



Post-Graduate Track: Adult Critical Care

The Adult Critical Care Postgraduate APP Training Program is a one-year, post-graduate experience designed for nurse practitioners (AGACNP) and physician assistants in a nationally ranked health system. IU Health is home to one of the highest-volume critical care programs in the United States. We offer several specialized critical care programs, including Level One Heart Attack, Pulmonary Embolus, Stroke, Vascular & Trauma 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 inpatient experiences at the academic health center and community critical care locations.

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 current physician and 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
 - Simulation experiences focused on clinical management
 - Case-based learning

Clinical Experiences

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| ▪ Cardiac Critical Care | ▪ Neurosurgical Critical Care |
| ▪ Cardiovascular Critical Care | ▪ Pulmonary Medicine |
| ▪ Medical & Surgical Critical Care | ▪ Lung Transplant Medicine & Critical Care |

Training Objectives

1. Build confidence in the APP and promote an understanding of the collaborative role they play within the comprehensive critical care team to allow for a seamless transition to advanced practice
2. Acquire a comprehensive knowledge base of the wholistic care of the critical care 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