



Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Fellowship

Background

Thundermist Health Center is a federally qualified community health center, serving three communities in Rhode Island – Woonsocket, West Warwick, and South County – for over fifty years. 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, including the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program. Thundermist serves clients with and without health insurance. In 2020, Thundermist served an estimated 49,800 patients. Thundermist is a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home, the highest level of accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

Why Thundermist Health Center?

The Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Fellowship is a twelve-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 dedicated precepted primary care sessions, specialty rotations, and didactic sessions. Fellows are trained to use state-of-the-art telehealth solutions such as Project ECHO and the C-TIER telemedicine course.

We are committed to providing effective and efficient primary care. Our Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Fellowship provides an opportunity to work as a member of a closely-knit, multi-disciplinary care team. Fellows will deliver care to a diverse population of patients with a full spectrum of diagnoses and will learn to work cohesively with a wide variety of health care professionals.

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

“ One of the enormous appeals about this Fellowship is that I am trained in various different populations to meet the needs of the people we are working with

Julia DeMello, FNP

Graduate, Class of 2019 Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Program



The Fellowship has five key components:

- **Precepted “Continuity Clinics”:** These are the cornerstone of the Fellowship. In precepted clinics, the NP fellows develop their own patient panel while having an expert Thundermist provider (MD, DO or APRN) exclusively assigned to them.
- **Specialty Rotations:** Rotations in areas of high-volume/high-burden/high-risk situations most commonly encountered in the setting of the FQHC. Rotations include: dermatology, women’s health, pediatrics, geriatrics, newborn/nursery, HIV care, trans* health, addiction medicine, and behavioral health. Fellows also participate and complete a national, two-week, C-TIER Telemedicine Certification Course to help prepare them as we continue to find ways to maintain and extend patient access to care.
- **Didactic Education Sessions:** Formal learning sessions on a variety of complex clinical challenges most commonly encountered in FQHCs. The content of the presentations correspond to the fellows’ current clinical experience.
- **Quality Improvement Training:** Training on Thundermist Health Center’s quality improvement model.
- **Evaluations:** The Thundermist Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Training Program provides an ongoing, multi-input evaluation component using qualitative and quantitative measures. Fellows complete evaluations on all components of their Fellowship experience. Preceptors, specialty rotation preceptors, support and program staff all participate in evaluations at varying times throughout the program year. Data gathered provides invaluable insight on how to continually develop and grow the program.

Program preceptors include:

Jessica Douglas, FNP-BC

Michelle Blade, FNP-C, CNM

Chelsea Graham, DO

Jaimie Borden, APRN, FNP-C

Elizabeth DaSilva, APRN-CNP

Danielle Simmons, APRN, FNP-BC

Jessica Coliflores, MSN, APRN, FBP-C

Alexandra Gottier, FNP

Sara Watson, MD

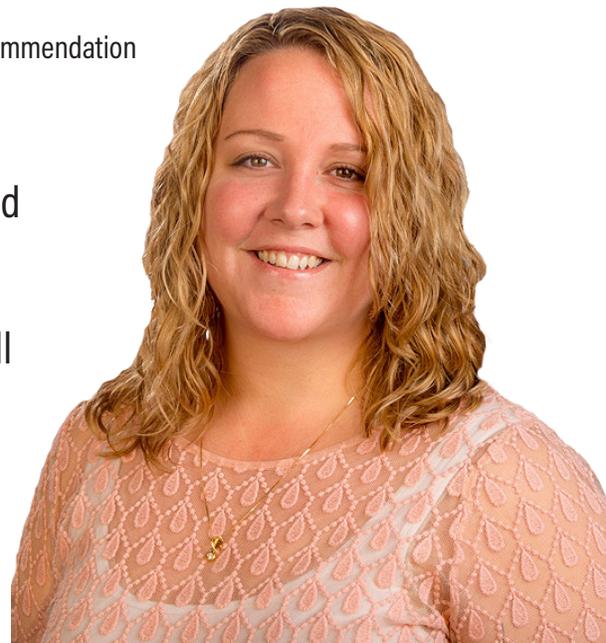
Application Requirements and Process:

- Complete an application online at www.ThundermistHealth.org during the application open enrollment period December 15th to March 15th. Provide all required documents to move forward to the next step, the interview day(s) process.
- Completed application is comprised of an updated CV/Resume, three letters of recommendation and any other applicable documents required at the programs request.

“ The Primary Care Fellowship at Thundermist is committed to providing our NP fellows with excellent learning opportunities through many different specialty rotations, utilization of highly seasoned and exceptional preceptors all in an exciting and collaborative community health center.”

Jessica Douglas, FNP-BC

Program Director, Thundermist Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Fellowship



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