



Accreditation Fact Sheet

Eligibility:

Postgraduate (post-masters or DNP) residency and fellowship training programs located within the United States that provide a minimum of one year of structured, intensive training in the service delivery setting that supports the transition from academic preparation to clinical practice at the advanced level as a nurse practitioner in primary care or specialty areas.

Length of review process:

Estimated time from submission of initial request to begin the process to accreditation decision is between six and nine months. Applicants have six months from initial application to complete and submit self study guide, which triggers the site visit and final review. The accreditation decision is rendered within six weeks of the site visit.

Type and duration of accreditation:

Accreditation by the NNPRFTC is awarded for three years. Provisional Accreditation is available for new programs who have admitted trainees, but not yet graduated first cohort; provisional converts to full accreditation when that milestone is reached.

Fee:

The total accreditation fee is \$10,000, inclusive of travel/ lodging of site visitor(s): \$1,000 application fee + \$9,000 accreditation review fee. There may be additional fees if the program includes multiple sites that require additional travel or site visit time. The fee includes access to NNPRFTC staff throughout the process to answer questions/discuss issues. There is a separate fee structure for federal organizations.

What is involved in the accreditation review process?

Accreditation is a voluntary, peer-review process initiated at the request of a program.

The Consortium conducts a standards-based, comprehensive review of the candidate program. Evidence considered includes: candidate program documentation (e.g.: application, self-study report, third party comments); site visit report; and any additional requested, relevant, or otherwise submitted information.

The decision for accreditation action is based upon the determination of the sufficiency of a program's adherence to the Consortium's standards.

Consortium accreditation review process consists of six major steps:

- 1. Applicant submits a Notice of Intent to Apply via the NNPRFTC website (opens communication between the applicant and the NNPRFTC).**
- 2. Applicant submits Application with \$1,000 application fee.**
- 3. Applicant conducts self study and submits self study report (within six months of submitting application); NNPRFTC's Accreditation Commission reviews and accepts self study as complete; the \$9,000 accreditation fee must be paid prior to site visit.**
- 4. The Site Visit is scheduled; site visit lasts 1.5 days; site visitor(s)'s report is reviewed and submitted to NNPRFTC Accreditation Commission.**
- 5. NNPRFTC Accreditation Commission considers relevant documentation and makes a recommendation to the NNPRFTC Board, which considers the recommendation and renders a decision on the accreditation action.**
- 6. Applicant is informed of the NNPRFTC Board's decision within one week; decision is posted on Consortium website.**

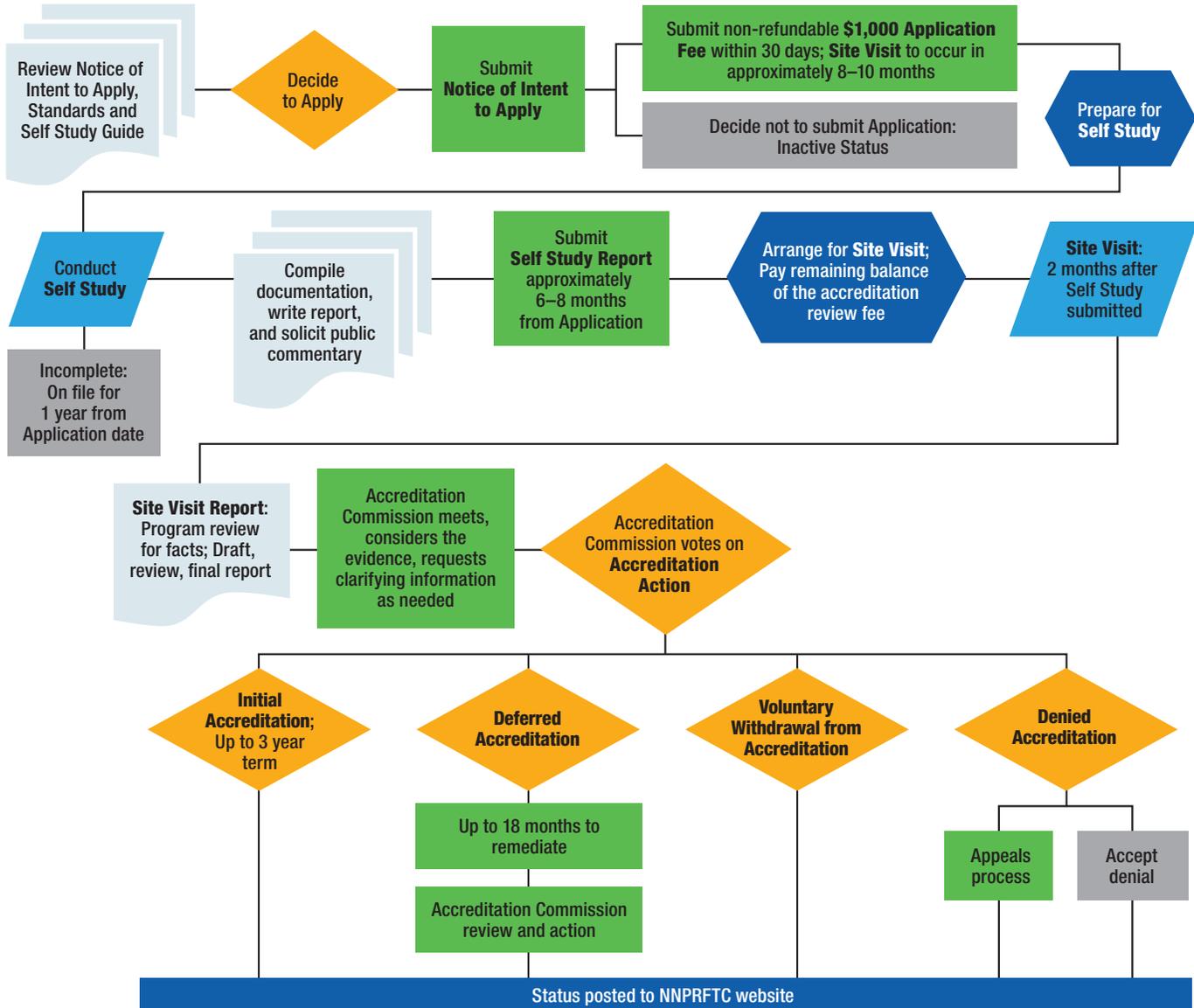
NNPRFTC Seal of Approval:

Programs that receive accreditation are authorized to use the NNPRFTC's Seal of Approval, in a manner consistent with the NNPRFTC's policies and procedures, as an indication of NNPRFTC accreditation when referencing their program.

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