



Post-Graduate Track: Adult Comprehensive Cardiovascular Care

The Adult Comprehensive Cardiovascular Care Postgraduate APP Training Program is a one-year, post-graduate experience designed for nurse practitioners (*AGNP, AGACNP, DNP, FNP*) and physician assistants in a nationally ranked health system. IU Health is home to one of the highest-volume heart and vascular programs in the United States. We offer several specialized heart programs, premier facilities and the latest research and groundbreaking discoveries. IU Health offers Level One Heart Attack and Cardiogenic Shock Emergency programs.

The program will offer a comprehensive design with rotations in various subspecialty services. The trainee will have the opportunity to build on their graduate academic training by strengthening and developing skills in a variety of domains critical to advanced practice. The clinical sites will include both inpatient and outpatient experiences at the academic health center, as well as the cardiology and cardiovascular surgery outpatient clinics

IU School of Medicine is the largest medical school in the U.S. with many residents, fellows, and other learners. IU Health promotes inter-disciplinary collaboration, however, APPs will primarily train under APP supervision. The APP program will ensure that all trainees collaborate to promote respectful teamwork with clear expectations on roles, procedures, and scope of practice. This will help prepare APP trainees for their future work as a vital part of team-based care.

The program provides trainees with:

- A solid foundation to build their advanced practice career in a large academic health center
- Comprehensive experiences including:
 - Hands-On Learning in specialty and sub-specialty clinical areas
 - Didactic Sessions
 - Mentorship
 - Case-based learning

Clinical Experiences

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| ▪ General Cardiology (IP and OP) | ▪ CV ICU including VAD, ECMO, Transplant |
| ▪ Electrophysiology | ▪ Cardiovascular Surgery (IP and OP) |
| ▪ Advanced Heart Failure (IP and OP) | ▪ Echocardiography Lab |
| ▪ Adult Congenital Heart Disease (IP and OP) | ▪ Cardiac Catheterization Lab |

Training Objectives

1. Build confidence in the APP and promote an understanding of the collaborative role they play within the comprehensive cardiovascular care team to allow for a seamless transition to advanced practice
2. Acquire a comprehensive knowledge base of the wholistic care of the cardiovascular patient across the spectrum of acute care to chronic disease management utilizing guideline directed, evidence-based care
3. Collaborate with a multi-disciplinary team in various care settings to promote professionalism and communication skills that are vital to function in a team-based care model