



# VA Nursing Academic Partnership for Graduate Education Enhancing Veteran Healthcare through Academic Partnerships



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## Program Overview

The Durham VA HCS and the Duke University School of Nursing (DUSON) have partnered in a program to enhance the education and training of nurse practitioners (NP) in the primary care of adult and geriatric Veterans.

This program, the VA Nursing Academic Partnership for Graduate Education (VANAP-GE), was made possible through a 5 year funding period provided by the Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA), and is one of 7 VA facilities in the nation selected for this program.



## Goals

- Increase AGNP student enrollment and clinical training capacity.
- Recruit and retain well-trained and clinically experienced AGNP residents.
- Enhance interprofessional collaborations and educational opportunities.
- Provide opportunities for education and practice innovations aligned with Veteran care.

## Program Activities

- DUSON curriculum change to incorporate Veteran centric content and offer Veteran specialty tract,
- NP students selecting Veteran centric tract to do majority of clinical rotations at VA, and
- Development of a year long AGNP residency program at the VA for up to 6 AGNPs per year.

Stipends for training are provided to students and residents through OAA funding.

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## Team with Residents and Preceptors



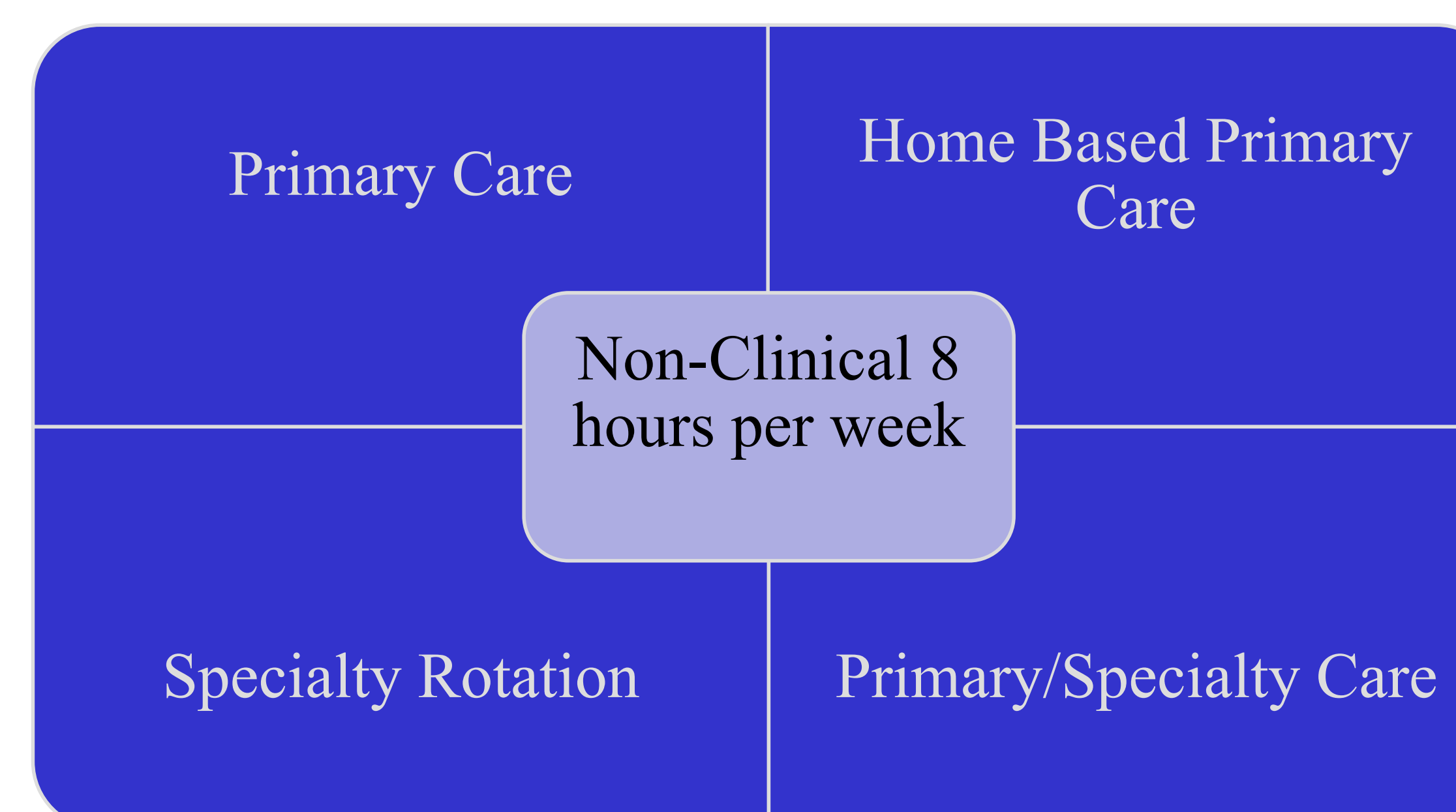
## Program Mission

The overall mission of this program is to enhance the competencies of new Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioners (AGNP), providing a well-qualified workforce to increase access to excellent primary care services for the Veterans throughout our country. Increasing the availability of these providers will expand the Department of Veteran Affairs ability to provide comprehensive primary care services and to improve the overall quality of health and primary care services.

## AGNP Residency

- First AGNP cohort began November 14, 2016, consisting of 2 AGNP residents.
- Residents are licensed and board certified AGNPs.
- Residency sites: 1 F Primary Care Clinic and Home Based Primary Care.
- Anticipated rotations (based on resident learning interest when possible): Dermatology, Palliative Care & Hospice, Perioperative Optimization of Senior Health (POSH) Clinic, Pain Clinic, Renal Clinic.
- Primary care faculty practice to augment training and increase Veteran access to primary care is being developed.

### Residency Model



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