

Graduate Nursing Program News Summer 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. We invite students and community members to participate with us in our accreditation process. Students are needed for the accreditors to interview. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dr. Marshall at brmarshall@coloradomesa.edu

Professional Development:

Nursing faculty and graduate students are also planning to attend the **National Nurse Practitioner Symposium** being held in Keystone, Colorado July 19 through July 22, 2018. Symposium information and registration information can be found at <http://npsymposium.com/>. Hope to see you all there!

Graduate Program Student Orientation (GPS-O):

If you are a new graduate student, or a continuing student it is recommended that you attend orientation, preferably once a year. The next orientation will be held on **September 27, 2018**. RSVP to Dr. Marshall at brmarshall@coloradomesa.edu

Graduate Program Student–Intensives (GPS-I):

GPS Intensives are for students who have begun or are just beginning their clinical courses at the 600 level. RSVP is required. The next GPS-I on obstetrics will be held on **September 28, 2018**. Space is limited. RSVP to Dr. Bridget Marshall at brmarshall@coloradomesa.edu

Graduate Faculty Meetings:

Graduate faculty meetings are **OPEN!** Do you want to see what graduate faculty discuss at a graduate faculty meeting? 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. Marshall at brmarshall@coloradomesa.edu if you wish to attend a meeting. Our meetings are scheduled for students to attend from 1 to 2 pm for the following dates:

- August 14th & 28th
- September 11th & 25th
- September 12th, 13th & 14th CCNE site visit
- October 9th & 23rd
- October 17th Grad Advisory Board luncheon
- November 23rd & 27th
- December 11th (finals week)

New Faculty:

CMU welcomes **Erin Donovan Ed.D. (c), MSN, RN** to the Department of Health Sciences. Erin comes to CMU from Nebraska Wesleyan University. Her areas of expertise include rural nursing, quality improvement, and professional communication. Erin will be teaching in both graduate and undergraduate nursing programs starting fall 2018.

Leadership Changes:

Bette Schans PhD, RT (R), FASRT was appointed interim department head spring 2018. Dr. Schans began at CMU in 1994 as an Assistant Professor and Program Director for Radiologic Technology. In her role as Program Director, a role she served in for 18 years, she was responsible for accreditation actions for the JRCERT. Dr. Schans has presented (locally, regionally, nationally, internationally), published, and served in leadership roles associated with her radiologic technology expertise. She was the Director of Assessment and Accreditation Support for CMU from 2012 to 2018. She was awarded Emeritus Professor status in 2016. Dr. Schans earned her Ph.D. in Education and Human Resources Studies from Colorado State University; her M.S. in Management and Organization from the University of Colorado – Denver; her B.S. in Health Care Management from Metropolitan State College in Denver, and her A.A.S. in Radiologic Technology from the Community College of Denver. Dr. Schans will serve in this current position until a new DH is hired. Recruitment for a new DH began summer 2018.

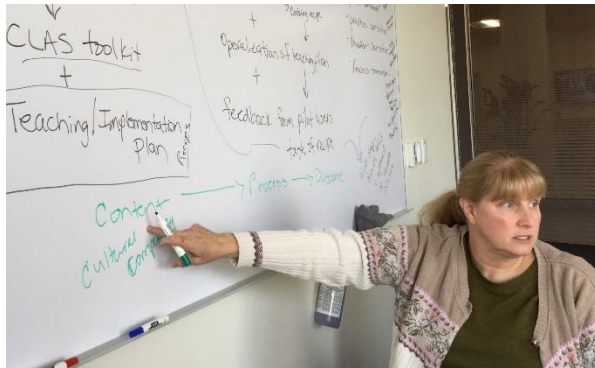


Lucy Graham, PhD, MPH, RN was appointed Director of Nursing Education Programs in June 2018. In this role, she oversees all nursing programs. She is an assistant professor of nursing since 2016 and teaches in both the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. Dr. Graham is waiting to hear if she, along with colleagues from the University of Colorado, will be awarded funding from the National Institute of Nursing Research branch of the National Institutes of Health for a pilot project that would test a mindfulness-based intervention to help people living HIV who suffer from fatigue and other symptoms. Additionally, one of her publications, a book review from 2016, was recently selected as one of 38 manuscripts out of over 500 to be republished in celebration of 10 years of partnership between *Creative Nursing: A Journal of Values, Issues, Experience, and Collaboration* and Springer Publishing Company.

Faculty on the Move:

Dr. Ann Cox has more than fifteen years of experience as a family nurse practitioner (FNP) and six years as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. She is passionate about helping the underserved and uninsured in her community. Cox's teaching philosophy is to allow the students

to share in the learning process in her courses. Additionally, she believes it is important to help students decrease stress over learning because most learning happens when the student is relaxed and can absorb the material in the course. Finding creative ways to engage students in online courses with others in the course is one of her favorite things to do. Cox has a special interest in helping to prevent the deaths related to the opiate crisis. She is currently helping to develop a medication assisted therapy (MAT) program and is writing a scholarly article on the development of this project. During her time off, she enjoys hiking, interior decorating, gardening/landscaping, and spending time with her grandson.



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.

Dr. Janice Holvoet coordinates CMU's online RN-BSN accelerated program and teaches in the graduate program. Janice completed her Ph.D. in *Education* with an emphasis in *E-learning and Educational Technologies* from Northcentral University. Her dissertation is titled *E-learning and the Meaning of Resistance-Acceptance: A Post-Intentional Phenomenological Study of Nursing Faculty in Pre-licensure Education*. Janice completed her Master's Degree in Nursing through the University of Colorado and is an APRN—Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) with a focus in Adult Critical Care. Her thesis research titled *Ventilator Weaning in the Critical Care Patient* was presented at the American Thoracic Convention in Cincinnati. Janice has held a Critical Care Certification (CCRN) for over 20 years and brings 35+ years of nursing expertise to her current position here at CMU. Janice is married and lives on the western slope of Colorado. She has three grown children and one grandchild.

Dr. Bridget Marshall and her National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) colleagues are authoring a chapter of a text titled *Effective Approaches to Reducing Physical Punishment and Teaching Disciplinary Alternatives: A Guide for Clinicians, Practitioners and Policymakers* to be tentatively published by the American Psychology Association in a year. Dr. Marshall is a member of an interdisciplinary team that is in the final round of interviews for a *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Clinical Scholars* grant. She is also working on a commercial sexual exploitation position statement with the Child Maltreatment and Neglect special interest group (SIG) of NAPNAP. She continues to practice as a pediatric nurse practitioner one day a week at the Pediatric Associates in Montrose.