, K., Weeks, D., Sullo, E., & Chapa, D. W. (2015). A Systematic Review on Interventions Supporting Preceptor Development: Journal for Nurses in Professional Development, 31(6), 312–323. <http://doi.org/10.1097/NND.0000000000000195>

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