



**Faculty Meetings are OPEN! You are welcome to attend meetings via Zoom! You can attend all or part of a meeting! Just RSVP!**

Email Renae Phillips if you wish to receive a Zoom invite at [rdphilli@coloradomesa.edu](mailto:rdphilli@coloradomesa.edu)

Dates for meetings this fall from 1PM to 230PM:

**9/17; 10/1; 10/15; 10/29; 11/12; 12/3; 12/17**

### **Students on the move!**

Dr. Megan McClintock's & Dr. Michelle McDermott both presented their DNP Scholarly Projects as a poster presentation for the National Nurse Practitioner program in Keystone, Colorado this past summer.



**Student Updates: New Clinical Coordinator! Steven Cruse is our new clinical placement coordinator!**



Steven grew up in The Grand Valley and graduated from CMU (back when it was MSC!). He comes back to Grand Junction after over 6 years of working for the Family Medicine Dept, at CU Anschutz. His role at DHS is to take over administration for all things myClinicalExchange, Typhon, Graduate Nursing Programs and all clinical placement site affiliation agreements. Steven is *very* excited to be living in the Grand Valley again and be working for his alma mater. There are many interesting things about Steven, but one example is that he volunteers as an on-air programmer (DJ) for local Community Radio Station KAFM 88.1. Stop by his office and talk about music (or art, or travel, or food!).

### **Typhon account updates:**

**Students are expected to upload their immunizations, current CPR, license information and HIPPA (most recent) training to Typhon!**

If you are starting clinical rotations, you are required to sign up for a Typhon account. Clinical hours are tracked on Typhon. Information for Typhon is at this site: <https://www.typhongroup.com/>



### Student Q & A:

**This section is for student questions. Send Dr. Marshall or Hall a question. We will try to obtain an answer & post it here!**

#### 1. Why did tuition increase dramatically a little over a year ago?

From the office of the VP of graduate studies:

*For several years CMU's graduate program tuition had remained flat without any increases. The increase in tuition is to accommodate general cost growth over time. Graduate tuition at CMU is still competitive and below the average cost for graduate tuition rates per credit hour.*

#### 2. What is MedChallenger and why are you requiring it?

As faculty, we are looking out for your best interest in succeeding on board certifying exams. Content experts who are trained in writing test questions populate questions on an ongoing basis for MedChallenger. Faculty trialed several programs to select a platform that had: up to date questions and tech support for students. MedChallenger has a proven track record for providing questions that are consistent with board certification exams.

#### 3. Did you know? **You are responsible for paperwork for your INTENT to Graduate! Information** can be found at the website: <https://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>

Submit the Intent to Graduate forms to the Registrar's Office **by March 1<sup>st</sup>** for Summer and December graduates and **October 1<sup>st</sup>** for May graduates. SEE: <https://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>

4. **Why does TYPHON ask for HIPPA certificates?** Along with immunizations, license info, NP student malpractice, and CPR in Typhon we now will require that you have some training in HIPPA. You are responsible for uploading and maintaining the information in Typhon for the clinical faculty. Should we find that information is not current, you will be asked not to start clinical until it is updated.



**Scholarship MONEY! Information below on scholarship \$\$\$\$**

#### **Colorado Nurses Foundation Scholarship Program Student Scholarships**

Applications Open **Sept. 1, 2019**. Scholarships will be awarded for the first semester or quarter of 2020. SEE the CNF website at: <https://www.coloradonursesfoundation.com/scholarships-2019>

#### **Peak Vista Primary Care Fellowship:**

Five positions available each year for a one-year fellowship post graduation. Contact Krystal DeGraffe at (719) 344-6194 or email her at [krystal.degraffe@peakvista.org](mailto:krystal.degraffe@peakvista.org)

#### **Scholarship funds for graduate nursing students from the following organizations: PEO Scholarships:**

P.E.O. Scholars Award (PSA) program, established in 1991, provides for educational awards (currently \$15,000) for women who are pursuing a doctoral degree at an accredited university. Eligibility for the PSA includes

being within two years of completing their doctoral degree and have one full academic year of work remaining at the time the award payment is made (August 1<sup>st</sup>). You must be enrolled full-time. Selection criteria can be obtained from Dr. Marshall at [brmarshall@coloradomesa.edu](mailto:brmarshall@coloradomesa.edu)

**Nominations will be open next fall from August 20<sup>th</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### **OSCE's (Observed Standardized Clinical Exams) & GPS-I (Graduate Program Student / Skills – Intensive)**

**Mark your calendar now! December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**

**OSCEs** are required for students in didactic-clinical pairings once a semester. These skills days will include live standardized patients (physician assistant students) and simulation opportunities. The agenda will be forthcoming.

**GPS – Intensives Orientation:** At the request of students, we have opportunities for students who have begun the program or prior to beginning their clinical courses. The GPSI can be attended face to face or via web conferencing - Zoom. This is an opportunity to meet your cohort face to face! We strongly suggest you attend – either virtually or face to face – especially if you have questions about expectations in the program.

Once you receive the agenda for the GPSI -please **RSVP** to Dr. Bridget Marshall to participate:

[brmarshall@coloradomesa.edu](mailto:brmarshall@coloradomesa.edu)



## **Faculty on the Move**

**Dr. Kathleen Hall** together with her collaborative physician, Dr. Paula Marchionda MD, presented at the 2019 National Nurse Practitioner Symposium on cancer survivorship guidelines for primary care. Drs. Hall and Marchionda also contributed to the Oncology Nursing Society's new text on cancer survivorship called *Cancer Survivorship: Interprofessional, Patient-Centered Approaches to the Seasons of Survival*. The text should be available fall of 2019.

**Dr. Ann Cox** presented a podium presentation at the NAPCRG Practice-Based Research Network Conference in Bethesda, Maryland, June 2019 on *Development of a Hub and Spoke Model of Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) in Rural Communities of Western Colorado for Patients with Opiate Use Disorder (OUD)*. Additionally, Dr. Cox presented a poster on the Hub and Spoke Model in Rural Communities for Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) at the 2019 National Nurse Practitioner Symposium

**Dr. Stacie Schreiner** will be expanding her clinical practice to western Colorado. Lifestyle Medicine will be available as Children's Hospital Colorado outreach clinic in Grand Junction this coming fall.

**Dr. Erin Donovan** has been working with our community agency partners, Sigma-Nu Kappa Chapter, and CMU to promote a Research and Evidence-Based Practice Poster Event. In spring 2019, over 70 people were in attendance with 27 posters presented. Posters were presented from St. Mary's Medical Center, CMU Undergraduate and Graduate Students, and CMU Faculty. This fall's event is November 11 from 4pm-6pm in the Department of Health Science Building.

**Dr. Bridget Marshall** received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor at CMU beginning academic year 2019-20.