

Graduate Nursing Program News

Fall 2018

Accreditation:

We are preparing for a site visit by our accrediting body, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, scheduled for September 12 through September 14, 2018.

Student lunch with accreditors (and NO faculty) is scheduled September 12th. Please RSVP to Renae Phillips by September 10th. rdphilli@coloradomesa.edu

Our accreditation team below: Drs. Graham, Holvoet, Hall and Marshall (left to right).



Professional Development:

Several graduate students as well as Drs. Marshall and Hall attended the **National Nurse Practitioner Symposium** held in Keystone, Colorado July 19 through July 22, 2018. Students reported that it was a great experience. Some students also attended the National American Academy of Nurse Practitioners conference held in Denver this year. The conferences are an excellent way to connect, network and learn new skills!

Graduate Program Student Orientation (GPS-O) & Graduate Program Student–Intensives (GPS-I): **Cancelled!** UPDATES to follow for the next GPS-I and orientation (after the site visit).

Graduate Faculty Meetings: **Date & Time changes!**

Graduate faculty meetings are **OPEN! Every Friday afternoon from 230 to 330PM!** Do you want to provide a suggestion or seek/provide input to the faculty? Students who wish to attend graduate faculty meetings are welcome! You can attend in person or via ZOOM. **Please RSVP to Dr. Bridget Marshall** at brmarshall@coloradomesa.edu if you wish to attend a meeting.

New Faculty:

CMU welcomes **Erin Donovan Ed.D. (c), MSN, RN** to the Department of Health Sciences. See Ms. Donovan's profile at: <https://www.coloradomesa.edu/directory/health-sciences/erin-donovan.html> Ms. Donovan comes to CMU from Nebraska Wesleyan University. In her words:

I began my career at CMU in Fall 2018, but I have been teaching full-time for just under 3-years. I have taught in both graduate and undergraduate programs. Prior to teaching full-time, I taught adjunct in Practical Nursing and BSN programs, while working full-time at a critical access hospital.

I believe inspiring and encouraging students will enhance learning and create an atmosphere where academic excellence, scholarship, and leadership will attribute to personal and professional growth. I believe it is important to allow students an opportunity to take a role in their own learning where students are able to utilize their own previous knowledge, experiences, and current interests to facilitate learning opportunities for everyone.

I am teaching in both the undergraduate and graduate programs. My interests include research related to professional role socialization processes in nursing curriculum's in preparation for students transition to practice, leadership, and education. When I am not teaching, I enjoy crocheting, camping, spending time with my family, and baking.

We also **welcome Dr. Stacie Schreiner**, a graduate from CMU! Dr. Stacie Schreiner received her BSN from Mesa State College (CMU) after coming here from North Dakota to play basketball for the MAVS. Since then she has been a pediatric nurse for the majority of her career. This has included being a staff nurse, charge, nurse educator/manager. She received her MSN-Ed from Colorado Mesa University as well as her DNP, FNP. She is board certified as a FNP and is not only teaching here at CMU, but also has a specialty practice at Children's Hospital Colorado.

She started teaching for CMU in 2013, took a small break to dive into clinical practice, and has recently returned. In addition to teaching at CMU, she is also an Instructor for CU School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Section of Nutrition. As a part of that role she is the Director for the Lifestyle Medicine Program, which is a multidisciplinary clinic treating severely obese children and the associated co-morbid conditions.

When she is not teaching or in clinic you will find her chasing her two boys that are 11 and 7 around with her husband in the mountains. She loves exploring in the Colorado high country and finds great challenges and renewal in trail running and mountain biking. However she is not picky, just loves being out in nature.

Dr. Schreiner is teaching in both the BSN and the graduate program this year.

Faculty on the Move:

Dr. Ann Cox is currently working as a nurse practitioner at Mind Springs. Her work includes the development of medication assisted therapy (MAT) for individuals with opiate use disorders. The MAT program is a harm reduction model through the use of suboxone therapy.

Dr. Lucy Graham has a busy fall presenting about past and future research related to care for people living with HIV who reside in rural areas. She will present at the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science in Washington, DC, the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care national conference in Denver, Colorado, and then heads back to Washington, DC in December for the Ryan White All Grantee Meeting. She is continuing to look for funding for a study testing a mindfulness intervention for people living with HIV who have fatigue.

Dr. Kathleen Hall has established health promotion clinics with Grand Junction Housing Authority. These clinics provide health screening and referral for senior housing residents and may also serve as clinical sites for nurse practitioner students needing clinical hours working with older adults. She also continues her work with cancer survivorship, having authored chapters for the latest edition of *Cancer Survivorship: Transdisciplinary, Patient-Centered Approaches to the Seasons of Survival*, a publication of the Oncology Nursing Society. Currently, Dr. Hall is working on a community-based frailty grant to measure frailty in long term care and home health populations.

Dr. Janice Holvoet is serving as the program coordinator of the RN to BSN program at CMU in addition to her teaching responsibilities in the graduate nursing program. Dr. Holvoet worked over the summer with graduate program faculty to prepare for the graduate program's accreditation visit during the fall of 2018. We are thankful for her mentorship during that process.

Dr. Bridget Marshall, along with the multidisciplinary team, had an interview with the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars selection committee in May. Unfortunately, their team was not selected (this year!). Along with the *Child Maltreatment and Neglect team* from NAPNAP, they submitted a white paper that is in review on *Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children*. She hosted a family reunion this summer in between working on accreditation!