

Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 28, 2025

Location: Zoom

ACE Contact Persons: Kathleen McInnis, Shawn Anderson, Kim Hecker, Patti Taylor, Monica Brock, Megan Koval, Janet Ruiz. 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
Welcome/ Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The meeting was called to order at 0900 by Dr. Kim Hecker, Leadership Team ● Announcement made for attendees to provide updates/announcements regarding their organization in the Zoom Chat for inclusion in the meeting minutes. ● ACE members were encouraged 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	January Minutes were approved as written. Sylvia Robertson motions, Kaela Green seconds	
Round Robin	<p>The following updates were given by ACE members (from the Zoom Chat):</p> <p>Galen College: continues to admit new students in our AD and BS programs quarterly. We are actively hiring faculty and are now looking for a simulation manager. We have the Board of Nursing coming tomorrow and Wednesday and the ACEN coming August 26-28. Whitney Erikson</p> <p>AdventHealth University. Our enrollment is steady and we are anticipating a move from our current location to the AdventHealth Corporate building off I-25 and Orchard in the DTC. Sarah Romero</p> <p>Grand Canyon University Update: BON phase 2 approval secured, CCNE provisional approval secured, first ABSN cohort starts September, CCNE site visit February 2026. Steph Armstrong</p>	

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Joyce University: enrollments continue to increase across our ASN, BSN, and aBSN programs. We are still looking to hire clinical instructors.

Joyce University: Continued growth in student enrollment. We have also increased our clinical hour requirements for 2025 onward. Always looking for FT/PT clinical instructors. Courtney Zuk

Colorado Christian University updates:

BSN Director: open

Mental Health FT: open

PT Affiliates: open

Enrollment is steady. Began our first spring admit for 2025. This academic year will be one cohort in the fall and one cohort in the spring. Kaela Green

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University of Colorado, College of Nursing. The partnership with Fort Lewis College starts Fall 2025. I was in Durango recently and the schools and agencies are interested in joining ACE so we may see statewide participation in future ACE meetings. HRSA grant remains open for preceptor 101 and Clinical Scholar Workshop. <https://nursing.cuanschutz.edu/alumni/become-a-preceptor/regional-clinical-faculty-preceptor-academy> Fara Bowler

Concordia University St. Paul, approved as an in-state CO program, continues to provide seamless education to the former Platt College students while that curriculum is taught out and our first ABSN cohort starts May 5. Hollie Caldwell

AdventHealth Updates- Nancy Near-Perse has officially retired. I am doing all things inpatient nursing. MCE requests were approved and I will be putting those in by Mid-May. (The schools have been notified informally of dates and approvals). MCE is still working on our updates and until those are in I cannot do the bulk rotation submission. Hopefully soon. Thank you. Nicole Thede

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Good Samaritan Hospital: Good morning. My name is Leigh Milhorn, I'm the new manager of education at. I'm happy to work with all of you! If you need me, here's my email: leigh.milhorn@imail.org

MSU Denver: Cecilia Cowart last day will be this Thursday, May 1st. After that date, please reach out to Sue Sciacca, Clinical Compliance Coordinator, at ssciacca@msudenver.edu who will be covering for clinical placements in the interim until a new Clinical Placement Manager is hired

Red Rocks Community College. We received our final Phase II approval on March 17th. We are anticipating enrolling 20 students for the fall 2025 semester. We have hired a Full Time Assistant Director and 2 Full Time Faculty and 4 adjunct faculty. We have additional FT/Adjunct faculty interviews in May. Lori Cook

Adams State University. We have one FT faculty position open. We have recently filled our Sim Lab Coordinator position. Our applications are down so please feel free to have students on a waitlist reach out. Clinical placements have been great - our students are having a great experience. Kim Chacon

Concordia St. Paul University - Colorado Campus will be starting our first ABSN track cohort this Summer (May 5th). We are having students complete fingerprinting upon admission now. Sharon Mugejjera

Community College of Denver. We have a new SIM Coordinator: Sue Averill. Our DNEP position is open. We are currently hosting FT and PT LPN programs, our application is open until May 14th for our FT LPN Fall start cohort. Our LPN to RN/BSN program is still in processing with the BON, more news to come! Stephanie Bean

