



SALEM VA HCS POST-GRADUATE NURSE PRACTITIONER

PRIMARY CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

The Salem Veterans Affairs Health Care System provides two nurse practitioner residency programs. The purpose of the residency programs is to provide Board Certified NP’s (AGNP, FNP or PMHNP) training to become specialists in providing primary or mental health care to Veterans with diverse health care needs.

Participants in the program will:

- Gain experience in managing veterans primary and mental health care and complex health conditions
- Refine critical thinking and diagnostic skills
- Work with mentors and interprofessional teams
- Impact the well-being of veterans and their families by providing high quality care
- Have a supportive transition to practice upon graduation

Salary and Benefits

Benefits:

- Health Insurance, dental, vision
- 10 paid federal holidays
- 4 hours of annual leave and 4 hours of sick leave accrued each bi-weekly
- Option for Direct Hire upon successful completion of the residency at any VA with posted job vacancies.

The salary and benefit package is defined by the VA Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA).

To be eligible, participants must:

- Be a U. S. citizen
- Be a graduate of an accredited nurse practitioner program (AGPCNP or FNP for primary care and PMHNP for the mental health residency)
- Hold a master’s degree or higher
- Be board certified as either FNP-BC or AGNP-BC for primary care. For the mental health residency, candidates must have a PMHNP-BC.
- Possess a current, full, active, and unrestricted registration as a graduate professional nurse AND nurse practitioner in a state, commonwealth or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, prior to the start of the NPR program.

The following materials are required for consideration:

- Curriculum vitae
- Personal statement
- Unofficial transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation

For primary care applicants, please submit to **Dr. Rebecca (Christy) Epperly** (Rebecca.Epperly@va.gov) or **Dr. Leigh Wingo,;** (Leigh.Wingo@va.gov)

For mental health applicants, please submit to **Dr. Cecile Dietrich** (Cecile.Dietrich@va.gov) or **Ms. Cozzette K. Booker** (Cozzette.Booker@va.gov)

**Submission
Deadline: Monday,
January 31, 2024
midnight PST**

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