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January 17, 2019 - The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has launched a new initiative to accredit Nurse Practitioner Residency/Fellowship Programs. This new area of operation was approved by the CCNE Board of Commissioners following careful study by a specially appointed task force, comprised of nursing leaders in practice and academia, and review by the CCNE Board.

In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Programs across the country. These programs are found in organizations ranging from primary care clinics to acute care hospitals to large healthcare systems and beyond. The interest in these programs was heightened by *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health* (Institute of Medicine, 2010), which recommends:

State boards of nursing, accrediting bodies, the federal government, and health care organizations should take actions to support nurses' completion of a transition-to-practice (nurse residency) after they have completed a prelicensure or advanced practice degree program or when they are transitioning into new clinical practice areas. (p. 280)

The first step in this initiative is the drafting of accreditation standards that will guide CCNE's work in this area. The newly formed CCNE Nurse Practitioner Residency/Fellowship Standards Committee has been tasked with this charge and is being led by Dr. Laurie Lauzon Clabo, Dean and Professor, College of Nursing, Wayne State University (MI); and Dr. Susan D. Ruppert, Professor of Nursing and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Cizik School of Nursing, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Dr. Clabo previously chaired the CCNE APRN Residency/Fellowship Task Force, which was responsible for surveying the landscape and reporting to the CCNE Board on the state of Advanced Practice Nurse Residency and Fellowship Programs nationwide. Dr. Ruppert served as a member of the CCNE Board from 2012 to 2018, and as Chair in 2016 and 2017.

The CCNE NP Residency/Fellowship Standards Committee Members are:

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CCNE Board Chair Dr. Mary Jane S. Hanson, who is a Family Nurse Practitioner at LVPG Family Medicine-Albrightsville in Pennsylvania, reflecting on the work ahead, stated, "The Nurse Practitioner Residency/Fellowship Standards Committee will be drawing on the experiences of NP transition-to-practice programs in all care settings. I invite our colleagues in practice and academia to engage with CCNE as we work to ensure quality and rigor through the accreditation process." She further noted, "This exciting undertaking builds on CCNE's long-standing activities and success in the accreditation of baccalaureate and graduate nursing education programs and entry-to-practice nurse residency programs." Committee Co-Chairs Drs. Clabo and Ruppert added, "As the committee embarks on this work, we look forward to partnering with constituents to create a process that recognizes high quality residency and fellowship programs."

CCNE invites you to contribute to this exciting initiative and to be kept informed as the accreditation process for NP Residency/Fellowship Programs is developed. The Nurse Practitioner Residency/Fellowship Standards Committee anticipates seeking curricular information from a broad representation of existing and developing programs. This will help ensure that the CCNE process reflects the diversity of programming and considers the needs and interests of programs, stakeholders, and constituents across the country. As the accreditation standards are drafted, CCNE will seek comment on those standards from the community of interest.

CCNE invites you to sign up to receive updates and contribute to this exciting initiative. To receive updates on CCNE's accreditation of Nurse Practitioner Residency/Fellowship Programs, share curricular exemplars with CCNE, and/or be provided an opportunity to comment on draft accreditation standards, please email your contact information to residency@ccneaccreditation.org.

For more information about this initiative and the work of the Nurse Practitioner Residency/Fellowship Standards Committee, contact Mr. Benjamin Murray, CCNE Director of Accreditation Services, at bmurray@ccneaccreditation.org or 202-887-6791 x275.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is an autonomous accrediting agency contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate nursing education programs and entry-to-practice nurse residency programs. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing programs and supports continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education and entry-to-practice nurse residency programs.

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