



Graduate Nursing Program News Fall 2023



We hope your semester is off to a great start!

Mark Your Calendars

Faculty Meetings are OPEN for students to attend. You are welcome to attend all or part of a meeting in person or via zoom. RSVP to Steven Cruse if you wish to receive a Zoom invite to attend: scruse@coloradomesa.edu

Our Fall MEETING SCHEDULE dates are: 9/19th, 10/17, 11/28, 12/12. All meeting times are 130 pm to 300 pm except where noted.

IMPORTANT *Save the Dates:*

September 20th

The Graduate Advisory Board will be held September 20th, 1215-130pm on Zoom/ In Person HS 130. Students are welcome to attend!

Topic: CMU Graduate Nursing Fall 2023 Advisory Board Meeting

Time: Sep 20, 2023, 12:15 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://coloradomesa.zoom.us/j/99316146872>

November 2nd & 3rd

Objective Standardized Clinical Exams (OSCEs) will be held November 2nd & 3rd. OSCEs will be in Telehealth format. You are asked to attend from ~ 9am to ~500 pm. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. OSCEs will be conducted for students in clinical practicums *only*. If you are not currently enrolled in NURS 620 or NURS 640, you are not expected to attend OSCEs. Students enrolled in NURS 615 will participate in tabletop exercises in lieu of OSCEs. Detailed information will be provided by your instructors as the time gets closer. You may claim *indirect* hours for your participation in OSCEs or tabletop exercises. Note that indirect hours are in addition to the *direct care* hours you must earn to confer your degree.

November 14th 10am-3pm MSN-FNP Defense Presentations (open to public)

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner and Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner graduates (cohort Fall '23) will be presenting their final Capstone projects. More information to come on specific presentations...mark your calendars now! The zoom link for these defenses is here: Join ZOOM: <https://coloradomesa.zoom.us/j/93910448563>

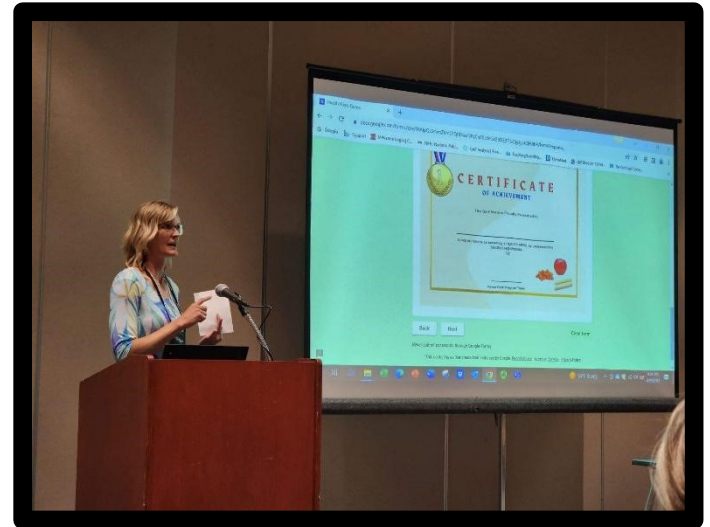
Students on the Move

Congratulations! Jodi Miller MSN RN, Natalie Smith MSN RN, & Kendra Decker MSN, FNP-BC presented at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium in Keystone this past July. Along with Drs. Hall, Marshall, and Schreiner, Ms. Miller and Ms. Smith's presentation was titled *Evaluation and Treatment of Pediatric Obesity*. The five presenters covered different components of the topic. Dr. Marshall presented the evaluation of a pediatric patient using the new American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines. Dr. Schreiner covered medication recommendations for treatment of pediatric obesity. Ms. Miller presented her integrated literature review to create a tool for evaluation of outcome measures in a pediatric obesity practice. Dr. Hall presented transcultural perspectives of behavior change predicated on an etic or emic approach (Spiers, J. 2000). Ms. Smith presented an educational

electronic escape room based on Possible Selves (Markus, H. & Nurius, P.1986). The presentation was received with enthusiasm!



**Natalie Smith MSN RN*



**Jodi Miller MSN RN*



Left to right: Dr. Hall, Natalie Smith MSN, Jodi Miller MSN, Dr. Marshall & Dr. Schreiner

