

Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 24, 2023

Location: Zoom

ACE Contact Persons: Kristin Belderson, Kathleen McInnis, Christy Neifert, Shawn Anderson, Cassandra Racine, Patti Taylor, Kathy Foss
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Attendance: Documentation of April 24, 2023 attendance is located in the ACE Google Doc

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up
Welcome/ Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The meeting was called to order at 0800 ● Introductions were given by all attendees and new members were welcomed. ● ACE members were urged to mark their attendance on the ACE attendance google doc. Members were also asked to update contact information for their school/facility if needed. 	
Minutes	Minutes were approved as written for the January 2023 meeting.	
Round Robin	<p>The following updates were given by ACE members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CO Mountain College – graduation this Spring. 18 incoming students per campus (3 campus locations). Simulation center is located in Breckenridge. 2. Regis: New cohorts start on Monday. Graduation upcoming weekend. 3. Banner Health: change COVID vaccine; bi-valent vaccine is now available. It student does not have series of original vaccine, follow-up with bi-valent vaccine: https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-changes-simplify-use-bivalent-mrna-covid-19-vaccines 4. AZ College of Nursing: 72 students and admitting another 30 students soon. Start courses in the Fall. 5. HealthOne: Med/Surg staffing challenges. Specialty care staffing greatly improved. 6. CO Christian: BSN program director changes in July. Dean is retiring in June 2023. New cohort starts second week in May. 7. Advent Health: New president identified; search for new Dean occurring. 8. CU College of Nursing: Second cohort of accelerated students admitted for August. 2 accelerated program cohorts. Traditional admission is 210 for Summer 2023. South Denver location: Douglas County Legacy Center; accelerated programs will be here. 	

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	<p>Fort Lewis partnership admitting students; start nursing program in 2 years. Simulation construction is occurring on the Anschutz Campus.</p> <p>9. UNC: 72 students in Summer; 48 students in the Fall admissions.</p> <p>10. CHCO: April 3rd masking mandate lifted, unless requested or indicated. COVID vaccine is required for all students. All ACE requests approved as capacity allows. 3 new grad cohorts will be large that use preceptors.</p> <p>11. Denver College of Nursing: March 2023: 101 graduates from all programs. New Dean appointed. Multiple new appointees in leadership roles.</p> <p>12. UCHealth: South location. Working to place practicum placements. Staffing challenges due to preceptor availability. Masking requirements lifted on March 1, 2023; except as indicated</p> <p>13. ACC: LPN programs occurring this Summer. New clinical placement coordinator.</p> <p>14. Kaiser: No mask mandate unless as indicated. Only bi-valent COVID vaccine will be available. Staffing challenges. Kaiser , nationally, will launch a New Grad RN program.</p> <p>15. Boulder Community Health: Change in leadership. No mask mandate. New grad residency program cohorts occurring. Challenges with preceptor availability.</p> <p>16. DHHA: mask mandate not required. Students, instructors and others who are not vaccinated, mask must be worn at all times. Preceptor availability challenges.</p> <p>17. Denver VA: working on ACE requests. Preceptor availability is challenging. Staffing shortages. Masks required at the VA (national mandate). No changes in vaccine requirements.</p> <p>18. MSU- Denver: A new traditional cohort will start in the Fall 2023.</p> <p>19. Platt College: 4 traditional cohorts. Clinical faculty shortage.</p>	
Community Reports		
Colorado Nurses Association – Colorado Nurses Association	Updates from Collen Casper: No report for April 2023 meeting. Colorado Nurses Association www.coloradonurses.org	
State Board of Nursing Report	None for the April 24, 2023 meeting. DORA has sent out email information regarding end of Emergency Rules.	
Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence-	Refer to CenterUpdatesApril23 document for program updates at the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence.	

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The Health Education and Resources Institute (formally Central Colorado AHEC)	No report.	
AGENDA		
COVID Policies	Re-visiting COVID policies for further information and clarity. Agency and programs to complete a survey. Link to survey is in the Chat. Survey completed during meeting and data will be compiled and sent out to ACE membership.	
ACE Rotation Requests	Placement cycle to close by April 15 th . Some agencies are still processing the placement requests; please complete and return to education programs. Questions about changing the request cycle dates to February 1 to April 1; use 6 month cycle for requests;	
HealthStream Presentation & March mCE follow up meeting	<p>Please refer to PowerPoint presentation from HealthStream.</p> <p>March 10th meeting with mCE. Feedback from ACE members, including customer service response, changes to accounts (agency and program), duplicate requests, COVID information data entry into checklist. Customer Service: Sales Force change. Ability to make changes without going through mCE IT: more clarification from today's presentation. No solution to COVID checklist.</p> <p>Next steps: Challenges of changing platforms. Will mCE customer service response change. Feedback needed for long term timeline for changes: 1 year out. During the next 6 months, would it be beneficial to explore and evaluate other platforms and determine a roadmap for any future changes while monitoring the Beta site changes for mCE roll out? Further discussion to occur at July ACE meeting and follow-up with mCE at October ACE meeting.</p>	

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HRSA Grant	Regional grant – 6 States involved. 4 year grant to increase clinical education faculty (undergraduate and graduate level). Qualified participants from education program or agency to attend Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence: Clinical Scholar Workshop (each state sends 5 participants to the Workshop). Send applicants to Fara Bowler (fara.bowler@cuanschutz.edu) ; criteria to meet to participate in the grant support of the Clinical Scholar Workshop. Preceptor Course at Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence is another arm of the HRSA grant. No cap on the number of participants in the Preceptor Course. The Preceptor Course is 5 modules; small stipend for participants. Quarterly Lunch and Learns. Preceptor Course for Graduate Education: for APPs. This course is in development at this time. For additional information about the programs and participation, please contact Fara Bowler.	
ACE Governance Model	Vote by 97% of ACE membership to change the structure of the Committee to a Leadership Team Model. ACE Leadership to present language changes to ACE Bylaws at the July meeting and discussion about processes associated with ACE Leadership Team membership (3 from education program; 3 from clinical agency; 1 community member).	
Other		
Next Meeting	<p>Proposed Topics: ACE Cycle Process timeframes (changes in dates) mCE Customer Service response and mCE program changes; October mCE presentation ACE bylaws change to Article IV: Leadership COVID survey results from April 2023 meeting</p> <p>Monday, July 24, 2023 at 8am. Location: Zoom Submit agenda items for future meetings to: ACE Leadership.</p>	Contact myClinicalExchange to address support service. 1-800-521-0574

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