



Family Nurse Practitioner Residency Training Program

at DePaul Community Health Centers

The **DePaul Community Health Centers Family Nurse Practitioner Residency Program**, based in New Orleans, LA, will provide intensive training in both the **clinical complexity of family practice in the safety net setting**, and training in the **Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model for primary care**. DePaul Community Health Centers has partnered with the Community Health Center, Inc. (CHCI) of Middletown, CT, to launch this residency program.

Goals

- **Prepares Nurse Practitioners to assume full responsibility for primary care of complex underserved populations, across all life cycles and in multiple settings while addressing targeted needs of people with HIV/HCV, people experiencing addiction and pregnant patients**
- **Provide new nurse practitioners (NPs) with a depth, breadth, volume and intensity of clinical training necessary to serve as primary care providers in the complex setting of the country's FQHCs**
- **Train new NPs to a model of primary care consistent with the National Academy of Medicine's principles of health care and the needs of vulnerable populations**
- **Improve the clinical skills, confidence, productivity, and job satisfaction of new NPs who choose to work in underserved community settings, as well as contribute to employer satisfaction and workforce retention**
- **Increase the number of NPs ready to serve in leadership roles in community health settings**

Structure

12 months of full-time residency employment at DePaul Community Health Centers.

Full integration into the organization, with possibilities for:

- Involvement in quality improvement and practice redesign
- Clinical committees and tasks force participation

Core elements:

- **Precepted Continuity Sessions** (4 sessions/week)—develop and manage a panel of new patients
- **Specialty Rotations** (2 sessions/week)—rotations in areas of high-volume/high-burden/high-risk situations most commonly encountered in the setting of the FQHC. Planned rotations include: Behavioral Health, Cardiology, Infectious Disease, Pediatrics, Urgent Care, and Women's Health
- **Mentored Sessions** (2 sessions/week)—sessions with a clinician mentor focused on practice of episodic and acute care in a community health setting
- **Didactic Sessions** (2 sessions/week)—sessions on high volume/risk/burden conditions frequently seen in FQHCs
- **Continuous training to DePaul Community Health Centers' model of high performance health system:** access, continuity, planned care, team-based, prevention focused, use of data and technology
- **Ongoing multi-input evaluation** component using qualitative and quantitative measures
- **Training on the quality improvement model**, including clinical Microsystems and facilitation, as well as leadership and professional development

Qualifications

Applicants must be recent graduates (within 18 months) of a Masters or DNP program, and certified or board eligible as an FNP and licensed in LA, with a stated commitment to practice as a primary care provider in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or other safety net setting.

The residency is a full-time, 12-month salaried position with benefits.

Bilingual English-Spanish candidates encouraged.

The 2026–2027 residency training program begins September 10, 2026.



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