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	<p>Colorado Mountain College School of Nursing. We are graduating our last ADN class this week. Our prelicensure BSN program cleared the BON Phase III review and site visit two weeks ago. The first BSN class finishes the first year this week. We have no faculty or staff needs at this time. Mary Ann Jessee (new Dean)</p> <p>Arapahoe Community College. We have seen study enrollment in our ADN, LPN-RN, and BSN courses. I would also like to welcome our new clinical coordinator to this group Anah Pancio will be representing ACC for this group moving forward and I have added her to the spreadsheet. Kari Hyland</p> <p>Kaiser Permanente: No updates. Megan Koval</p>	
Community Reports		
<p>Colorado Nurses Association –</p>	<p>Colorado Nurses Association Mark Longshore, Director, CNA mark@coloradonurses.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia Training – link provided last meeting/minutes (\$25/person) • CCNE working on a training as well • SW at LTC facility does training at hire and annually – sensory deficit/communication (doesn't meet the Senate Bill SB22-079 directive) • SB22-079 applies to Nursing Care Centers, Assisted Living – requires annual inservices on a variety of topics (within 120 days of hire – not required for students by SB22-079 but some clinical facilities requiring), but includes dementia training around <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diseases/related disabilities 2. Person centered care of & care planning for residents w/dementia 3. ADLs for residents w/demetia 4. Communication w/dementia patients • 4 hours initial, 2 hours refresher (if training documented within 24 months do not need to repeat training at new facility) • Trainers must have specialized training from recognized experts, agencies, or academic institutions in dementia – successfully complete a training and have 2+ years of expertise in working w/persons living w/dementia disease & related disabilities 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No charge for direct care staff but students may have to pay (similar to fingerprinting) <p>Dr. Kim Hecker mentioned this could be done at admission to nursing program or PRN, Univ. of CO is doing this on admission, DCN PRN.</p> <p>Dalia at DH says fingerprints must be done at least 30 days prior to rotation start.</p> <p>Mark mentioned a new law SB 152 that has a \$500 fine around ID badges – needs to have a name and title</p>	
Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence-	<p>Susan Moyer attended instead of Kathleen from Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical Scholar Course Dates: July 21-25, 2025 - almost at capacity October 20-24, 2025 Cost: \$2,010 Registration link - https://www.coloradonursingcenter.org/clinical-scholar-program/ 	
State Board of Nursing –	<p>No report from Colorado State Board of Nursing submitted for January 2025 ACE meeting.</p>	
Other		
ACE Membership Discussion	<p>Agenda Items</p>	
Community Health rotations	<p>Dr. Kim Hecker – what is the criteria that makes a site appropriate for community health rotations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurse-led clinics Cannot be inpatient In Colorado, a clinic becomes a community health site if it provides comprehensive medical care, mental health services, and dental care to all 	

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	<p>patients regardless of their ability to pay, according to the Colorado Community Health Network (Sophie Robertson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer camps for disabled children • Housing for low-income • Human trafficking meetings • Nurses day at Capitol • special population focus, 2. mainly outpatient (trauma and stroke coordinators may have some inpatient related work) 3. employ BSN RN's (Jessica Halas) • DH focuses on their community clinics (some have Peds, most include mental health) (Dalia Ghosh – happy to send write up for ACE – generally agrees w/Sophia Robertson – can reach out to Teresa Freudig who will do her best to place in particular longitudinal students) • Don't forget your local county Public Health Dept. (Susan Moyer) • School nurses 	
<p>Review of ACE Student Requirements document</p>	<p>ACE Student Requirements - Google Sheets – has vaccine and other requirements for students at clinical facilities – need clinical sites to fill out/update (see all pages/sheets on bottom of document)</p>	
<p>ACE Leadership Team outgoing</p>	<p>Megan K: Need volunteers as Kim and Patty departing, 2-year commitment and 2-3 hours per quarter Received volunteers, one from Academia and three from Clinical Dr. Whitney Erickson (Galen) or Marie Quinn (EGTC) or Kaela Green (CCU) Nicole Thede (Advent Health)</p>	
<p>Future Agenda Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background checks and "flagged" or "positive" background check. Are schools reviewing these? Are agencies reviewing? What is being accepted? ie: DUI from 10+ years ago, ticket for off leash dog.. ? Would love to discuss with everyone. With the recent fingerprints we are getting more "flagged" reports. • The new executive order states we cannot require COVID. How are people handling that? Can we also add that to the next agenda? 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools for meeting guidelines for preceptors – time in nursing/specialty or degree (ADN) (Chapter 2 rules) • Chapter 2 rules ANIP is about clinical faculty, not preceptors – ask BoN if under preceptor ANIP can be ADN if supervised by master’s prepared faculty? Variability between schools per Nicole Hill 	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.	
Next Meeting	July 28, 2025 Time: 0900 MDT	

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Koval, MSN, RN, AMB-BC, NPD-BC