

**2023 Addendums for  
2024 Application Manual Practice Transition  
Accreditation Program® (PTAP)**

**Updated: January 23, 2024**

The following pages are the addendums issued by the ANCC Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transition Program (COA-PTP) in 2024. These addendums are **not** integrated into the version found on the website.

Date Issued	Change	Effective Date
January 23, 2024	Update to Practice Setting Coordinator requirements	August 7, 2024

The following pages are the addendums issued by the ANCC Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transition Program (COA-PTP) in 2023. **The below addendums are now integrated into the current manual posted on our website (Ver 1). The current version of the 2024 Application Manual Practice Transition Accreditation Program® (PTAP) can be found [here](#).**

Date Issued	Change	Effective Date
June 1, 2023	Accreditation with Distinction Standards: CR2b Language update	January 1, 2024
June 1, 2023	Accreditation with Distinction Standards: PC1 & 1a language update	January 1, 2024
June 1, 2023	ANCC PTAP Standards: PG/OM 1 SDa language update	January 1, 2024
June 27, 2023	ANCC PTAP Standards: PL 1 language update	January 1, 2024

June 27, 2023	Accreditation with Distinction Standards: CR2a. language update	January 1, 2024
August 8, 2023	ANCC PTAP Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sites from same healthcare system and healthcare system definition</li> <li>2. Maximum size of a program</li> <li>3. New standard: PL 8</li> <li>4. Updated Site Coordinator definition</li> <li>5. Updated Practice Setting Coordinator</li> <li>6. PL 1 language update and quality assurance definition</li> </ul>	January 1, 2024
September 11, 2023	ANCC PTAP Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Glossary term – Dotted Line of Authority</li> <li>2. Glossary term – Direct Line of Authority</li> <li>3. Site Coordinator clarification</li> <li>4. Glossary term – Site Coordinator</li> <li>5. Glossary term – Practice Setting Coordinator</li> </ul>	January 1, 2024

To: Accredited PTAP Programs, Applicant PTAP Programs, and Interested Programs

From: Sheryl Cosme DNP, RN, NPD-BC  
Director, ANCC PTAP & APPFA

Re: Accreditation with Distinction Standards – CR 2b

Date: June 2, 2023

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The Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transition Programs (COA-PTP) has voted to clarify the below areas in the 2024 Practice Transitions Accreditation Program® Application Manual.

<b>Old Language</b>	<b>New Language</b>
<p><b>CR 2b.</b> Describe how the Program Director publishes or presents about transition to practice.</p> <p>a. Submit evidence of one publication or presentation (state, national, or international level) within the last 24 months (new applicant) or 48 months (reaccrediting applicant).</p>	<p><b>CR 2b.</b> Describe how the Program Director facilitates publications <b>and/or</b> presentations about transition to practice.</p> <p>A. Submit evidence of one publication or presentation (state, national, or international level) from the program within the last 24 months (new applicant) or 48 months (reaccrediting applicant).</p>

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Re: Accreditation with Distinction Standards – Program Choice 1 and 1a (PC 1 & 1a)

Date: June 2, 2023

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<b>Old Language</b>	<b>New Language</b>
<p>PC 1. Describe and demonstrate how the program utilizes an <b>advisory board</b> and/or <b>academic partnership</b> to achieve program goals.</p> <p>a. Submit a list of members (advisory board or academic partner and their current roles, as applicable).</p>	<p>PC 1. Describe and demonstrate how the program utilizes an <b>advisory board</b> and/or <b>academic partnership</b> to achieve program goals.</p> <p>a. Submit PG/OM 1 SD a. from PTAP self-study</p> <p>b. Submit evidence of your advisory board or academic partnership influencing at least one of the programmatic goals (e.g., meeting minutes).</p>

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Re: PTAP Standards – PG/OM 1 SDa

Date: June 2, 2023

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<b>Old Language</b>	<b>New Language</b>
<p>PG/OM 1 Supporting Documentation (PG/OM 1 SD)</p> <p>a. Submit five <b>program goals</b> in SMART format with associated <b>outcome measures</b> and data for each of the following categories:</p> <p>For each goal, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A brief description of the outcome measure,</i></li> <li>• <i>A target benchmark, and</i></li> <li>• <i>Aggregate <b>outcome measure</b> data representing 24 months of data prior to self-study submission or from initiation of program to self-study submission for new programs operating less than 24 months.</i></li> </ul> <p>Required categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Nursing Professional Development</b></li> <li>2. <b>Learner Competency</b></li> <li>3. <b>Self-Reported Measure</b> (learner-focused; RN Residency ONLY: using a valid and reliable instrument)</li> </ol>	<p>PG/OM 1 Supporting Documentation (PG/OM 1 SDa)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ a. Submit one <b>program goal</b> in SMART format with associated <b>outcomes measures</b> and data for each of the following required categories:</li> </ul> <p><b>Required categories:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Nursing Professional Development</b></li> <li>2. <b>Learner Competency</b></li> <li>3. <b>Self-Reported Measure</b> (learner-focused)</li> <li>4. <b>Stakeholder Evaluation</b></li> <li>5. <b>Financial</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Optional Category:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. <b>Patient Outcomes</b></li> </ol> <p>For each goal, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief description of the outcome measure,</li> <li>• A target benchmark, and</li> </ul>

