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PREFACE

On behalf of the Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transition Programs (COA-PTP) and American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), I am pleased to present the *2023 Advanced Practice Provider Fellowship Accreditation™ (APPFA) Application Manual*.

Fellowship programs are defined as planned, comprehensive programs through which physician assistants (PAs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) can obtain the knowledge and skills to deliver safe, quality care in their specialty area of practice. Fellowship programs provide support for PAs and APRNs as they initially transition into a specialty area of practice. ANCC is proud to accredit APP fellowship programs.

APPFA accreditation is available to any organization that transitions PAs and APRNs within its environment, regardless of size, setting, or location. Programs that use the APPFA framework find value in being able to improve structures and processes by creating robust, comprehensive programs for PAs and APRNs transitioning into and within the profession.

The COA-PTP and the APPFA Team believe that the *Advanced Practice Provider Fellowship Accreditation™ (APPFA) Application Manual* will help grow and strengthen transition-to-practice programs and inspire you on the road to accreditation.

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