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Statement in Opposition to Accreditation Bodies' Lack of Full Adoption of the NTF Standards, National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF)

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The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) reiterates its concern that the nursing accreditation agencies have failed to adopt the national standards for nurse practitioner (NP) programs endorsed by 18 professional nursing organizations. The *2022 Standards for Quality Nurse Practitioner Education (NTF Standards)** are written to ensure quality initiation and maintenance of NP education. Current standards released by nursing accreditation bodies do not fully adopt these national standards for NP education.

The decision by accreditation bodies to exclude the *NTF Standards* from their accreditation requirements is concerning. Following a rigorous review and revision process, the consensus based *NTF Standards (2022)* set the criteria to facilitate program quality and ongoing quality improvement through quality assessment, maintenance, and planning. The *NTF Standards* safeguard the profession against external interests that do not align with its integrity and ensure that academic preparation of NPs meets the needs of the increasingly complex healthcare system. **NONPF strongly recommends that all NP programs adopt the *NTF Standards*, in their entirety.** Full adoption of the *NTF Standards* is beneficial for NP students and represents an important commitment to our clinical partners and patients.

**2022 Standards for Quality Nurse Practitioner Education, A Report of the National Task Force on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education, 6th Edition, (NTF Standards)*

NONPF's Mission

NONPF's mission is to optimize quality and cultivate leadership in NP education.

Vision of NONPF

NONPF is a national leader and global partner uniting and mobilizing nurse practitioner (NP) educators to advance excellence in NP Education.

NONPF's Vision of Impact

Our vision is of a workforce of highly skilled, adaptive, and diverse nurse practitioner (NP) educators who are preparing the next generation of NPs to meet the evolving healthcare needs of our nation.