

U.S.Department of Education Staff Report

to the

Senior Department Official on Recognition Compliance Issues

Recommendation Page

1. **Agency:** National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Training Consortium (NA / NA)
(The dates provided are the date of initial listing as a recognized agency and the date of the agency's last grant of recognition.)
2. **Action Item:** Petition for Initial Recognition
3. **Current Scope of Recognition:** As an initial applicant, the agency does not have a current scope of recognition.
4. **Requested Scope of Recognition:** Proposed scope of recognition: accreditation of nurse practitioner (NP) postgraduate residency and fellowship training programs in the United States. This recognition also extends to the agency's Appeals Panel.
5. **Date of Advisory Committee Meeting:** 02/27/2020
6. **Staff Recommendation:** Grant the agency initial recognition for a period of five years.
7. **Issues or Problems:** None.

Executive Summary

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENCY

The purposes of the NNPRFTC are to promote health and education by:

- (a) improving the availability, efficacy and quality of healthcare by establishing, developing and refining an educational and training model for postgraduate residency and fellowship training programs for nurse practitioners;
- (b) improving healthcare by promoting and providing support to post-graduate residency and fellowship training programs for nurse practitioners;
- (c) advancing and improving the availability, efficacy and quality of healthcare by establishing, implementing and monitoring standards for post-graduate residency and fellowship training programs for nurse practitioners by functioning as a national accrediting agency with the principal purpose of accrediting post-graduate residency and fellowship training programs for nurse practitioners

Recognition History

The agency is seeking initial recognition. This report is for the purposes of determining compliance with Subpart B of 34 CFR 602 including the basic eligibility requirements. The agency received 18 positive written 3rd party comments. Department staff has observed two site visits and attended four Accreditation Commission meetings.

PART II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The agency meets the requirements of the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition.

PART III: THIRD PARTY COMMENTS

Staff Analysis of 3rd Party Written Comments

The agency has received 18 third party comments from a variety of stakeholders including practicing nurse practitioners, state boards of nursing, and employers of the nurse practitioner students that have participated in the programs. The comments received were all positive and spoke in favor of the agency being granted initial recognition from the Department.