



WAIANAЕ COAST  
COMPREHENSIVE  
HEALTH CENTER

# NĀ LEI KUKUI

## NURSE PRACTITIONER RESIDENCY PROGRAM



Waianae • Kapolei • Waipahu  
*Primary Care Clinics*

### About The Program

Established in 2015, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's Na Lei Kukui Nurse Practitioner Residency Program is a **post-graduate residency program** that began to help **new family and adult nurse practitioners** expand their competency to deliver comprehensive, patient-centered primary care services. The program offers residents a **12-month, full-time salaried position working** directly with primary care providers and specialists to increase their confidence and knowledge in caring for patients – especially those with multiple chronic conditions. In addition to hands-on experience in the clinics, the residents also attend lectures on a variety of subjects that build on their current knowledge of disease processes, treatment options and medications. This innovative program is just one of the ways Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center is successfully addressing provider shortages by “growing their own healers.”

### Program Mission

The mission of the Na Lei Kukui Nurse Practitioner Program, “Lei of Enlightenment and Knowledge” is to provide new Nurse Practitioners with enhanced training and education to meet the intense and complex clinical demands of primary care within a **community health center setting**, which in turn, produces competent and confident providers able to deliver comprehensive, integrated primary care that improves health outcomes for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities as well as the health system as a whole.



### Who Can Apply

- Recent Graduates: Must be within 18 months of licensure and certification
- AANP/ANCC Certification or eligible for certification
- Hawaii RN or APRN License or eligible for license
- Due to grant funding restrictions, candidates must be a US citizen and cannot be enrolled in an academic program during the NP Residency program
- Please note: Licensing and credentialing does not need to be active at the time of the application submission. However, it is required before the start of the program year in September. The following licenses are required: APRN, DEA, and NEA

### Preferred Qualifications

- A demonstrated commitment to working in an underserved community
- Intention to work in primary care in an FQHC after residency

**Virtual Meet & Greet:  
February 16th, 2026**



**How to Apply**  
 [wcchc.com/npresidency](https://wcchc.com/npresidency)  
 [npresidency@wcchc.com](mailto:npresidency@wcchc.com)

### Program Timeline

**Application Period:**

**January 1 – April 1, 2026**

**Program Dates:**

**September 2026 – August 2027**