



# Join the Movement!

Introducing *Advancing Practice*  
THE APRN POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP  
AT ERIE FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

## Join Us...

Information about the 2023-2024 Cohort, as well as the application details and timeframe is still being determined. Information should be available no later than December 2022 on our website and social media pages.

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## Advancing Practice

is a one-year Fellowship that builds on nurse practitioner (NP) and nurse midwife (CNM) academic programs to prepare recently-graduated NPs and CNMs to become expert clinicians as well as nursing leaders.

Erie Family Health Centers (Erie), a federally qualified health center in Chicago with 88,000 patients, and the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing (UIC Nursing) have partnered to create this program with the goal of expanding access to affordable, quality healthcare in underserved communities.

By being in the Fellowship, you will also be working with populations most effected by COVID-19.

## Health Equity: A Cornerstone of the Advancing Practice Mission

Nurses have historically stood up to oppression, racism, and classism by treating the most vulnerable populations in need of care. Achieving health equity and respecting human dignity are at the core of the nursing profession. *Advancing Practice* will prepare you to be the next generation of APRN advocates and leaders. At Erie Family Health Centers, you will be mentored in an organization that values diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Erie's vision is that that all people can live their healthiest lives. At Erie, we acknowledge the deep history of systemic oppression, racism, and discrimination that plagues our communities. The current COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the longstanding inequities in our social structure and how these factors result in disproportionate morbidity and mortality rates in communities of color.

## Interested?

The application period for the 2023-2024 cohort is still being determined. Information should be available by December 2022 no our webpage and social media. Visit [erie.health/aprn](https://erie.health/aprn) for information about our next scheduled Open House.

If you have questions, please contact [AdvancingPractice@eriefamilyhealth.org](mailto:AdvancingPractice@eriefamilyhealth.org). Visit [eriefamilyhealth.org/advancingpractice](https://eriefamilyhealth.org/advancingpractice) for more information on the program.

## Advancing Practice

Cultivating Quality Care and Nursing Leadership  
to Improve the Health of Communities





# Why Choose **Advancing Practice** ?

## AT ERIE FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

# you will...

### Join a Talented and Robust Team

Erie employs a growing and talented group of APRNs. Join an organization that supports full scope APRN practice and collaborative relationships amongst other healthcare providers.

### Receive a Paid Fellowship with Great Benefits!

Not only is this a paid fellowship, Erie provides excellent benefits, including:

- Medical/dental insurance
- 401k program
- Pre-tax transit program
- 20 days of PTO
- Special deals on movie tickets and concerts
- Discounts with several wireless carriers

### Set the Standard for *Advancing Practice*

You will be making history by being a part of a growing movement. You will have the unique opportunity to help model and grow the fellowship! Feedback throughout the year will be welcomed and frequently requested from you. Help us make this the highest quality fellowship for future APRNs and CNMs.

### Work at An Organization that Is Integrating Care

Erie serves over 88,000 patients across 13 sites including 7 primary health care centers, 1 adolescent only health center and 5 school-based health centers along with comprehensive coordinated services such as women's health, HIV/AIDS care, and psychiatry.

### Make a Difference in Health Equity

Erie makes a difference in the community by caring for all patients regardless of age, insurance or immigration status

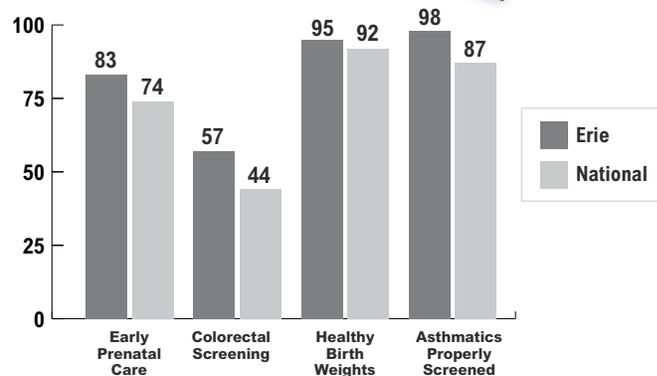
- >90% of patients are considered low-income
- 23% of patients are uninsured
- 45% of patients are Non-English speaking

### Contribute During the COVID-19 Pandemic as Well as Responding to Structural Racism

Be an integral part of the response to COVID-19, and work for an organization that is committed to confronting inequities. As an *Advancing Practice* Fellow, you will be advocating for health justice by joining a team of APRNs that proudly stand together to fight injustice and address the disproportionate COVID-19 mortality rates of Black and Hispanic/Latino populations.

### Be a Part of a Leading Health Center

Erie is in the top 10% of health centers nationwide on key patient quality metrics.



### Learn from and Collaborate with the University of Illinois in Chicago

We have several UIC faculty members on our team who all believe in the importance of a post graduate training, one of whom has extensive experience with NP program evaluation and co-authored the National NP Residency and Training Consortium accreditation standards. UIC nursing is among the top ten APRN programs nationwide and is instrumental in ensuring the program is an exceptional experience for fellows.

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## WHAT DO OUR FELLOWS SAY WHEN ASKED...

# Would you do it again?



Yes! 100% it has been a great experience.

Absolutely!

Yes. It was such a supportive environment...

Yes, Erie is a great place to work.

### Would you like to work Erie after the Fellowship?

**I am continuously amazed** by the enthusiasm and warmth among providers and staff members at Erie and the attention each team member places on their patients. Erie takes time to find ways to constantly improve their practice. I would love to seek employment within (Erie).

**I like how the organization fosters learning and growth for all employees.** I want to work at an organization that believes quality healthcare is a right, and I want to help make the communities Erie serves healthier.

**I would. I think working in a FQHC is a great experience** and gives any provider a great foundation. I also love the population we serve.

**Yes, I do believe in Erie's mission.** I love my patients that I have been seeing. Erie does care about the patients and providers.

**Absolutely! I love Erie's mission and its patients.** Being able to give to my community is something that is very important to me! The staff at Erie is also wonderful.

**Yes! Again 100% yes.** I have really enjoyed working with all the patients, the staff has been incredible and think the learning opportunity has and will be incredible. I have learned so much and I can't imagine how much more I can still learn. I think Erie is a very special place and to be apart of the staff would be amazing. I would be so thrilled to work with and at Erie!

**Yes, as challenging as this has been so far,** I can't imagine working anywhere else.