

## Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** April 22, 2024

**Location:** Zoom

ACE Contact Persons: Kristin Belderson, Kathleen McInnis, Shawn Anderson, Kim Hecker, Patti Taylor, Kathy Foss, Megan Koval. 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 0900 by Kathleen McInnis, 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>● Welcome Megan Koval to the ACE Leadership Team</li> <li>● CU College of Nursing, HRSA funding with other States in the Mountain Region to offer a Clinical Scholar course, Preceptor 101 and precepting course for Advanced Practice. 5 participants State-wide and there is a stipend for the CS course and the Preceptor 101 course. The link: <a href="https://nursing.cuanschutz.edu/clinical-education/regional-clinical-faculty-preceptor-academy">https://nursing.cuanschutz.edu/clinical-education/regional-clinical-faculty-preceptor-academy</a></li> <li>● CU College of Nursing has faculty positions open in Pediatrics, Mental Health, Adult Health for teaching in the clinical education center, simulation and clinical rotations. Link: <a href="https://cu.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?job=33308&amp;lang=en">https://cu.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?job=33308&amp;lang=en</a></li> <li>● CO Mountain College School of Nursing; teaching our ADN and RN to BSN students for one more year. In the Fall 2024 pre-licensure BSN program will start.</li> <li>● PIMA new clinical director started today, Christina Simons will be the Clinical Director. CNEA certification attained at PIMA</li> <li>● CO Christian University, new simulation center opened</li> </ul>	

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- Advent Health: almost done with ACE requests; 4/29 is the deadline to complete annual Flu vaccine is October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Vail Health: had 54 applicants for summer internship; 18 were interviewed for 4 positions. All applicants were professional and well-prepared
- MSU Denver: Is annual COVID vaccine required for students?
- Childrens Hospital Colorado: internal construction to expand services for patients/families
- Denver College of Nursing: HLC work occurring
- HealthONE: Stacy Carroll is no longer in the placement coordinator role. New coordinator is Rick Pierre (sp?) Lewis
- Lutheran: No students from June to mid-October 2024 due to the move; new location is at I-70 and Youngfield. West Pines is not moving; not taking students at this time
- UNC: no updates to report
- Denver Health: no major changes. Med/Surg unit changes and working on the ACE requests at this time
- Emily Griffith: no updates to report
- Boulder Community Health: no student placements in critical care until at least June and masking restrictions lifted
- Stephanie Bean here - CCD Clinical Coordinator. We have a new Director of Nursing Education, Teresa Wischmann. Also, we are seeking adjunct clinical instructors for OB for Summer 2024:  
<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/ccd/jobs/3605679/nursing-adjunct-instructor>
- Julie Gingerich here at VA Western Colorado - the mic on my end is not working, however we have moved to the new VHA onboarding platform. ALL VA sites will be moving to this new onboarding platform, so FYI. So far this seems to be a very improved way to onboard into the VA, and much more streamlined. You can reach out to your local VA for more information.
- Regis: no updates to report
- Advent Health University: no updates to report
- Kaiser Permanente: no updates to report
- UCHealth: no updates to report

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<b>Colorado Nurses Association –</b>	Colorado Nurses Association: Margaret Bishop June 1 <sup>st</sup> for conference registration open on the website	
<b>Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence-</b>	Kathleen McInnis presented the following report from Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refresher program: 72 nurses complete the course to return to work</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year: Nursing student success fund started opened 1<sup>st</sup> of April, \$5,000 scholarships for 5; 50 students applied. The scholarship application is closed now</li> <li>• Geriatric outreach training programs</li> <li>• Summit for Colorado Action Coalition: 2020-2030 Future of Nursing Report. 60 attendees. Another event in August planned</li> </ul>	
<b>State Board of Nursing –</b>	No report from Colorado State Board of Nursing submitted for April 2024 ACE meeting.	
<b>Other</b>		
<b>ACE Membership Discussion</b>	Agenda Items	
Immunizations Discussion	Leadership Team created a document for agencies to update immunizations as a resource guide. The document does not supersede affiliation agreement requirements between nursing programs and clinical agencies. The document will be placed on the ACE webpage at the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence. Questions about students who do not have any immunizations; nursing programs need to contact clinical agency regarding immunization requirements and the affiliation agreement	
Immunizations Link	Clinical agencies please update the document regarding required immunizations Link to immunization 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>	
Capstone Placement	Is there a timeframe that nursing programs can expect responses to capstone placement requests?	

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	<p>Please work with student placement coordinators in the agency for capstone placement requests. The ask of nursing programs is also to address student expectations regarding type of unit placement</p> <p>Question about creating a spreadsheet associated with agency process associated with capstone placements? Intent is to improve communication between agency and education programs</p> <p>Discussion regarding agency application processes and student declination of an acceptance at an agency or not</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>• Nursing programs should reach out to the agency for information regarding student return to the clinical setting after illness and/or injury</li> <li>• Oftentimes student return to clinical associated with injury is done by agency on a case by case basis</li> <li>• Question about Drug Screening: check with affiliation agreement; most often it is a 10 panel drug screen. myClinicalExchange also has required drug screen information</li> <li>• Question about affiliation agreements: are these signed annually. Facility may determine an end date or be on-going affiliation. Legal departments will determine the affiliation agreement components</li> <li>• Do nursing programs have clinical evaluation tools? Different programs have different evaluation points in time associated with the course outcomes</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Proposed Topics:</p> <p>Competency based education in nursing discussion (AACN Essentials)</p> <p>Capstone placements: create a spreadsheet with agency requirements for capstone placements</p> <p>Monday, July 22, 2024, 9 am to 11 am via Zoom, link to be sent.</p> <p>Submit agenda items for future meetings to: ACE Leadership Team members</p>	

Respectfully submitted,  
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