

Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Program



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Thundermist Health Center is a federally qualified community health center that serves three communities in Rhode Island: Woonsocket, West Warwick, and South County. Patient services include: primary care, pediatrics, OB/GYN, internal medicine, dental, pharmacy, fully integrated behavioral health (inclusive of psychopharmacology and counseling), school-based health centers, social services, and nutritional services.

Thundermist serves more than 64,000 patients annually and is a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home, the highest level of accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance. The post-graduate Nurse Practitioner Fellowship at Thundermist has achieved accreditation by the U.S. Department of Education through the Weitzman Institute.

The Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Fellowship is a 12-month program providing intensive training to both the clinical complexity of family practice in the safety net setting and a high-performance patient-centered medical home model for primary care. The program structure includes precepted primary care sessions, specialty rotations, and didactic sessions.

Our Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Fellowship program will provide fellows with the opportunity to work as a member of a closely knit, multidisciplinary care team. The fellowship year will begin with a comprehensive,

The Fellowship Has Four Key Components

Precepted “Continuity Clinics”: These are the cornerstone of the fellowship. In precepted clinics, NP fellows develop their own patient panel while having an expert Thundermist provider (APRN or MD/DO) exclusively assigned to the fellowship.

Specialty Rotations: Fellows participate in rotations in areas of high-volume/high-burden/high-risk situations most commonly encountered in the setting of a federally qualified health center (FQHC). Rotations include: dermatology, gynecology, geriatrics, newborn nursery, primary-care home visiting, gender-affirming care, addiction medicine, school-based health centers, and behavioral health.

Didactic Education Sessions: Formal learning sessions on a variety of complex clinical challenges most commonly encountered in FQHCs. The presentations correspond to the fellows’ current clinical experience. Didactic sessions are offered through the Weitzman Institute and CME credits are awarded weekly.

Evaluations: The Thundermist Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Program provides an ongoing multi-input evaluation component using qualitative and quantitative measures.

one-month new employee orientation. During this time, fellows will participate in tours of Thundermist sites, meetings with community leaders, and receive technical training on the electronic health record system. Program leadership will also lead training in the responsibilities and privileges of medical staff participation at Thundermist.

“The NP Fellowship allows for real-world clinical skills to be developed in the new practitioner while also dedicating time to concurrent didactic education. You just don’t get that complementary learning structure outside of a fellowship,” says Kelly Albro, MSN, FNP-BC, NP fellowship class of 2023.

Fellows will receive a unique and hands-on mentoring experience from a team of highly experienced professionals. These preceptors work side-by-side with fellows to help them develop the expertise they need to succeed in their field.

Application Requirements

- **CV/Résumé**
- **Three letters of recommendation**
- **Completion of the essay portion of the application**
- **Copy of final official transcript**
- **Must have passed board certification exam by July 1, 2026**

Program Preceptors Include:

Michelle Blade Mello, DNP, FNP-C, CNM

Jessica Coliflores, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

Gabriel Pleasants, MD

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Melissa Ochoa Trochez, MD

Chelsea Graham, DO

Arnold Goldberg, MD

Jaimie Borden, FNP-C, PMHNP-BC

“The Thundermist Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Fellowship offers an unparalleled opportunity to grow in a dynamic community health center environment—where fellows learn side-by-side with experienced preceptors, explore diverse specialty rotations, and develop the confidence and skill to deliver exceptional, compassionate care with a dedicated community health team.”

—PROGRAM DIRECTOR MICHELLE BLADE MELLO
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