



NASPGHAN GRADE Training Program Request for Applications

Due: May 15, 2026

Program objective and overview

NASPGHAN is launching a Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) Training Program to strengthen the Society's capacity for high-quality practice guideline development. GRADE is an internationally recognized framework that ensures guidelines are rigorous, transparent, and methodologically sound.

The program will use a train-the-trainer model, where members with prior experience in evidence synthesis and critical appraisal will be selected to participate in the International Guideline Training and Certification Program (INGUIDE). These trained members will serve as trainers, mentoring members with beginner and intermediate experience. This approach is designed to build sustainable internal expertise and support ongoing NASPGHAN practice guideline development.

Up to five members will be identified from this application process to receive Society-funded INGUIDE and GRADE training and will be expected to: (1) support the development of NASPGHAN practice guidelines over a 2–3 year period (approximately 2–3 guidelines, potentially outside their primary clinical expertise); and (2) contribute to Society education and training activities in GRADE methodology.

Application Process Overview

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a full member of NASPGHAN to be considered for the program.
- Complete the application to include:
 - Letter of Interest/Personal Statement
 - Letter of Recommendation from a Division Director/Chief, Department Chair, or Mentor
- If selected, commit to completing INGUIDE training Level 1 and 2 and support 2-3 NASPGHAN future practice guidelines.

Review Procedures

Applications will be reviewed by a Society panel comprised of leadership across multiple disciplines. Recommendations will be made to the NASPGHAN Executive Council for final review and approval. Applications will be evaluated based on level of experience, interest, commitment,

and letters of recommendation. [NASPGHAN's Conflict of Interest](#) policy and procedures will be observed by panel reviewers during the selection process. **Members will be notified by June 30th of their application decision.**

Training overview: Training course descriptions, format, and scheduling are provided below. Please consider your availability to attend training when applying.

Courses	Description	Course format	Scheduling
Course 1: Certified Guideline Panel Member	This course prepares guideline panel members to actively contribute to evidence-based guideline development. It equips learners to participate effectively in discussions, assess evidence, and make well-informed recommendations.	Online Course: 4 hours of self-paced coursework	Self-paced to be completed August 2026.
Course 2: Certified Guideline Methodologist	The course prepares guideline methodologists to understand and apply evidence-based methods to develop practice guidelines.	Online Course a: 6 hours of self-paced coursework + 12 hours instructor-led live online webinars	Mid- August, dates to be provided upon acceptance into training program.