



Spring 2021

Welcome Back!

OSCE UPDATES: Very Important!

Students currently enrolled in NURS 610 and 630 will participate. on **Friday/ Saturday/Sunday April 9th/10th/ and 11th** – **Mark your calendars to be off from 9am to 530pm Friday and Saturday & from 11am until 5pm Sunday.** There will be **8 indirect** hours towards your degree track if you are already in clinicals. **N577 Clinical Practicum: Advanced Health Assessment Students will NOT be required to attend** but can attend as an option.

What to expect at the OSCE:

1. Objective Standardized Clinical Exams will be conducted for students in clinical via a TeleHealth Zoom visit. For students in Clinical Practicums N610 & N630, you will practice on Friday. On Saturday, you will have your OSCE for the respective class: NURS 610 or NURS 630.
2. On Sunday after 11am, those students who require remediation will have your own OSCE. A faculty member will observe you and grade you.
3. There is no **Graduate Program Student Intensive (GPS-I)** on Sunday. GPS-I's will be held in the fall only.

NEXT OSCE: Fall GPS-I OSCE Onsite is October 23rd, 24th & 25th. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Advising

Please contact Drs. Marshall and or Hall for advising should you vary from your CPS.

Send an email to scruse@coloradomesa.edu with information on your advising availability and he will reach out to the available faculty member. We can review your individual CPS at that time and clarify clinical requirements due to COVID-19 if you have questions.

Group advising is available on the following Fridays February 5th, February 19th, March 5th and March 26th from 1200-1pm or 5pm to 6pm. These sessions are open but please RSVP to Steven Cruse for a Zoom link.

Faculty Meetings are still OPEN! You are welcome to attend meetings via Zoom! You can attend all or part of a meeting! RSVP to Steven Cruse if you wish to receive a Zoom invite to attend:

scruse@coloradomesa.edu

Our SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE is: January 19th, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th & May 11th at 100pm-230pm. Please RSVP to Steven Cruse. Thanks!

Graduate Advisory Board will be held virtually on April 14th, 2020 from 1215-130pm. You are welcome to attend virtually. We are asking all community members and students to complete the survey below. This helps us gather data on our program. Here is the link for the survey: https://coloradomesa.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0oVN7MbZiwlEmPz

Students on the MOVE

Congratulations to Alexia Hellman, BSN, doctoral student, who had her abstract accepted for presentation at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium in Keystone, CO July 8-11, 2021. Alexia's research is titled, *Best*

Practices for Implementing Postpartum Depression Screening & Care. This research was performed as part of her DNP scholarly project.

Congratulations to Steven Malarchick, MSN, doctoral student, who also had his abstract accepted for presentation at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium in Keystone, CO. Steven's research is titled, *Integrated Literature Review of Discharge Communication Between Acute and Primary Care Settings*. Steven's research is also part of his DNP scholarly project.

Bravo Alexa and Steven! We are proud of you!

The National Nurse Practitioner Symposium is the oldest nurse practitioner conference in the US and reaches national and international audiences. It is held annually in Keystone, CO each summer. This is the fourth consecutive year that CMU students and/or faculty have presented their original work to the nurse practitioner audience. CMU faculty encourage all nurse practitioner students to consider submission of their work to this conference. If you are interested in learning more about the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium, see [National Nurse Practitioner Symposium \(npsymposium.com\)](https://npsymposium.com).

Faculty on the MOVE

Dr. Erin Donovan is leading two quality improvement projects. First, Dr. Donovan is project facilitator for an evaluation of DNP scholarly projects. Second, Dr. Donovan is evaluating the use of tabletop exercises in graduate nursing education. She is currently working with Lynn Duncan regarding Faculty Development in Nursing Simulation as a quality improvement project. She has submitted two abstracts to the Nurse Educator Conference (NEC) of the Rockies for presentation in July 2021. Students wanting to learn more about NEC can visit [About NEC | nec-in-the-rockies](#). Finally, Lynn Duncan and Dr. Donovan have submitted an abstract for a podium presentation to discuss barriers for simulation training, strengths of faculty and opportunities to improve the quality of simulation at the Colorado Simulation Collaborative in August 2021. Students wanting to learn more about Colorado Simulation Collaborative can visit [Colorado Simulation Collaborative](#).

Dr. Lucy Graham has been busy leading CMU's COVID19 testing site where she is mentoring undergraduate nursing students to perform COVID19 testing. She also serves as CMU's Director of Nursing Education Programs. Dr. Graham recently published an article titled, "Nursing considerations for patients with HIV in critical care settings" in AACN's *Advanced Critical Care*.

Dr. Kathleen Hall recently published an article in *New Directions*, a publication of the National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence (NHCGNE). She was also awarded the title of Distinguished Educator in Gerontological Nursing by NHCGNE. Students interested in gerontological nursing who want to learn more about NHCGNE can learn more at [Who We Are | About NHCGNE | NHCGNE](#). She is also working with Drs. Donovan and Holvoet on an evaluation of DNP projects and with Dr. Donovan on the use of tabletop exercises in graduate nursing education.

Dr. Janice Holvoet is working with Drs. Donovan and Hall to evaluate DNP scholarly projects. She also serves as the program coordinator for CMU's RN to BSN program.

Dr. Bridget Marshall co-authored the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) position statement on *The Identification and Prevention of Overweight and Obesity in the Pediatric Population*, (currently under review).