

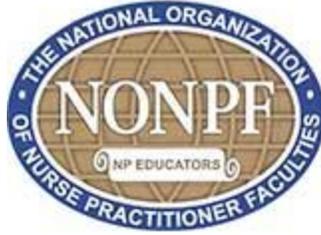
## **Commitment to Nurse Practitioner Faculty Practice September 2017**

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As the leader in promoting quality nurse practitioner (NP) education, the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) has a long-standing history of strongly endorsing the importance of faculty clinical practice.<sup>1,3,5,7&9</sup> Prior to 2016, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) required a minimum of 1000 clinical practice hours in the certification specialty or retaking the certification exam as a condition for certification renewal. In June 2016, ANCC made the clinical practice hours requirement an optional category for recertification. Despite this change, NONPF believes that current active clinical practice is required for faculty who teach didactic NP courses and supervise NP student clinical experiences.

The NONPF commitment to faculty practice is consistent with literature on faculty practice<sup>5</sup> as well as standards from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the National Task Force (NTF) on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education.<sup>2&4</sup> The CCNE (2013) *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs* include the need for faculty clinical expertise in the courses they teach.<sup>2</sup> The NTF (2016) *Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs* require faculty to have the preparation, knowledge-base, and clinical skills appropriate to their area of teaching responsibility.<sup>4</sup> They further stipulate that NP faculty demonstrate competence in clinical practice by undertaking various types of practice in maintaining current knowledge on patient management.

Purposeful, innovative methods are required to educate the NP workforce of the future. With the ever-changing practice arena, NP programs benefit most from faculty who practice and have first-hand, current knowledge of the daily changes associated with patient care. Active clinical practice is essential so that faculty can assist students to apply the best evidence and meet the challenges of achieving positive health outcomes in a complex, dynamic health care environment. As such, NONPF is strongly committed to the requirement of clinical practice for faculty who teach didactic NP courses and supervise NP student clinical experiences.



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