

GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM **NEWS**

Summer 2026



**MOSS SCHOOL
OF NURSING**

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM ...

Colorado Mesa University (CMU) offers Master of Science in Nursing degrees in family nurse practitioner (FNP) and adult-gerontology nurse practitioner (AGNP) tracks. CMU also offers a Doctor of Nursing Practice FNP. The CMU graduate nursing program is focused on the care of rural and underserved populations. Courses in our curriculum include primary care across the lifespan, mental and behavior health, and a rural and underserved capstone. CMU boasts relatively small class sizes, allowing students to have meaningful interactions with peers and course faculty. CMU graduates also perform at or above the national average for nurse practitioner certification pass rates.

Welcome to our Summer 2026 newsletter!

As the days grow longer and the pace of the season shifts, we're excited to reconnect with our Graduate students. Summer is filled with both opportunities to recharge and moments to refocus on your academic and clinical goals. This season offers a chance to reflect on your progress and prepare for what's ahead. In this issue, you'll find important updates, helpful resources, student highlights, and tips to keep you motivated and thriving throughout the summer months.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nurse Educator Conference in the Rockies 2026

Beaver Run Resort
Breckenridge, CO
June 22-26, 2026

National Nurse Practitioners Symposium 2026

Keystone Conference Center
633 Tennis Club Road
Dillon, CO 80435
July 14 - July 18, 2026

Stronger Together: Public Health in the Heart of the Rockies 2026

Keystone Conference Center
Dillon, CO
Sept. 22 -24, 2026

Fall OSCES & GPS for students in NURS610, 615, & 620 are planned for week 16 of the fall semester (via Zoom).

Fall Faculty Meetings: You are all welcome to attend all or part of a meeting in person (DHS conference room) or virtually (via Zoom).

Tuesdays: 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1/2026 (3-4:30 pm MST)
RSVP to Mr. Cruse if you wish to attend

Summer Classes end July 16, 2026

Fall Classes start August 18, 2026

ADVISING & ADMINISTRATION

Please contact your assigned advisor should you vary from your plan of study (previous course progression sheet).

- Dr. Urban will advise MSN-FNP students
- Dr. Hall will advise all AGNP and NE students.
- Dr. Marshall will advise DNP students.
- Steven Cruse continues as our clinical placement coordinator

Typhon documentation must be up to date prior to being provided course overrides.

OSCES Spring 2026!



**Congratulations to Justin Lenk (AGNP student) and his wife!
Xochitl Marie Cervantes-Lenk (6 lb 3 ounces); What a bundle of joy!**



Welcome to the newly admitted DNP, MSN-FNP, and MSN AGNP students who begin the next exciting chapter of their nursing journey! We are thrilled to welcome our largest cohort (22!) starting this summer!

Thank you to our current students who spread the word about our program!

The latest round of school rankings from [RegisteredNursing.org](https://www.registerednursing.org) put **Colorado Mesa University's graduate nursing program** at the **THIRD best for Family Nurse Practitioners in the state earlier this month**, beating out larger schools like the University of Colorado Denver (5) and CU-Colorado Springs (7). In the same week, CMU was named the No. 3 Nurse Practitioner program in the state by [AllNurses](https://www.allnurses.com), another group that evaluates schools for the profession.

Finally: Watch for a new marketing campaign in the fall for our graduate nursing program.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER BREAK (& SEMESTER)!

Mr. Cruise, Mr. Craft, and Drs. Donovan, Eyre, Hall, Marshall, Ridgway, Stanley, and Urban



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Congratulations to our most recent MSN FNP Graduates!

Spring Grads:

Kelly Harmelink & Margot Walters

Summer Grad: Maya Lindgren

Congratulations to Katie Lawrence who will present her Poster at the NNPS 2026!

Open Evidence (OE) has become a popular AI reference tool in many clinical contexts. Despite widespread use, concerns have been raised about the transparency, bias and oversimplification of OE content. In a recent study, OE was found to have low average accuracy ratings (31% for the default quick search and 40% for the “Deep Consult” mode). The authors of this study note that OE searches “may be better suited for general medical inquiries,” and “its suitability for subspecialty questions is unclear” (Jagarapu, Babata, Chamarthi, & Hoyt, [December 2025 preprint](https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.64898/2025.11.29.25341091v1)). Below are some additional resources regarding OE including a helpful algorithm from the Mayo Clinic about when OE may be appropriate as a resource:

The accuracy and repeatability of OpenEvidence on complex medical subspecialty scenarios: a pilot study
<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.64898/2025.11.29.25341091v1>

Mayo Clinic - Artificial Intelligence (Generative) Resources
https://libraryguides.mayo.edu/generative-artificial_intelligence/overview