<p>4. <b>Stakeholder Evaluation</b> 5. <b>Financial</b> <i>Optional category:</i> 6. <b>Patient Outcomes</b></p> <p>To meet the requirements of PG/OM 1 SD, programs utilizing published research tools for SMART goals must follow author requirements for tool use and data reporting. Author requirements for tool use must be followed to maintain its psychometric properties (validity and reliability) and the integrity of its measures. All research tools used in PG/OM 1 SD must be referenced.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aggregate outcome measure data representing 24 months of data prior to self-study submission or from initiation of program to self-study submission for new programs operating less than 24 months.</li> <li>For at least one of the five required categories, include a reference to the use of a valid and reliable tool.</li> </ul> <p>To meet the requirements of PG/OM 1 SD, programs utilizing published research tools for SMART goals must follow author requirements for tool use and data reporting. Author requirements for tool use must be followed to maintain its psychometric properties (validity and reliability) and the integrity of its measures. All research tools used in PG/OM 1 SD must be referenced.</p>
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Re: Accreditation with Distinction Standards – CR 2a

Date: June 27, 2023

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The Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transition Programs (COA-PTP) has voted to clarify the below areas in the 2024 Practice Transitions Accreditation Program® Application Manual.

<b>Old Language</b>	<b>New Language</b>
<p><b>CR2a.</b> Describe and demonstrate how the Program Director is required to be certified in Nursing Professional Development or Nurse Educator and/or has advanced education (e.g., PhD, EdD, or DNP).</p> <p><b>a.</b> Submit evidence of current Program Directors certification in Nursing Professional Development or Nurse Educator and/or advanced education (e.g., PhD, EdD, or DNP).</p>	<p><b>CR2a.</b> Describe and demonstrate how the Program Director is required to participate in accredited continuing professional development (or international equivalent) related to adult learning principles or program development.</p> <p><b>a.</b> Submit evidence of the current Program Director <b>8 hours</b> (new applicant) or <b>16 hours</b> (reaccrediting applicant) accredited professional development (or international equivalent) related to adult learning principles or program development within the last 24 months (new applicant) or 48 months (reaccrediting applicant).</p>

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To: Accredited PTAP Programs, Applicant PTAP Programs, and Interested Programs

From: Sheryl Cosme DNP, RN, NPD-BC  
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Re: PTAP Standards – PL 1

Date: June 27, 2023

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The Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transition Programs (COA-PTP) has voted to clarify the below areas in the 2024 Practice Transitions Accreditation Program® Application Manual.

<b>Old Language</b>	<b>New Language</b>
<b>PL 1.</b> Describe and demonstrate how the Program Director is accountable for ensuring that the program is consistently operationalized throughout all participating practice setting(s) and/or site(s).	<b>PL 1.</b> <i>(multisite/multi-practice setting only)</i> Describe and demonstrate how the Program Director is accountable for ensuring that the program is consistently operationalized throughout all participating practice setting(s) and/or site(s).

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Re: August 2023 Addendums

Date: August 8, 2023

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The Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transition Programs (COA-PTP) has voted to clarify the below areas in the 2024 Practice Transitions Accreditation Program® Application Manual.

### **Addendum 1- Sites from Healthcare System**

Each site within a program must be from the same **healthcare system**.

#### **Definition - Healthcare System**

“A multi-hospital system is two or more hospitals owned, leased, sponsored, or contract managed by a central organization” (American Hospital Association, 2021).

### **Addendum 2 - Maximum size of a program**

The maximum size of an accreditable program to up to 30 sites.

### **Addendum 3 - New standard under Program Leadership**

**PL 8.** (*multisite program only*) Describe and demonstrate how the Program Director meets regularly with the system's highest-ranking nursing leader(s) (e.g., CNE, CNO, Nursing Leadership Council) to report on the program.

### **Addendum 4 - Site Coordinator definition revision**

- In a *multisite multi-practice setting program*, each site **must** have a Site Coordinator (SC). The Site Coordinator (SC) must have a direct or dotted line of authority to the Program Director.

- In a *multisite single practice setting program*, each site **may** utilize Site Coordinators (SC) to ensure program consistency.

SCs must maintain a current, valid license as an RN, hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing, and have education and/or experience in adult learning principles.

