

# Graduate Nursing Program News

## *SUMMER to Fall 2024 UPDATES*

### *About your program..*

Colorado Mesa University is ranked by Edu Med as one of the most affordable online graduate nursing programs with the best student to faculty ratio in the country. Our graduate NPs in both AGNP and FNP have a 100% pass rate for certification for the **past 4 years**. All our students submit for publication and presentations at peer reviewed national conferences. The program is rigorous, but small, lending to one-to-one faculty input. Applications are submitted centrally through Nursing CAS affording CMU more visibility.

**Congratulations to our students for making your program a success.**

### **New Dates for OSCEs...**

OSCEs will be held in week 14 on  
Mondays and Tuesdays starting Fall 2024.  
Mark your calendars now!



### *Save the Dates:*

**August 12<sup>th</sup> Graduate Program Virtual Orientation** 8am-430pm. Orientation is In person and via zoom. All incoming students are expected to attend. Any returning students wishing to attend please contact Mr. Steven Cruse.

**November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (Monday and Tuesday) Virtual** Telehealth Objective Standardized Clinical Exams (OSCEs) & GPSI's have moved to week 14. Students in clinical practicums NURS 615, 620 & 640 are required to attend.

What to expect:

1. Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCEs) will be conducted for students in clinical practicums.
2. Inservice content will be integrated throughout both days. We have great guest speakers with additional content.

**Fall Faculty Meetings** You are welcome to attend all or part of a meeting. **Fall dates TBD will be posted in the welcome back fall newsletter.**

They are held via Zoom. RSVP to Mr. Steven Cruse if you wish to receive a Zoom invite to attend.  
scruse@coloradomesa.edu

## Advising

Please contact your assigned advisor should you vary from your Course Progression Sheet. Dr. Urban will be filling in for Dr. Schreiner for all MSN FNP students. Dr. Hall will continue to advise all AGNP (& NE) students. Dr. Marshall will advise DNP students.

**Please welcome Dr. Mary Jo Stanley to graduate faculty!** Dr. Stanley will be teaching some of the core coursework, including evidence-based practice in the fall. Dr. Stanley is professor emeritus from the School of Nursing at California State University Stanislaus where she served as the RN-BSN program director and then director for the Nursing Department. She is co-author of the nursing text *Community and Public Health Nursing: Promoting the Public's Health* 10<sup>th</sup> edition published by Wolters Kluwer. Dr. Stanley also teaches population health nursing to undergraduate BSN students.

## Clinical Placement Coordinator News - Mr. Steven Cruse

Mr. Cruse continues to be our clinical placement coordinator. Please reach out to him a year before your clinical course begins to ensure a contract is in place.

## Students on the Move

*Congratulations* to Tarah Fron, (MSN FNP) and Kirsten Vogelsang (MSN AGNP) for successfully defending their Master's Capstone projects.

*Identifying Gaps and Promoting Healthcare Access in a Rural Community*

Tarah Fron

*Billing and Coding Educational Flowsheet*

Kirsten Vogelsang

## Faculty on the Move

**Dr. Bridget Marshall** received a \$115,000 telehealth grant for the purpose of improving workforce needs in the underserved regions throughout Colorado by expanding direct care clinical training for online NP students. The project will aim to create a telehealth simulation laboratory, integrate telehealth into the NP curricula, and collaborate with clinics in the Western Slope Region (WSR) to offer access to healthcare to underserved populations. The first phase is currently underway with Dr. Marshall taking coursework to obtain telehealth certification from the Center for Telehealth Innovation, Education, and Research (C-TIER).

**Dr. Kathleen Hall** is updating chapters in Carol Miller's (ed.) *Nursing for Wellness in Older Adults* (10<sup>th</sup> edition). She will be presenting original research at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium in July on nonpharmacologic treatments for patients with schizophrenia. Lastly, she continues to research the use of tabletop exercises in graduate nursing education.

**Dr. Stacie Schreiner** is assuming the role of *Faculty Senate President* for academic year 24-25. In addition, Dr. Schreiner oversees the Rural Health Initiative (RHI) grant.

**Dr. Urban** is moving into to the role of co-coordinator of the Graduate Nursing Program for academic year 24-25 while Dr. Stacie Schreiner assumes the role of Faculty Senate President. Dr. Urban will advise all MSN FNPs currently in the program.

**Best wishes for happy and safe summer!**

Mr. Cruse and Drs. Hall, Marshall, Schreiner, Stanley, & Urban.

See pictures below of Objective Structured Clinic Clinical (OSCE) Exams



Pictures clockwise from top left: IUD insertion; outside exam rooms; casting and splinting; FOOD!