

# Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

White River Junction VA Healthcare System

## 2024 Program Information

### About the Program

The White River Junction VA Healthcare System (WRJ VAHCS) 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 one of two locations: Burlington or 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 vision and dental insurance
- \* 11 paid federal holidays
- \* 4 hours vacation time and 4 hours sick leave accrued every 2 weeks
- \* Predictable Mon-Fri schedule (8am to 4:30pm) with 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 2024 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 end of August, 2024
- \* Residents are assigned to a Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) as a primary care provider for a panel of approximately 215 patients
- \* Five half-day sessions of primary care continuity clinic with 2:1 faculty supervision and mentorship and one half-day of acute care clinic with 1:1 supervision
- \* 1-2 week long 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 and access to copious continuing education opportunities, including weekly hospital-wide grand rounds

### Sample Weekly Schedule (From AY 2023-2024)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
AM	Primary Care Resident Clinic	Quality Improvement Project Work	Primary Care Resident Clinic	Administrative/ Panel Management	Reflective Practice & Complex Case Presentations
PM	Primary Care Resident Clinic	Primary Care Resident Clinic	Acute Care Clinic	Primary Care Resident Clinic	Journal Club & NP Resident Seminar

### Sample Didactic Activities

- Recurring Geriatric Seminars
- Battlefield Acupuncture Training
- Musculoskeletal Exam Skills Workshops
- Goals of Care Conversation Training
- LGBTQ Care and VA Resources Seminar

### Specialty Rotations Include:

- Cardiology
- Hepatology
- Rheumatology
- Neurology
- Pain Clinic
- Palliative Care
- Physical Medicine and Rehab
- Pulmonology
- Women's Health



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## Nurse Practitioner Residency Program Application

Applications are due Friday **March 1, 2024**  
Interviews and selections begin: End of March, 2024

### 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:

### Letter of Interest:

In two pages or less, please address why you are interested in pursuing a post-graduate residency. In particular, what interests you about a residency at the White River Junction or Burlington VA?

### 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. All letters of recommendation should be sent directly from the selected references to the residency via email to **VHAWRJNPResidency@va.gov** before the March 1st deadline.



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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 via email)
- ..... Copy of Unofficial Transcript(s) (copy of final graduate transcripts will be requested 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 1st 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:

**[VHAWRJNPResidency@va.gov](mailto:VHAWRJNPResidency@va.gov)**



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