### **Addendum 5 – Practice Setting Coordinator definition revision**

- In a *multisite, multi-practice setting program*, each eligible practice setting **must** have a centralized person, called the Practice Setting Coordinator (PSC), coordinating the practice setting curriculums across all sites within the program. The Practice Setting Coordinator (PSC) must have a dotted or direct line of authority to the Program Director.
- In a single site multi-practice setting program, Practice Setting Coordinators (PSC) **may** be utilized to ensure program consistency

### **Addendum 6 – Updated PL 1 – Quality Assurance**

PL 1. (*multi-site and multi-practice setting only*) Describe and demonstrate how the Program Director is accountable for ensuring that the program is consistently operationalized throughout all participating practice setting(s) and site(s) without deviation or variability\* through the **quality assurance process**.

*\*Site/practice setting variations in workflow, equipment, documentation, or local/state requirements are all allowed but must be documented during the **quality assurance process**.*

- **PL 1 Supporting Documentation a.** Submit evidence from each site that the quality assurance process has been conducted at a minimum annually within the program.

**Definition - Quality Assurance Process** – The Program Director ensures the program is effectively and consistently conducted at all sites. The Program Directors must meet regularly with all sites to review congruence with the standardized program.

The **Quality Assurance Process** must include a review of the following:

1. Curriculum review of each practice setting
  - a. *\*Site/practice setting variations in workflow, equipment, documentation, or local/state requirements are all allowed but must be documented during the quality assurance process.*



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2. Competency evaluation requirement of each practice setting
3. Program orientation
4. Preceptor selection, education, and evaluation
5. Mentorship process
6. Monitoring plan for recognition of deviation (review of PG/OM 1 SD a. data at each site)
7. Process improvement plan for the deviation (if a deviation is found during the quality assurance process)

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Re: September 2023 Addendums

Date: September 11, 2023

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The Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transition Programs (COA-PTP) has voted to clarify the below areas in the 2024 Practice Transitions Accreditation Program® Application Manual.

**These addendums further clarify what was posted on August 8, 2023, by the COA-PTP.**

### **Addendum 1- Glossary Term – Dotted Line of Authority**

An indirect or secondary reporting structure of a position(s) that defines accountability and responsibility for the program. However, the overall supervision, management, and evaluation of the position rests with the position's permanent, immediate supervisor, which is reflected by a direct line of authority.

### **Addendum 2 – Glossary Term – Direct Line of Authority**

A direct reporting structure of a position(s) that defines accountability and responsibility for the program, including the supervision, management, and evaluation of the position.

### **Addendum 3 - Site Coordinator (SC) Clarification**

- In a *multisite multi-practice setting program of 11 sites or larger*, each site **must** have a Site Coordinator. The Site Coordinator must have a direct or dotted line of authority to the Program Director. The Program Director **may not** be a Site Coordinator.
- In a *multisite multi-practice setting program of 2-10 sites*, each site **may** have a Site Coordinator. The Site Coordinator must have a direct or dotted line of authority to the Program Director. The Program Director **may** be a Site Coordinator.

- In a *multisite single practice setting program*, each site **may** utilize Site Coordinators to ensure program consistency. **The Program Director may be a Site Coordinator.**
- The Site Coordinator(s) must maintain a current, valid license as an RN, hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing, and have education and/or experience in adult learning principles.

#### **Addendum 4 – Glossary Term – Site Coordinator (SC)**

*A registered nurse with a current, valid license as an RN, a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing, and education or experience in adult learning who acts as the site representative for a multi-site program, and who has responsibility for ensuring that all components of the program are consistently operationalized within their assigned site. **The Site Coordinator can have a dual role as a Practice Setting Coordinator if they are an expert in that setting.***

#### **Addendum 5 – Glossary Term - Practice Setting Coordinator**

A registered nurse with a current, valid license as an RN, a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing, and education or experience in adult learning who acts as the practice setting representative for either a single or multi-site program, and who has responsibility for ensuring that all components of the program are consistently operationalized within his or her assigned practice setting. **The individual must have expertise in the specialty they represent. The Practice Setting Coordinator can be the Program Director, but the practice setting they cover must be their area of expertise. The Practice Setting Coordinator may have a dual role as a Site Coordinator and Practice Setting Coordinator or Program Director and Practice Setting Coordinator.**

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Re: January 2024 Addendums

Date: January 23, 2024

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Current Language	New Approved Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In a <i>multisite, multi-practice setting program</i>, each eligible practice setting <b>must</b> have a centralized person, called the Practice Setting Coordinator (PSC), coordinating the practice setting curriculums across all sites within the program. The Practice Setting Coordinator (PSC) must have a dotted or direct line of authority to the Program Director.</li> <li>In a single site multi-practice setting program, Practice Setting Coordinators (PSC) <b>may</b> be utilized to ensure program consistency.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In a <i>multisite, multi-practice setting program</i>, each eligible practice setting <b>functioning in multiple sites must</b> have a centralized person, called the Practice Setting Coordinator (PSC), coordinating the practice setting curriculums across all sites within the program. The Practice Setting Coordinator (PSC) must have a dotted or direct line of authority to the Program Director.</li> <li>In a single site multi-practice setting program, Practice Setting Coordinators (PSC) <b>may</b> be utilized to ensure program consistency.</li> </ul>

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