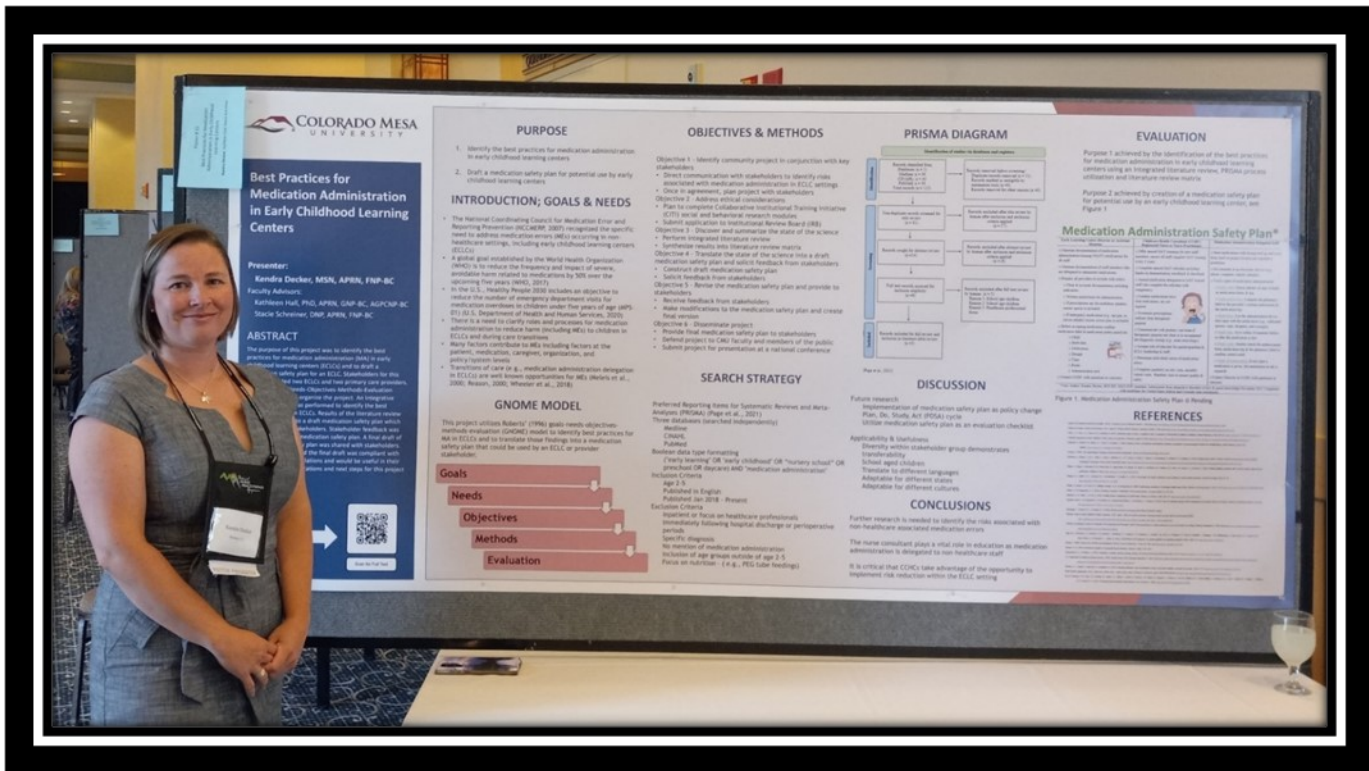
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Kendra Decker MSN, FNP-BC presented a poster of her capstone project titled *Best Practices for Medication Administration in Early Childhood Learning Centers*. Ms. Decker is a fall 2022 graduate of the MSN-FNP program. Congratulations!



Kendra Decker, MSN FNP-BC

The National Nurse Practitioner (NP) 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 **sixth** 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 submit their work to this conference. If you are interested in learning more about the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium, see [National Nurse Practitioner Symposium \(npsymposium.com\)](http://npsymposium.com).

Faculty on the Move

Dr. Erin Donovan presented *Civil Discourse: The Art of Respectful Conversations* at the Nurse Educator of the Rockies conference in July. She was recently selected to serve on AACN's Diversity Equity Inclusion Leadership Network Communication Committee. Dr. Donovan is currently revising an article titled *Civil Discourse as a Teaching Strategy in Nursing* that was accepted for publication in the Nurse Educator journal. Plus, she has submitted a short contribution piece for a nursing education textbook that is currently being written.

Dr. Kathleen Hall is currently the principal investigator on two projects, one focusing on teaching health policy in graduate nursing, and another focusing on interdisciplinary learning in graduate nursing. Additionally, she, along with Eileen Woolwine MSN, RN, published an article, Ossification of the Posterior Longitudinal Ligament (OPLL) in *The Clinical Advisor*. Dr. Hall and Ms. Woolwine also presented on OPLL at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium in July. Dr. Hall authored a clinical exemplar on cultural frame switching which will be published in *Community and Public Health Nursing (11th edition)*. She and Mary Jo Stanley, PhD, RN, CNE, have authored a scoping review of a nursing education model which has been submitted to *Journal of Nursing Education*.

Dr. Bridget Marshall submitted a grant application to the Colorado Practice-based Health Education (PBHE) grant program for acquisition of telehealth equipment. If funds are provided, the equipment will be housed in the Pathways clinic that serves people experiencing homelessness. Distance NP students will be afforded opportunities to conduct telehealth visits with this unique population. Dr. Marshall is working on a manuscript to share her sabbatical outcomes from her evaluation of the pediatric obesity evaluation and treatment program embedded within a private practice. She has been accepted for a podium presentation to share information about the pediatric obesity evaluation and treatment program to the *Collaborative Family Health Association (CFHA)* at their national conference in Phoenix in October.

Dr. Jennifer McClendon

Dr. Jennifer McClendon received her DNP from Texas Christian University and her Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) from Harris Scholl of Nurse anesthesia. She has taught at Texas Woman's University, University of Texas at Arlington, and Texas Christian University and currently teaches across programs in the associate degree nursing program. She looks forward to teaching Advanced Pharmacology in the spring for graduate nursing students. Dr. McClendon uses the active learning approach that incorporates team-based learning and the following active learning strategies: assignments, quizzes, exams, and evaluations. These are designed to facilitate the students' development of higher-order thinking skills and apply the principles and generalizations to new problems. McClendon ascribed to the social cognitive theory in her teaching philosophy and believes that learning is highly context dependent and occurs in environments that include social aspects, which involve classrooms, other students, and groups.

Dr. Karen Urban will be attending the ACG Endoscopy School & ACG/VGS/ODSGNA Regional Postgraduate Course in Williamsburg VA this fall to become certified in providing endoscopies.

Best wishes for a great fall semester!

Mr. Cruse & Drs. Donovan, Graham, Hall, Marshall, McClendon, Schreiner, & Urban