

University of Virginia Health Continuing Education
presents

2027 UVA Advanced Practice Conference



Advancing Practice.
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Leading Care Across
the Commonwealth.

*APOGEE: Advancing Professional Growth,
Education, & Excellence

February 5-6, 2027

7:30 AM – 4:45 PM

The Omni Hotel,
212 Ridge McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA

Overview

The 2027 UVA Advanced Practice Conference (APOGEE*) aims to empower Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) by broadening perspectives on both emerging clinical topics and non-clinical roles across the profession including opportunities in research, administration, and education. The conference seeks to strengthen connections across the Commonwealth and foster a unified, forward-thinking APP community through meaningful dialogue and collaboration. By inspiring innovation and leadership, APOGEE 2027 supports the growth of APPs as dynamic contributors to healthcare and beyond.

**the farthest or highest point: culmination*

Target Audience

Advanced practice providers/clinicians across the continuum of care, spanning inpatient, outpatient, and community healthcare settings.

Register Here



Desired Outcomes

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to:

- Identify opportunities to engage in institutional committees or leadership structures
- Formulate a feasible research or QI question relevant to their clinical practice
- Develop strategies to align APP practice with broader regional or statewide initiatives
- Apply strategies to improve learner engagement and clinical education quality
- Identify gaps in preventative care delivery within their patient population
- Interpret key business metrics relevant to APP practice
- Evaluate models for effective transition coordination as patients with chronic illness transition from pediatric care to adult care

Agenda

Friday, February 5 th		
7:30 AM	Check-In, Breakfast (provided), and Exhibitors	
8:00 AM	Opening Remarks	Cy Lampugnale, PA
8:05 AM	Welcome	Reid Adams, MD, FACS
8:15 AM	Keynote Speaker: APPs as Drivers of Change	Dawn Adams, DNP, ANP-BC
9:00 AM	Expanding Access and Impact	Eden Henderson, FNP & Christina Sheffield, MPA
10:00 AM	Break and Exhibitors	
10:30 AM	Panel Presentation Position for Influence: APPs and the Evolving Business of Medicine	Cy Lampugnale, PA, Moderator, Russ Manley, Becky Compton, DNP, FNP-BC, MBA, & Jennifer Horton, MS
11:30 AM	Roundtables Focused Reflection: Positioning for influence	
11:45 AM	Exhibitors	
12:15 PM	Lunch (provided)	
1:00 PM	At the Table or on the Menu? PA and NP Roles in Hospital Administration	Chizoro Taylor, MS, PA-C & Michael Little, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNL, AGACNP-BC
2:00 PM	Research Opportunities for the APP	Kathryn Reid, PhD, RN, FNP-C
2:50 PM	Break and Exhibitors	
3:00 PM	Panel Presentation Connecting the Commonwealth: APP Leadership Across Health Systems	Cy Lampugnale, PA, Moderator, Bill Lombardi, DNP, RN, AGACNP-BC, CCRN, Paula Brooks, DNP, MBA, FNP-BC, RNFA, FAPPex, Todd Roark, ACNP-BC, RN, MBA, VP, & Bobby Cockram, Jr., DMSc, PA-C, DFAAPA, FACHE
4:45 PM	Closing Remarks and Adjourn	Cy Lampugnale, PA

Saturday, February 6 th		
7:30 AM	Check-In, Breakfast (provided), and Exhibitors	
8:10 AM	Opening Remarks	Cy Lampugnale, PA
8:15 AM	Hooked Early, Harmed Long: The Lifespan Impact of Nicotine	Neely Dahl, MPH, CTTS & Jennifer Peregoy, NCTTP
9:00 AM	The Bold and the Few: APPs Redefining Care Through Innovation	Alina Cherry, DMS, MS, PA-C & Kim Ketchersid, MMSc, PA-C
10:00 AM	Break and Exhibitors	
10:30 AM	Education for the Next Generation: PA and NP Program Leadership and Faculty Development	Cy Lampugnale, PA, Moderator, Blake Rogers, DMSc, PA-C, & Shelly Smith, PhD, DNP, APRN- BC, FAAN, FNAP
11:30 AM	Roundtables Focused Reflection: The Bold and the Few & Education for the Next Generation	
11:45 AM	Exhibitors	
12:15 PM	Lunch (provided)	
1:00 PM	Climate Change is a Health Issue: The Clinician's Call to Action	Malinda L. Myers, DNP, RN, FNP-BC
1:30 PM	Panel Presentation Care Transitions for Medically and Socially Complex Populations Across the Continuum	Novella Thompson, MBA, MA, ALM-C, FACHE, Moderator, Kierah Barnes, DNP, RN, AGACNP- BC, NEA-BC, Anna Creamer, PharmD, BCACP, Scott Darrah, CNS, RNH, ACCNS-AG, Anna DeLong, LCSW, NPT-C, Kristi Gott, MSN, RN, PNP, Catherine Harris, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, & Natalie Jefferson, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
2:30 PM	Break and Exhibitors	
2:45 PM	Podium Presentations	Submitted Abstracts
3:15 PM	Poster Presentations	Submitted Abstracts
3:45 PM	Break	
4:00 PM	Keynote: Transforming Healthcare in Uncertain Times: Leadership, Sustainability, Innovation, and Impact	Julie Cowan Novak, DNSc, RN, MA, CPNP, FAANP, FAAN
4:45 PM	Closing Remarks, Evaluate, and Adjourn	Cy Lampugnale, PA

An electronic syllabus will be provided to all who register for the conference. See the conference website for additional information and resources: <https://uva.cloud-cme.com/advanced-practice-2027>

Requirements for Successful Completion of the Course

Conference participants requesting credit are required to complete the post-activity evaluation for the conference sessions in which they participate.

