



White River Junction VA Medical Center

Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

About the Program

The White River Junction VA Medical Center (WRJ VAMC) Nurse Practitioner Residency Program is an innovative 12-month postgraduate primary care training program supported by the VA Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA). This program facilitates an academic partnership with the University of Vermont College of Nursing and Health Sciences. It is a dual site residency with primary locations in both Burlington and White River Junction, Vermont.

This residency is designed to provide a supportive learning environment and a path to success for new graduate nurse practitioners interested in primary care careers with the Department of Veterans Affairs and fostering excellence in caring for a rural and underserved population.

Mission Statement

To develop and nurture excellence in leadership and systems-based improvement among new graduate nurse practitioners, while preparing them beyond strong academic foundations to deliver high quality, compassionate and patient centered care to meet the specific, complex needs of our nation's rural and underserved Veterans.

Benefits

- * Competitive Stipend
- * Healthcare Insurance including dental and vision
- * 10 paid federal holidays
- * 4 hours vacation time and 4 hours sick leave (accrued every 2 weeks)
- * No call or weekend shifts

Eligibility Requirements

- * A current, active and unrestricted registered nurse license in a state or territory of the United States
- * Current BLS certification
- * Graduation from an accredited Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) or Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (AGNP) Primary Care Program within 12 months prior to the program start in September 2021 and no prior employment as a Nurse Practitioner
- * Hold national certification from ANCC or AANP, and be licensed (or eligible and pending) as FNP or AGNP



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Program Components

- * Timing: 12 month program starting in September, 2021
- * Primary care continuity clinic with one on one faculty supervision and mentorship
- * Assigned to a Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) as a primary care provider for a panel of approximately 200 patients
- * Rotations through several specialty clinics & opportunity to learn one on one with specialists
- * Weekly seminars on primary care-specific topics (see sampling of topics below)
- * Comprehensive quality improvement education and implementation
- * Other educational opportunities including: complex patient case discussions, journal club participation/facilitation, reflective practice, guided preceptorship experience with NP students, leadership opportunities and access to the weekly hospital-wide grand rounds/M&M educational case discussions

Sample Weekly Schedule (From AY 2020-2021)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
AM	Primary Care Resident Clinic (Virtual)	Primary Care Resident Clinic (Face to Face)	Specialty Opportunity	Primary Care Resident Clinic (Face to Face)	Panel Management/ Administrative Time
PM	Primary Care Resident Clinic (Virtual)	Primary Care Resident Clinic (Face to Face)	Quality Improvement Project Work	Primary Care Resident Clinic (Face to Face)	NP Resident Seminar and Reflective Practice

Sample Specialty Rotations

- * Diabetes Shared Medical Appointments
- * Cardiology
- * Hepatology
- * Pulmonology
- * Home-Based Primary Care
- * Women's Health
- * Mental Health
- * *And many more...*

Sample NP Resident Seminar Topics

- Opiate Prescribing for New Providers
- Microvascular Complications of Diabetes
- RN to Advanced Practice RN Transition
- LGBTQ Care and Resources in the VA
- Geriatric Syndromes
- Working Up Abnormal Liver Enzymes



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Application for the Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

Applications are due **March 15, 2021**

Interviews and selections begin: April, 2021

(Application submissions after 3/15 *may* be considered pending any unfilled residency positions)

Personal Data Information Form

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

U.S. Citizen: Yes No

U.S. Military Status: Active Reserve Veteran Branch:

Certification:

List your current certifications (if applicable):

Licensure:

RN License #: State: Exp. Date:

Letters of Recommendation:

Please identify three professional references who can speak to the specifics of your clinical practice skills. One must be a graduate faculty member, and another must be a clinical preceptor. Please provide complete names, physical addresses, **email addresses** and telephone numbers. We will reach out to your references directly via email.

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Letter of Interest (one page, double spaced):

Please address what elements of your education and/or work experience have influenced your decision to apply to this residency program. If you have any experience with the VA, please address this as well.



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(pending open residency positions)

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Application Packet Checklist:

- Personal Data Information Form
- A Copy of Current CV
- Letter of Interest from the Applicant
- Three Letters of Recommendation (sent directly to the program)
- Copy of Unofficial Transcript(s) (copy of final graduate transcripts due upon acceptance to the residency)

Please note: Applicants should initiate NP license application as soon as possible. Applicants should plan to be board-certified no later than the end of the 2nd week of July, to facilitate timely onboarding through the VA.

Attestation:

I attest that I hold an active, unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse, and am in good standing and have no current disciplinary action pending in any jurisdiction. I attest that the information given on all submitted forms is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant: Date:

Thank you for applying to the White River Junction VA Residency Program. We look forward to reviewing your application.

Please return all completed application packets via email to:

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