Practice Transition Accreditation Program®

ELEVATING PRACTICE TRANSITION THROUGH EVIDENCE-BASED ACCREDITATION.

The global standard for excellence in nurse residency and fellowship programs.

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WHAT IS PTAP?

The Practice Transition Accreditation Program® (PTAP), developed by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), recognizes organizations that deliver **high-quality residency and fellowship** programs supporting nurses as they enter new practice settings. The program uses evidence-based criteria to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of transition-to-practice education.

PTAP ACCREDITS:

- RN Residencies - for nurses with less than 12 months' experience
- RN Fellowships - for experienced nurses entering new clinical settings

THE PTAP ACCREDITATION RECOGNIZES PROGRAMS THAT DEMONSTRATE:

- Structured support for transition into practice settings
- Commitment to program quality and continuous improvement
- Preparation of nurses for new or evolving clinical roles
- Adherence to rigorous accreditation and review processes

For healthcare organizations in Europe, PTAP provides:

- A structured **framework to strengthen transition-to-practice programs**
- Alignment with professional development expectations
- **Recognition** through internationally respected accreditation standards
- **Increased credibility** with nurses and stakeholders

PTAP is designed for organizations of all types delivering nurse residency or fellowship programs.

WHY PTAP MATTERS FOR EUROPEAN HEALTHCARE

PTAP supports healthcare organizations in preparing nurses for safe, effective practice by strengthening structured transition programs aligned with evidence-based standards.

BENEFITS FOR ORGANIZATIONS

- Strengthened credibility through ANCC accreditation
- Improved consistency in transition-to-practice programs
- Recognition of program quality and standards
- Structured approach to program development and evaluation

BENEFITS FOR NURSES

- Structured support during transition into practice
- Development of clinical competence in new roles
- Clear pathway into new clinical settings
- Confidence in high-quality training programs

PTAP recognizes excellence while supporting the delivery of effective, structured practice transition programs.

ANCC-accredited PTAP programs demonstrate **excellence** in preparing nurses for practice **through structured, evidence-based education**



THE PTAP ACCREDITATION IN PRACTICE

PTAP Accreditation is based on key elements that support the quality and effectiveness of transition-to-practice programs:

1. Program structure
Clear organization of residency and fellowship programs

2. Evidence-based design
Programs developed using ANCC standards

3. Transition support
Structured preparation for entry into new practice settings

4. Program evaluation
Assessment of program quality through accreditation review

5. Accreditation review
Independent evaluation against PTAP standards

WHY IT MATTERS IN EUROPE

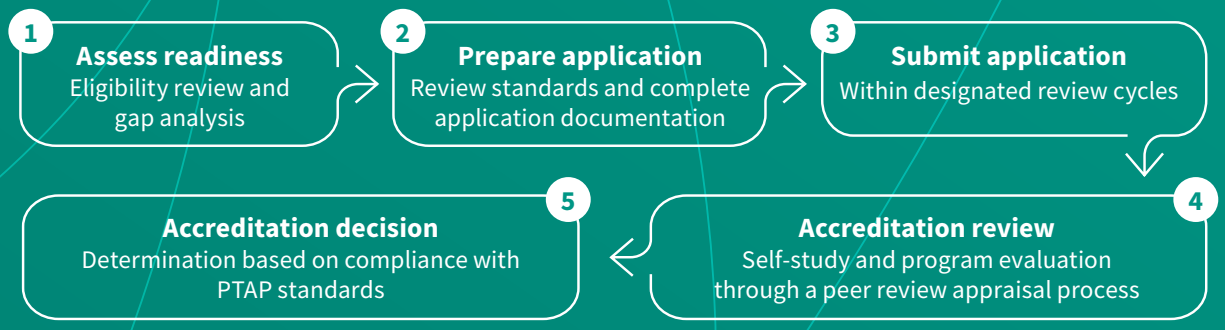
PTAP supports:

- Preparation of nurses for evolving healthcare environments
- Structured professional development pathways
- Recognition through international accreditation standards
- Strengthening of nursing competence in new roles

HOW PTAP ACCREDITATION WORKS

Organizations seeking PTAP Accreditation follow a structured application and review process to demonstrate the quality of their transition programs.
PTAP operates through multiple scheduled review cycles each year, providing organizations with regular opportunities to apply.

