



Graduate Nursing Program News *Fall 2022*

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:

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Our Fall MEETING SCHEDULE dates are: 9/20 [STRATEGIC PLANNING – long meeting] 10am-2pm; 8/23; 10/10 & 12/13. All meeting times are 1pm to 230 pm except where noted.

IMPORTANT *Save the Dates:*

August 15th Graduate Program Orientation 8am-4pm. In person and via zoom. Sessions will be recorded.

Nov. 2nd

The **Graduate Advisory Board** will be held **Nov 2nd from 1215-130pm** on Zoom/ In Person HS 130. Students are welcome to attend!

Topic: CMU Graduate Advisory Board Meeting - Fall 2022

Time: Nov 2, 2022 12:15 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://coloradomesa.zoom.us/j/95707012647>

Meeting ID: 957 0701 2647

Nov. 10th & 11th

Objective Standardized Clinical Exams (OSCEs) will be held November 10 & 11. OSCEs will be in **Telehealth** format. You are asked to attend from ~ 9am to ~500 pm. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW.** What to expect: **Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCEs)** will be conducted for students in clinical practicums. There will be **8 indirect** hours towards your degree track for attendance.

November 15th 10am-3pm MSN-FNP Defense Presentations (open to public)

Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner graduates (cohort Fall '22) will be presenting their final Capstone Projects. More information to come on specific presentations...mark your calendars now!

Clinical Placement Coordinator News - Mr. Steven Cruse

Covid Guidelines for clinical sites-> vaccine status onus is on students

The Mesa County Health Department now has the NOVAVAX COVID-19 vaccination available. NOVAVAX differs from other vaccinations as it is a protein based vaccination (no MRNA's involved). NOVAVAX is recognized by the CDC as a viable vaccination for COVID 19 (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html?s_cid=11758:novavax%20covid%20vaccine.sem.ga:p:RG:GM:gen:PTN:FY22), is a two series vaccination and has booster shot capability. NOVAVAX should not be used as a booster for persons that have already started their vaccination series with a different type/brand of vaccination. St. Mary's, Community, The VA, Valley View and Delta Health Hospitals have all confirmed that they will accept NOVAVAX vaccinated students and faculty.

Students on the Move

Congratulations to Taylor Evans (DNP FNP F25) Tarah Fron,(DNP FNP F25) Jodi Miller (MSN NE cohort Sp23), and Ryleigh McCoy (MSN FNP F25) for being accepted to the 29th National Evidence-Based Practice Conference for their poster and oral presentations. Abstracts underwent blind reviews and projects were selected based on their scientific merit. Way to go!!! To register or see the agenda please visit their website: https://whova.com/web/nepc_202204/

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 **fifth** 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 \(npsymposium.com\)](http://npsymposium.com).

Congratulations to the following DNP students & all four MSN graduates who underwent peer review for their abstracts that were accepted as poster presentations at the National NP Symposium:

DNP graduates (DNP, FNP cohort spring "22)

The two Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students presented at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium in July are:

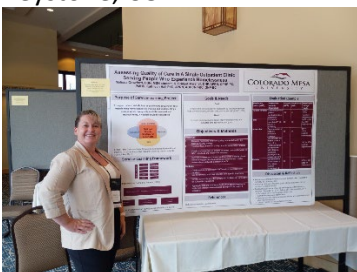
Whitney Mick who presented *Process Improvement Strategies to Improve Reporting of Critical Patient Data*.

Patrick Oglesby presented *Best Practices for Identification and Engagement of Patients for Chronic Care Management*.



MSN graduates

New MSN graduate, Melissa Crawford FNP-C, presenting her capstone project titled "Assessing quality of care in a single outpatient clinic serving people who experience homelessness" at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium in Keystone, CO



Three additional MSN students also presenting their capstone projects at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium.

Increasing the Capacity of a Stakeholder to Prevent Falls in a Rural Primary Care Clinic

Tawney Rueter, MSN, RN

Provider Self-Efficacy in Management of the Hearing Impaired Adult

Joel Smith, MSN, APRN

Addressing Self-Efficacy in a Stakeholder for the Management of Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

Husam Salih, MSN, RN

DNP Student Tarah Fron (DNP FNP “25) has submitted a poster abstract to the National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence titled “Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care for the Older Adult: An Integrated Review”. It is a Leadership Virtual Conference October 18-20, 2022. For more information, go to this site <https://www.nhcgne.org/community/leadership-conference/2022-leadership-conference>. Great job Tarah!

