

APN Formation Special Interest Group

Membership: New PMHNP/students in formation

Given the plethora of online web served communities, it is noted by several of the Membership Committee that there is a lack of group mentorship that is taking higher ground of polite discourse in listserves. Often, erroneous information is propagated, causing needless distress in the young PMHAPN community at large.

Purposes:

The Membership Committee has proposed and has gained approval from the ISPN BOD to begin a Special Interest Group (SIG) that would meet online for an hour monthly, more often if requested, on the ISPN reserved line. The group will be limited to about 12. The SIG will support the professional life and reflection of new PMHAPNs by experts.

We have 5 members who are veteran PMHAPN stakeholders in this SIG who will rotate as group meeting facilitators. The SIG can accommodate up to 10 PMHAPN-in-waiting participants. We plan to begin meeting in January 2017 for one hour monthly. The SIG will tangibly support the growth and membership of new PMHAPNs by offering this group as a supervision group. It will serve as a natural gate for membership growth as well, supporting the ISPN Mentoring Initiative Navigator (IMIN) Program and strong new role model PMHAPN providers. This is separate from IMIN but can happily co-exist with or without a formal IMIN Mentor/mentee relationship. This SIG can operate symbiotically alongside IMIN.

Proposed outcomes:

- Leadership:
 - 2-5 volunteer group leaders of the SIG will facilitate meetings (2 per meeting)
 - Meeting with group as scheduled
 - Meeting monthly outside of group to field issues/opportunities
- Group members;
 - By invitation, IMIN members or strong candidates requesting supervision
 - A continuous group meeting of professional peer review/support will meet monthly, of up to 10 new (within 5 years of graduation) APNs or seniors in academic programs
 - Within 2 years, 5 of the group will ascend into ISPN leadership positions, either appointed, voted in or voluntarily sustained engagement
- All Leadership and Group Members:
 - Within 2 years, presenting at ISPN as a panel on the value of Peer Support

What the APN Formation SIG leadership requests of members:

- There will be a referral mechanism that will be rolled out prior to January.
- Be on the lookout for an invitation to refer students and fledgling PMH APNs to this SIG

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