

## Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: October 24, 2023**

**Location: Zoom**

ACE Contact Persons: Kristin Belderson, Kathleen McInnis, Shawn Anderson, Kim Hecker, Patti Taylor, Kathy Foss. Refer to Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence webpage, and program Alliance for Clinical Education for email contact information.

Attendance: Refer to ACE Google Docs link for meeting attendance

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up
<b>Welcome/ Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The meeting was called to order at 0800 by Kristin Belderson, Leadership Team</li> <li>● Introductions were given by all attendees and new members were welcomed.</li> <li>● 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.</li> </ul>	
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes were approved as written.	
<b>Round Robin</b>	<p>The following updates were given by ACE members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ACC – Two open full time faculty positions posted this week. Program accreditation completed</li> <li>● UNC – Revised syllabi done to meet new Essentials requirements. UNC is adding a DO school.</li> <li>● Regis – Working on curriculum revisions to meet new Essentials and competency based education requirements</li> <li>● MSU Denver – Hiring a clinical compliance coordinator and additional resources for placement</li> <li>● Gaylen College of Nursing – Opening a new program in 2024</li> <li>● Denver College of Nursing – New campus in Houston, TX. New hires in clinical placement office.</li> <li>● CO Mountain College – Hired 4<sup>th</sup> full time faculty. Generic BSN program at both campus locations.</li> <li>● CHCO – Staffing improving. New hire training on-going .130 total new grads. Gearing up for respiratory season.</li> <li>● HealthOne – Changes in leadership. Staffing is improving, biggest need is Med/Surg.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Samaritan has a name change: Good Samaritan Hospital (starts in November), Staffing issues continue and large cohorts of new hires and new grad.</li> <li>• Advent Health due to split from Centura, is experiencing some IT issues. Currently Spring placements on hold due to working with mCE to ensure no data is lost. Advent Health and Common Spirit are separated in myClinicalExchange.</li> <li>• Common Spirit is expanding to hospitals in Utah. New student placement coordinator will be hired, start date not determined, yet.</li> </ul>	
<b>Community Reports</b>		
<b>Colorado Nurses Association –</b>	No report from the Colorado Nurses Association.	
<b>Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence-</b>	<p>Kathleen McInnis presented the following report from Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CO Action coalition. Multiple advisory committees and anyone is welcome to join.</li> <li>• Nurse Refresher – Growing and expanding. Enrolled 8 new students from Western Slope. Health Foundation scholarship support. Expanding to other states.</li> <li>• New Graduate Residency Program</li> <li>• Simulation Collaborative – Clinical and academic partners.</li> <li>• Nurses on Boards coalition.</li> <li>• Clinical Scholars program – February 12 – 16, 2024 is the next course.</li> <li>• Transitions to Education course for new faculty.</li> </ul>	
<b>State Board of Nursing –</b>	No report from Colorado State Board of Nursing submitted for October 2023 ACE meeting.	
<b>Other</b>		
<b>ACE Membership Discussion</b>	Agenda Items	
ACE Leadership Committee July 2024 Volunteer Future Leadership	<p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 2022 Membership voted to trial a Leadership Committee in lieu of electing officers as indicated in the ACE bylaws in Article IV</li> <li>• April 2023 Membership voted to continue the Leadership Committee</li> <li>• July 2023 Membership voted to change ACE bylaws; Articles IV, Section 1-4 reviewed.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers to join ACE Leadership starting term July 2024: Megan Koval from Kaiser and Ona Babcutte Rojas from Front Range Community College. April ACE meeting will start the transition of Megan and Ona to the Leadership Committee and July 2024 two current Leadership members will vacate the committee (one from a healthcare organization and one from an education organization).</li> </ul>	
Flu Vaccine Reminder	<p>Flu vaccine requirements survey was sent ahead of time before the meeting. Trouble with the document, please contact Patti Taylor. Students should be in process to complete flu vaccine requirements. Deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Education program deadline date for Flu vaccine that is prior to November 1<sup>st</sup> meets the requirement.</p> <p>Link to Flu vaccine survey:  <a href="https://bannerhealth-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/p/patricia_taylor/ESb-7a6GF59FIKV33tikGzoBfSobl_uU_h1kO8WI8I0iA">https://bannerhealth-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/p/patricia_taylor/ESb-7a6GF59FIKV33tikGzoBfSobl_uU_h1kO8WI8I0iA</a></p>	
Capstone Placement: Requests and Follow-up	<p>When capstone placement requests are made there appears to be variable timeline for healthcare agencies to confirm the placement and preceptor identification.</p> <p>Multiple responses from healthcare agencies. General consensus for capstone placement requests to healthcare agencies should occur at least 8 weeks prior to the start of the rotation. Student expectations about placement availability do not align with placement availability in healthcare agencies.</p>	
Other Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policies for student return to clinical setting illness/injury (return to clinical setting requirements) – link to be added to Flu Vaccine link.</li> <li>Cannabis use an exclusion from clinical setting questions – healthcare agencies that have drug free environments follow Federal Rules.</li> <li>Education programs: students pay for drug screen and background check through use of the education approved program vendor (such as Castlebranch, American Data Bank).</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Proposed Topics:</p> <p>Capstone placement process and updates</p> <p>Student Drug screening frequency</p> <p>Requirement for physical exam and frequency: HIPPA</p>	

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	<p>Requirement for Clinical Instructor drug screening and education program does not require drug screen for contract instructors</p> <p>Monday, January 22, 2024, 8am to 11am via Zoom, link to be sent. Submit agenda items for future meetings to: ACE Leadership Team members</p>	
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Respectfully submitted,  
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