Faculty on the Move

Dr. Erin Donovan has accepted the position of CMU’s Director of Nursing Education Programs (DNEP). We are excited to have her expertise leading our team. Congratulations!!

Dr. Donovan also wrote a Featured Article titled Respectful Conversations About Race: It is Not If, But When for AACN’s Diversity & Inclusion Newsletter, Diversity Digest Newsletter: Summer 2022. It was published July 26, 2022.

In collaboration with Lynn Duncan, Megan Radloff, and Brady Russell, she has submitted an article related to high-quality simulation that is currently in the peer review process.

Dr. Donovan also took the Certified Nurse Educator exam and passed! We are so proud to have a new CNE leading our nursing programs!

Dr. Lucy Graham has accepted the position of Director of the Department of Health Sciences. She will provide amazing leadership to all programs across the department. Congratulations!!

Dr. Graham also was awarded the **Nightingale Award for Innovation in Administration, Education, Research and/or Nontraditional Nursing Practice: See below for details!!**

- **Lucy Graham, RN, PhD:** Western Colorado faces significant challenges caring for vulnerable populations, particularly the homeless. Lucy obtained a grant to establish a nurse-led wellness center that encompasses behavioral health on site in a new women and family homeless shelter. Barriers to care were reduced for a population that struggles with transportation, trust, stigma, mental illness, substance abuse and other chronic problems. Through her innovative work, men, women, teens and children struggling with homelessness can now access behaviorally integrated primary care in an environment that is known, safe and trusted. In addition, nursing, social work, psychology, and physician assistant students are receiving training in nurse led innovative care delivery and students are being recruited and retained into a much-needed workforce.

Dr. Graham has also been busy working on scholarship this year. She has 2 accepted articles for publication: Graham, L.J., & Emerson, K. (in press). An innovative academic-practice partnership using simulation to provide end-of-life education for undergraduate nursing students in rural settings. *Nursing Education Perspectives*.

Jaenisch, T., Lamb, M. M., Gallichotte, E., Henry, C., Riess, J., Coburn, C., James, S., Graham, L., Spencer, J., Zabel, M., Fox, P., Pluss, O., Winstanley, G., Olson, D., Berman, S., Ebel, G., & Chu, M. (2022). *Investigating transmission of the SARS-COV-2 using novel face mask sampling: A protocol for an observational prospective study of index cases and their contacts in a congregant setting* [Manuscript submitted for publication].

Dr. Bridget Marshall is currently on sabbatical. She is working on evaluation and enhancement of a pediatric obesity treatment program housed within a rural primary care pediatric clinic.

The project has three aims: 1. evaluate the point-of-care pediatric patient treatment outcomes; 2. assess community resources to enhance treatment for patients in the weight wellness program; 3. create sustainability for an innovative model of health care. Dr. Marshall will return to her faculty role in the spring semester of 2023.

Dr. Kathleen Hall and Dr. Karen Urban are preparing a manuscript for publication to the journal, *Public Health Nursing*, on using the American Legislative Exchange (ALEC) model to teach health policy to graduate nursing students. They expect to complete this submission fall 2022.

Dr. Urban is also attending the 23rd annual Virginia Postgraduate Course in Gastroenterology September 9-11, 2022. The meeting is co-sponsored by The Virginia Gastroenterological Society, the Old Dominion Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, and the American College of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Stacie Schreiner is moving into to the role of co-coordinator of the Graduate Nursing Programs this semester alongside of Dr. Hall. She is also starting new original research with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus that just received COMIRB approval with PI Elizabeth Ruzicka, PhD doing a Retrospective Review of the Lifestyle Medicine Program at Children's Hospital Colorado 2009-2021. Primary goal of the review will be to evaluate if the addition of psychology visits were associated with health outcomes for these patients.

Best wishes for a great fall semester!

Mr. Cruse & Drs. Donovan, Hall, Marshall, Nolan, Schreiner, & Urban