

Successful Accreditation of North Georgia Advanced Practice (NoGAPP) Residency

The NoGAPP (North Georgia Advance Practice Provider) Residency Program received accreditation from the National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Training Program “The Consortium” on July 19th, 2022.

The NoGAPP program is the first FNP residency program in a Federally Qualified Health Center to receive accreditation in the state of Georgia. NoGAPP was created through a \$2.2 million-dollar HRSA grant focused on building an infrastructure to support and sustain a FNP Residency program in rural GA. The partnership is between the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University and MedLink of GA, Inc. Dr. Bethany Robertson, Clinical Professor at the SON serves as the academic practice partnership liaison and the HRSA project director. Dr. Suzanne Price, DNP, FNP serves as NoGAPP Program Director on behalf of MedLink. The program opened its doors in 2020 with four residents and just welcomed its third class of nine residents July 1, 2022. To date, the program has graduated 9 residents in three years with a 75 and 100% retention rate, post-graduation in year on and two of the programs, respectively.

In addition to the accreditation, the program expanded its footprint this year and is partnering with East Georgia Healthcare Center and Community Health Care Systems. The residency will now cover 40 counties with the ability to supply primary care to across a net work of FQHC’s.