

Community Healthcare Network

Nurse Practitioner Fellowship

Who we are

Community Healthcare Network (CHN) is a not-for profit network of 11 Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), including two school-based health centers and a fleet of medical mobile vans. We offer free and low-cost quality primary care to 85,000 New Yorkers annually in underserved communities in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens. As a certified Patient-Centered Medical Home, we offer patients a specialized care team, including primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, nutritionists, dentists, gynecologists, mental health therapists, social workers, podiatrists, and health educators.

Issue

The CHN Nurse Practitioner (NP) Fellowship Program is the first primary care fellowship program in New York State, and aims to **increase recruitment and retention of primary care providers in the community healthcare setting** by providing the opportunity to build upon skills learned in the academic setting. CHN recognizes the value of NP's in primary care and is committed to ensuring they are fully prepared to practice in the challenging community health center setting.

Our Programs

CHN hosts two nurse practitioner fellowship programs focused on primary care and community psychiatry. Each program is 12 months long and 34 hours per week. Training combines clinical practice at CHN centers, and specialty rotations throughout NYC.

Primary Care Fellowship

- 2.5 days of independent and precepted practice
- 2 days of specialty rotations
- Weekly didactics sessions
- Biannual procedure clinic

Psychiatric Fellowship

- 5 days of precepted practice
- Weekly case conferencing
- Weekly to Monthly didactics
- 2-3 specialty rotations lasting 6-8 days

Why a Fellowship?

Address Provider Shortage

- Shortage of providers in primary care settings
- 30 million newly insured individuals following passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Treat Complex Patients

- Increase in multiple complex chronic conditions among low-income populations
- Prevalence of socio-economic challenges in medically underserved areas

Reduce System Costs

- Prevention of unnecessary emergency room admissions
- Decrease unnecessary referrals to specialists

Ask

Programs that further NP education deserve to have continuous and stable funding, similar to funded programs for their physician counterparts.