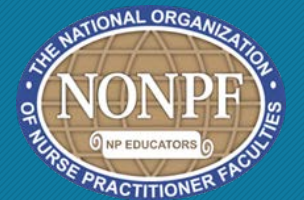


The Updated National Task Force Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs

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American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, Certification Corporation

American Association of Nurse Practitioners

American Nurses Credentialing Center

American Psychiatric Nurses Association

Association of Faculties of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association

International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses

National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners

National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Certification Corporation

National Council of State Boards of Nursing

National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties

NLN Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation

Pediatric Nursing Certification Board

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Timeline

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- September 27, 2019 - Invitation
- December 3, 2019 - First call
- December 18, 2019 - All day meeting
- Many 2-hour Zoom calls
- January 29, 2021 - Draft of the NTFC went to NTF Boards for review and comments
- March 1, 2021 - All comments due
- Next steps to consolidate comments for NTF review
- Target - Final voting to occur summer 2021

Purpose of the NTFC:

The purpose of this document is to provide a framework for the review of all nurse practitioner educational programs.

Charge to the National Task Force on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education

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Produce the 6th Edition of the *Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs* (National Task Force Criteria) that better reflects the changing demands of current and future health care, higher education, and accountability for quality NP education.

December 18th all day in person meeting

- Charge
- History of the NTFC
- Overview of the *Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs*
- Exercise #1 - Review Prewrite question and ask
 - Can the NTFC revisions address?
 - Possibly can be addressed.
 - Cannot be addressed?

Assignment

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Gather your organization's response to the questions by **November 22, 2019**

- What has changed in the nursing profession and/or within healthcare that should be considered during the discussion of the NTF revisions?
- What are your top two or three concerns regarding NP education that need to be addressed during the NTF revision discussion?

Exercise 1 and 2

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Exercise #2

For each topic area listed, what is the actual problem or problems?
What solution or solutions would you recommend?

- Practice hours
- Simulation
- Clinical experiences
- Faculty oversight of students
- Curriculum sequencing
- Student enrollment and progression
- Evaluation of program effectiveness

Sub-group Work

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Three workgroups, each assigned two Chapters with a focus on Criteria and required evidence.

1. Define issue with specificity
2. Prioritize as a High, Medium or Low issue for consideration
3. Clarify the scope of the issue with stakeholders, such as employers, students, policy makers and your board
4. Consider legal (regulatory/credentialing issues)
5. Consider cost implications
6. Provide evidence for issue
7. Provide recommendation to address issue
8. Provide evidence to support rationale for recommendation
9. Consider the unintended consequences of recommendations.

Ongoing Work

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- Report out from work groups with extensive conversation.
- May 2020
 - Draft chapter standards circulated
- Summer 2020
 - Workgroup revisions aligned with new chapter structure.

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New structure with 4 Chapters

I: Mission and Governance

II: Resources

III: Curriculum

IV: Program Assessment and Evaluation

Chapter I. Mission and Governance

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Draft Standard: Mission and governance provides a structure for quality assurance and quality improvement, promoting educational excellence. Effective, ongoing formal processes are in place for self-assessment and planning for the purpose of program improvement. Through faculty governance, institutional policies commit to supporting quality within the NP program.

Chapter II: Resources

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Draft Standard: Institutional resources are sufficient for NP programs matriculated/ enrolled students reflecting ongoing commitment to quality education ensuring safe competent graduates. Resources necessary to sustain the NP program include fiscal; human; student support services; learning resources; and physical resources.

III Curriculum

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Draft Standard: The NP program curriculum is designed, revised, and evaluated by the NP faculty to maintain currency, and meet national standards. The curriculum addresses competencies as delineated by specialty nursing organizations, NP organizations and nursing education organizations and promotes student learning outcomes and student achievement of program goals. The curriculum establishes the depth and breadth of requisite knowledge and skills for student success in the NP program and tracks and NP student learning experiences, testing, and overall evaluation.

Chapter IV: Program Assessment and Evaluation

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Draft Standard: The NP Program has a formalized comprehensive and systematic assessment process that confirms program quality and a recurring quality improvement process. The process should include at a minimum the assessment of the program outcomes, resources, curriculum, faculty, and students.

Next Steps

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- Compile responses and comments from the 19 organizations
- NTF meeting in April to review and finalize
- Final vote on the 6th NTFC

Questions?

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