

Vanderbilt University Medical Center Adult Solid Organ Transplant Advanced Practice Fellowship Program

Description:

12-month postgraduate program focused on adult solid organ transplantation with rotations in heart, lung, liver, and kidney organ transplant specialties.

The APP fellow will be exposed to general transplantation principles including evaluation and management of patients with end stage organ failure, immunosuppression pharmacology and pharmacokinetics, diagnosis and management of rejection, multi-organ transplant, infectious disease, life-threatening events, transplant quality and regulatory practices, and organ donation, procurement, and preservation. There will be observational experiences for organ procurement, transplant surgery (harvest and implant), organ specialty-specific testing and procedures, and more. The fellow will be exposed to the various members of the transplant multi-disciplinary team including nutrition, social work, financial counselor, cardiac surgery, infectious disease, palliative care, ethics, and psychiatry.

While the primary program focus is adult care in the outpatient setting, observational experiences in pediatric and inpatient settings are available.

Didactic components include American Society of Transplantation membership and comprehensive trainee curriculum, journal club, grand rounds, transplant quality standards training, leadership development, selection committees, local transplant symposium attendance, and potential to attend a national conference.

Mentorship and training are provided by both advanced heart failure cardiologists and other advanced practice providers. While a permanent position is not guaranteed, the goal is to retain fellows in a role where they can utilize their transplant experience to serve the VUMC community.

Ideal candidate:

- Master's or Doctorate degree in nursing or physician assistant studies
- National Board Certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP), Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP), or Physician Assistant (PA)
- TN License/Certificate of Fitness to Prescribe, eligible for NPI and DEA
- New graduates and experienced providers welcome.
- Passionate about caring for the transplant population.

Time Commitment: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

Application will open January 2025.

Please contact Sarah Smith or Katie Andrews, program co-coordinators, with any questions.

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For further information regarding the VUMC AP Fellowship Program, including application criteria and overview, please visit our website: <https://www.vumc.org/nursing-oap/vumc-advanced-practice-fellowship>