

### Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS)

Most of our Critical Care NPs/PAs take the FCCS Instructor Course. To register for this 2-day course, contact [beverly.fletcher@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:beverly.fletcher@vanderbilt.edu). Send a note to our office that you would like to attend and when so that we can send in payment for you.

### Posters

Are you working on a poster for a quality project or presentation? The following links may be helpful: BRET Poster Printing Service and Templates: <https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/bret/poster-printing>

Here's a good article: Christenbery, T., & Latham, T. (2012). **Creating effective scholarly posters**: A guide for DNP students. *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1745-7599.2012.00790.x/abstract>

### Publications

Many of our NPs/PAs have published articles and texts regarding clinical topics and NP/PA practice. If you are interested in writing/publishing your work, our Evidence Based Practice and Nursing Research office offers a class at least every year. We also provide NP/PA specific classes; you will be notified of these via email.

### Presentations

Do you have a presentation coming up? The key to a successful presentation is preparation! Brush up on your presentation and PowerPoint skills. Know your subject well and know your target audience. Below are two helpful books for preparing for presentations:

Davis, M., Davis, K., & Dunagan, M. (2012). **Scientific papers and presentations**. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Acad. Press.  
Wilkinson, Ian. (1998) **Super seminars, legendary lectures, and perfect posters: the science of presenting well**. AACC Press.

### DNP Fellowship at Vanderbilt University Hospital

The Doctor of Nursing Practice Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP or ACNP) Critical Care Fellowship program combines a 2-year post-masters DNP curriculum with a 2-year paid critical care clinical fellowship in one of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Intensive Care Units. The program is a joint effort between the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice Program and Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC). Application and acceptance into the DNP program is required along with approval for hire as a Vanderbilt University ICU ACNP.

The goal of the fellowship program is to prepare practice scholars to become leaders in bringing evidence-based knowledge to critical care practice and improve health care outcomes of critically ill patients.

For more information, contact Dr. Terri Allison, DNP Director, [terri.allison@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:terri.allison@vanderbilt.edu).

### Advanced Practice Fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Nurse Practitioner (NP) Fellowship program provides post-graduate clinical and educational experiences and focuses upon facilitating successful transitions to practice enabling NPs to immerse themselves in specialty practice settings.

Within a protected learning environment, a one-year fellowship prepares the new graduate, as well as the experienced nurse practitioner, to provide quality, evidence-based patient care within a diverse and complex health care environment.

Core fellowship curriculum will include evidence-based and practice-based learning, quality outcome identification and measurement, leadership and practice model development, organizational enculturation and professional development.

Practice specific curriculum will include simulation training and didactic courses in topics related to the patient population. Fellows may also attend specialty-specific didactic sessions, e-learning modules, mortality, morbidity & improvement conferences, grand rounds, journal clubs and complete other appropriate clinical rotations to assure comprehensive exposure to procedures and multidisciplinary collaboration along the entire care continuum.

For more information regarding specific fellowships offered and to apply, go to:

<https://ww2.mc.vanderbilt.edu/nursingoap/50658>

### Unit Specific Training

Each area offers up to 6 months of unit and population specific training. Prior to or during your first week at Vanderbilt you will need to meet with your preceptor to review curriculum, schedule, protocols, shadowing experiences and helpful resources such as videos, online training, workshops, books, etc. You will also need to review and set weekly learning objectives. **Be proactive.** Write down topics to discuss with your preceptor or supervising MD. Seek learning opportunities as much as possible for a complete and robust orientation.

All student placement requests go to the "Student Placement Office".

[student.placement@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:student.placement@vanderbilt.edu)

All observational experience requests go to the "Observational experience" Office.

<https://ww2.mc.vanderbilt.edu/voe/>