

GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM **NEWS**

Summer 2025

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.

MESSAGE FOR THE SUMMER:

As **summer** approaches, we want to take a moment to recognize your **hard work, resilience, and commitment** to advancing your education and clinical skills.

Whether you're continuing your studies over the break or taking some well-deserved time to rest, we hope this season brings you both **renewal and inspiration**.

Summer is a great opportunity to **reflect** on how far you've come and to **recharge** for the journey ahead. Don't forget to take care of yourself—your well-being is essential to the well-being of those you will serve.

Stay curious, stay compassionate, and stay connected. We're proud to walk alongside you on your path to becoming a nurse practitioner. Wishing you a healthy and fulfilling summer!

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Nurse Practitioners Symposium 2025
Keystone Conference Center
633 Tennis Club Road
Dillon, CO 80435
July 15 - July 19, 2025

New Graduate Student Orientation: Tuesday August 12, 2025 at 8 am to 2:30 pm (MST); Students may attend in person or virtual (via Zoom)

Fall OSCES & GPS for students in clinical courses 610, 615, 620, and/or 640 will be virtual during Week 14. Exact dates TBD.

Fall Faculty Meetings
You are all welcome to attend all or part of a meeting!
Time: 3-4:30 pm (MST)
Tuesdays: 9/16, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9/2025

Meetings are held in person in one of the DHS conference rooms and there is an option to join via Zoom. RSVP to Mr. Cruse if you wish to attend in person or want to receive a Zoom invite.

Summer Classes start 5/27/2025
Fall Classes start 8/18/2025



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 8 am–5 pm, Monday–Friday

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ADVISING

Please contact your assigned advisor should you vary from your Course Progression Sheet.

- Dr. Urban will advise all MSN FNP students.
- Dr. Hall will continue to advise all AGNP and NE students.
- Dr. Marshall will advise DNP students.

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PHOTOs from the Spring OSCEs!



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HIGHLIGHTS TO LOOK FOR IN SUMMER 2025:

As we approach the summer of 2025, nurse practitioner (NP) students are entering an exciting and transformative phase in healthcare education and practice. Here are some key highlights shaping the NP journey right now:

- For the second consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report has named "Nurse Practitioner" the #1 job in the U.S., based on factors like demand, salary, job stability, and work-life balance.
- Technology integration is making a difference in **Clinical Decision Support** and **Administrative Efficiency** leaving more time for patient care.
- Wearable devices and telehealth platforms to enable APNs to better manage chronic conditions
- Emphasis on **Preventive and Community-Based Care** in underserved areas
- Addressing **Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)**

As you embark on your NP journey this summer, these trends offer exciting opportunities to shape the future of healthcare. Embrace these developments to enhance your practice and make a meaningful impact in your community.

CLINICAL PLACEMENT COORDINATOR NEWS

-Mr. Steven Cruse continues as our clinical placement coordinator. (scruse@coloradomesa.edu)

-Registration for the Fall 2025 term has opened, email Steven Cruse with the courses you intend to register for course overrides, then you may register.

- Students are expected to begin seeking clinical placements upon acceptance to the graduate nursing program. Please reach out to Mr. Cruse to determine if there is a clinical contract once you have identified a potential preceptor. Expectations for the clinical site can be discussed with your graduate faculty advisor. More information will be provided at orientation 8/12/2025

STUDENTS ON THE MOVE:

Rachel Evans, Congratulations for completing her MSN AGNP!

Three CMU Graduate nursing students have Poster presentations and the Keystone Nurse Practitioner Conference:

Rachel Evans: Strategies to Increase Vaccine Uptake Among Unvaccinated Adults

Kelly Harmelink: Rationale for & Funding Mechanisms to Support Shared Medical Appointments for Chronic Disease Management

Margot Walters: The Accuracy and Efficiency of Current Adult Weight Estimators Used in Critical Care Settings on Therapeutic Medication Dosing: A Systematic Literature Review

One CMU Graduate nursing student has a Poster presentation at the Nurse Educator Conference of the Rockies:

Roger Van Voorhees: Adverse Childhood Experiences: Raising Awareness Among Nurses



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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER SEMESTER & BREAK!

Mr. Cruse and Drs. Eyre, Hall, Marshall, Ridgway, Stanley and Urban