The process includes:



PTAP Accreditation is both **a recognition of excellence** and a **structured approach to strengthening transition-to-practice programs.**

PTAP provides four review cycles annually, offering flexible entry points for organizations to apply when ready.

Find out more about PTAP download the application manual

INVESTMENT & FEE STRUCTURE

PTAP Accreditation fees are based on program size and number of participating sites, with separate application and annual fees.

- Application fee varies by program size and complexity (11,000$ - 4,750$)*
- Annual fees support ongoing accreditation and program evaluation (- 3,500$ 6,500$)*
- Additional fees may apply for specific services or adjustments

**Fees are subject to change*

For the most up-to-date fee schedule and detailed breakdown, visit: **PTAP Accreditation Fees | ANCC | American Nurses Association**

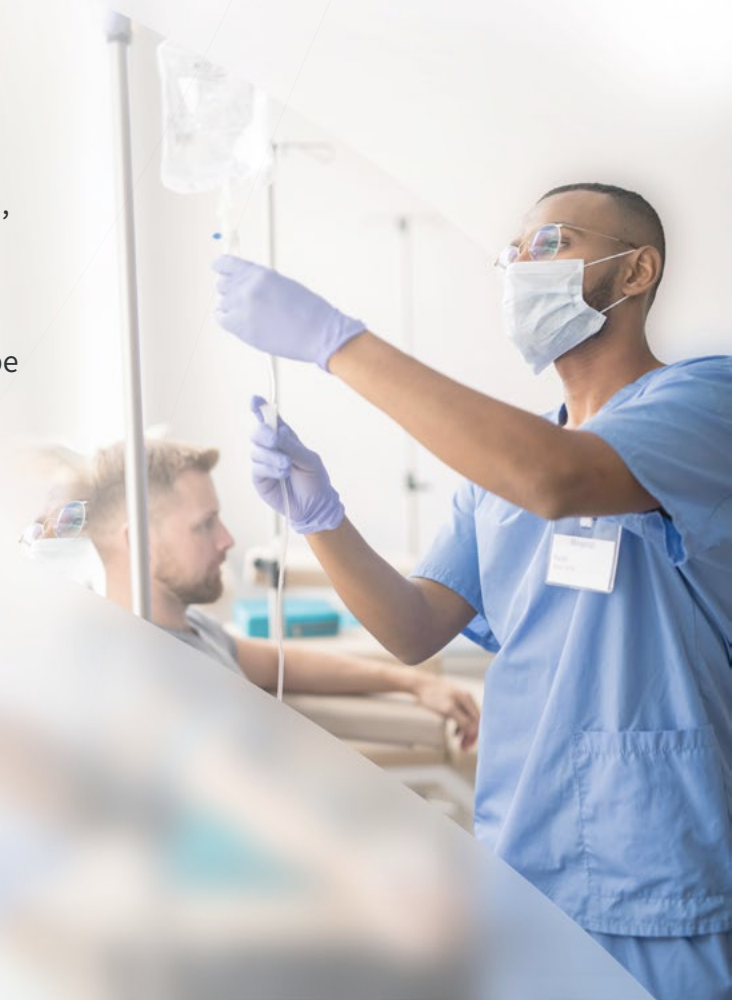
IS YOUR ORGANIZATION READY FOR PTAP?

Organizations pursuing PTAP are committed to:

- Delivering structured transition-to-practice programs
- Supporting nurses entering new clinical roles
- Aligning with ANCC accreditation standards
- Ensuring program quality through evaluation
- Demonstrating readiness for new practice environments

Start your PTAP journey by assessing your program readiness and reviewing application requirements. Visit: **anccinternational.org**

> **PTAP has been highly valuable for our organization. It provides a structured framework that helps us continuously evaluate and improve our onboarding program, ensuring that new nurses receive the support they need to succeed. The accreditation also gives us practical guidance to address key challenges in nursing workforce development and retention. More than an accreditation, PTAP serves as a driver for continuous learning and quality improvement within our organization.**
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To begin your PTAP journey or request information, contact: **ancc.international-europe@ana.org**

All official PTAP program materials and required documentation are provided in English and must be submitted in English.

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