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All are UVA employees unless otherwise noted.

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Registration (closes January 31st, 2027)

Registration and payment are available through [direct link](#)
Register by midnight January 31, 2027. No walk-in registration accepted.

or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



<u>Registration Fees</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>After 1/10/2027</u>
Attendee – 2 days	\$275	\$325
Attendee – 1 day	\$150	\$200
UVA Employee – 2 days	\$200	\$250
UVA Employee – 1 day	\$100	\$150
Student/Fellow – 2 days	\$150	\$200
Student /Fellow– 1 day	\$100	\$150
Industry Employee	\$500	\$500

Hotel & Accommodations

[Book Now](#)

Join us at The Omni Hotel, 212 Ridge McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA

Complimentary parking is available for conference participants not staying at the hotel.

The Omni is offering a special group rate of \$199/night plus taxes. Available on a first come, first served basis.
The last day to receive this discounted rate is **January 8, 2027**, subject to room availability.

Reserve your room early!



Accreditation and Designation Statements

In support of improving patient care, UVA Health Continuing Education is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.



This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 12.75 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

Nurses

UVA Health Continuing Education awards 12.75 contact hours to a nurse who participates in this educational activity and completes the post activity evaluation.

Physician Associates

UVA Health Continuing Education has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 12.75 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.



Hours of Participation

UVA Health Continuing Education, as an accredited provider, awards 12.75 hours of participation (consistent with the designated number of ANCC contact hours) to a participant who successfully completes this educational activity.

UVA Health Continuing Education maintains a record of participation for six (6) years.

Questions?

Contact UVA Continuing Education, uvace@uvahealth.org.



Call for Abstracts

The [2027 UVA Advanced Practice Conference](#) (APOGEE) Planning Committee invites Advanced Practice Providers, interprofessional colleagues, educators, researchers, and healthcare leaders to submit abstracts for consideration at the 2027 APOGEE APP Conference.

Rooted in service, scholarship, and leadership, APOGEE 2027 will convene APPs to explore innovative, equitable, and practical approaches to care delivery across the lifespan. This conference will highlight the critical role of APPs as clinical experts, change agents, and leaders shaping the future of healthcare.

We seek abstracts that reflect **innovation, impact, and applicability to practice**, and that advance the professional development of APPs while improving patient and population health outcomes.

Abstract Submissions:

APOGEE accepts abstract submissions for poster or podium format. Overall, acceptable research submission abstracts meet the following criteria:

1. Address research studies as well as systematic, theoretical, conceptual and methodological projects.
2. Adhere to the scoring rubric for research posters or podium presentations, identified

If your abstract is accepted to the conference, you will be required to:

- [Register](#) for at least the day of the poster and podium presentation
- [Have your poster displayed during the entire conference](#)
- Be physically present during the presentation time (poster or podium)
- Remove your poster after the end of day two

[Register Now](#)

Poster Session Details:

- Location: Omni Charlottesville Hotel, 212 Ridge McIntire Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- Date/Time 2/6/2027 Poster session from 3:15-3:45PM
- Posters submitted and accepted will be displayed in the exhibit hall
- Presenters are expected to remain by their poster during the poster session
- Posters are presented on double-sided poster boards holding one (1) poster per board. All posters should be oriented in landscape format and must not exceed 48" W x 36" H

- **Posters that do not meet the required specifications will not be displayed**
- Abstracts submitted for the poster session may be considered for oral presentation

Oral Presentation Details:

- Location: Omni Charlottesville Hotel, 212 Ridge McIntire Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- Date/Time: 2/6/2027 Oral Presentation Session from 2:45-3:15 pm
- Only one presenter per abstract presents the paper, usually the lead author
- Sessions are 10 minutes long, including a short Q&A as time permits

Submission Details:

Your electronic submission must include an abstract (Please limit content to maximum 350 words) addressing the following:

- Title
- Study Purpose/Problem Statement
- Significance
- Methods or Actions Taken
- Results
- Discussion

Deadline:

Deadline for submitting an abstract is October 1, 2026 via the link/QR code below.

Notice of Decision:

Final decision on abstracts will be made the week of November 2, 2026. Notices will be sent via email.

All abstracts will be submitted using this link / QR code:

https://virginia.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1z9qb9wbwkp6C



Please refer questions to Abstract Committee Chair Stephanie Good at sg4fv@uvahealth.org or Abstract Committee Co-Chair Elizabeth Lester at ERJ2D@uvahealth.org.