



## Graduate Nursing Program News

Summer 2022

### IMPORTANT! *Save the Dates:*

#### August 15<sup>th</sup> New Student Orientation from 9 am to 4:30pm.

**Orientation** for the newly admitted cohort of students will be held virtually or in person. The agenda will be sent a week prior. You **MUST** confirm now with Mr. Steven Cruse on if you plan to attend in person or virtually. Steven will send a zoom link. Your confirmation helps us to plan refreshments.

#### November 2<sup>nd</sup>

The **Graduate Advisory Board** will be held in the fall on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022** from 12:15-1:30pm on Zoom/ In Person (physical location HS # 130). Students are welcome to attend!

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> (Objective Standardized Clinical Exams (OSCEs & Graduate Program Student Intensives or GPSI's)** will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. OSCEs will be in **Telehealth** format. All students in clinicals N615, N620, and N640 are expected to attend from ~ 9am to ~5:00 pm. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW.** What to expect:

**Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCEs)** will be conducted for students in clinical. There will be **8 indirect** hours towards your degree track for attendance. Students in N615 & N620 will have scenarios based on didactic content in Mental and Behavioral Health & Adult content respectively. Students in N640 will have scenarios from across the course content. Thursday will be the practice scenarios. Fridays will be the examinations using a Telehealth format. *If you are not in a clinical course you are not expected to attend.*

### *Course Progression Sheets have important dates and changes!*

Each semester course progression sheets are updated and sent to students. **It is CRITICAL that you review your CPS for changes in courses or OSCE & GPSI dates.** We are aware that you need to request time off for attending OSCEs. This year the CPSs were sent the first week of March. OSCE and GPSI dates *were included* on the CPS. Please check your CPS regularly!

### **Clinical Placement Coordinator News - Mr. Steven Cruse**

Covid Guidelines for clinical sites: please check with the clinical institution for their policy on covid vaccination.

### **Students on the Move**

*Congratulations* to the two DNP FNP track students graduating May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022!

**Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students, Patrick Oglesby and Whitney Mick** successfully defended their DNP scholarly projects. Dr. Oglesby's scholarly project, "Identification and Engagement of Individuals for Chronic Care Management in Primary Care" has been adopted at the clinic he will be employed as a DNP

prepared FNP. Besides primary care, Dr. Oglesby will be tracking and enhancing follow up of patients in the practice with chronicity of disease. Dr. Mick's project "Communication of Critical Patient Data in a Rural Primary Care Setting" identified gaps and made recommendations for tracking critical lab values within an organization. Scholarly projects are culminating assignments for DNP degrees and demonstrate students' achievement of DNP program outcomes. The two DNP graduates will be presenting their projects as posters at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium in Keystone, CO.

*In addition to the DNP graduates, **Congratulations** to the following four fall of 2021 MSN graduates who underwent peer review for acceptance as poster presentations at the National NP Symposium:*

*Assessing Quality of Care in a Single Outpatient Clinic Serving People Experiencing Homelessness*  
**Melissa Crawford, MSN, RN**

*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**

*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).

*Please consider attending the symposium if you are in one of the NP tracks.*

*MSN Nurse Educator students developed health literacy appropriate materials for the Power Pack Program at the Pediatric Associates in Montrose & Delta, CO.*

Jodi Miller and Natalie Smith, under the tutelage of Dr. Erin Donovan, had the pamphlets, flyers, and student instruction sheets adopted for the weight wellness lifestyle clinic embedded in the [The Pediatric Associates](#) in Montrose & Delta, CO. The healthy lifestyles clinic is an assessment and evaluation program for children with obesity. During the fall, the NE students will collaborate with Dr. Marshall on her sabbatical to develop and provide appropriate content for providers & families. **The real time collaboration with a private practice is an example of the graduate nursing programs collaboration and dedication to rural community partners.**

## **Faculty on the Move**

**Dr. Janice Holvoet**, the RN to BSN Program Coordinator & graduate faculty **is retiring this spring!** Dr. Holvoet has been instrumental in establishing the success of the RN to BSN online program. Many of you may know Dr. Holvoet from the courses she has taught to graduate students (Advanced Health Assessment and Theoretical Foundations). Dr. Holvoet is a committed nurse who made a significant impact in the success of our graduate coursework helping with accreditation. Please congratulate her on her successful and meaningful nursing career as a Clinical Nurse Specialist, nurse educator and PhD prepared nurse! Janice will plan on enjoying her garden and continuing to make outstanding salsa in addition to travelling to see her children, grand children and grand-kitty during her retirement. We wish her the best! **WE WILL MISS HER!**

**Dr. Bridget Marshall will be on sabbatical in fall of 2022.** She will return in spring of 2023 with updates on her project. Her work will center on evaluation and expansion of her clinical practice of the weight wellness peds clinic.

*Best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer!*