

Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 22, 2024

Location: Zoom

ACE Contact Persons: Kathleen McInnis, Shawn Anderson, Kim Hecker, Patti Taylor, Kathy Foss, 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 Megan Koval, Leadership Team ● Introductions were given by all attendees and new members were welcomed; Janet Ruiz, from Front Range Community College joins the Leadership Team ● 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.	
Round Robin	<p>The following updates were given by ACE members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Michael Powers is new Denver College of Nursing President ● CU College of Nursing – HRSA grant to increase clinical educators in rural areas. Year 3 of the grant to offer the Preceptor 101 course and the Clinical Scholar Workshop and APP Preceptor Course. Link: https://nursing.cuanschutz.edu/clinical-education/regional-clinical-faculty-preceptor-academy ● CU Nursing collaboration with Fort Lewis College in Durango. Summer 2025 will start the nursing courses ● Galen College of Nursing is new; July 8th prerequisite courses started. January 2025 clinical start. Partnership with HCA ● ACC hiring a new clinical coordinator; there is a new email ● Colorado Mountain College seeking new Dean. Starting BSN program in the Fall 2024 ● CHCO building a new wing on the Anschutz Campus, for long term care. Potential impact on placements due to shift in staffing to the new unit. Ann Walters, retiring. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRCC, ACEN accreditation in the Fall. Community partners will be invited to participate • VA, moving away from on-boarding from myClinicalExchange to ADPS. No school fees to use the system; it is internal to the VA • Advent Health, applications for capstone sent. 70 applications for capstone placement; decisions being made by managers • UNC, change in roles related to capstone placement personnel • MSU Denver, new chair of nursing announced • Denver Health, no major updates. One unit is closed • Advent Health University, adjunct faculty member needed for the Fall • Concorde Career College, new coordinators for PN and BSN programs • Western CO VA (Grand Junction, CO), new use of on-boarding system as indicated above VA announcement • Common Spirit, new Clinical Scholar at St. Anthony North • Vail Health, opening May 2025 a Behavioral Health Unit for adolescents and adults; sara.dembeck@vailhealth.org if interested in BH clinicals start 	
Community Reports		
Colorado Nurses Association –	<p>Colorado Nurses Association Mark Longshore, Interim Director with CNA Join CNA and make a difference in Colorado Professional Nursing Support for more nurse Educators and salary increase CNA Conference in September 2024 New publisher for Colorado Nurse Journal – next issue in late September mark@coloradonurses.org</p>	
Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence-	<p>Kathleen McInnis presented the following report from Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse Refresher program, Rocky Mountain Health Foundation is funding tuition for RN refresher nurses on the Western Slope • Leadership conference in November. Registration is online and open on the Center website • SANE course is open on the Colorado Center 	

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State Board of Nursing –	No report from Colorado State Board of Nursing submitted for April 2024 ACE meeting.	
Other		
ACE Membership Discussion	Agenda Items	
2 CCR 502-1 Background Check Colorado State Law	<p>Mark Longshore from the Colorado Nurses Association: 2 CCR 502-1 has 480 pages; this a rule, not a law, from Behavioral Health Administration Behavioral Health: Definition: Child under the age of 18; Minor is under the age of 21 Definition: Personnel – covers students (involved in treatment) Background check: 2.5 D page 25. Who needs a background check and when; prior to hire or contract (background check done at admission to nursing program should be acceptable). Background check is not specific to disqualification; every entity needs a written policy related to disqualification to caring for patients/schools Fingerprint: new personnel having direct contract with children must be fingerprinted and background check is cleared by FBI. May take up to 6 weeks for fingerprinting to be completed from CBI. Two vendors: contracted with CO State. Clinical agency has a “code” and stores the records of the background check information. On-site clinical instructors will need background/fingerprinting. Please collaborate with personnel within your organization and clinical partnerships for additional information about requirements and processes for background check and fingerprinting. Page 341 indicates that a CBI background check is required. < 3 years living in Colorado, a background check is required from each State the applicant has lived in. Overlap of Records (from Chat/Fara Bowler): Records that are included in the CBI report (Colorado-specific) may not necessarily be included in a Nationwide Federal Criminal Search if they are not federal offenses or if they haven't been shared with federal databases. Federal criminal records (included in a Nationwide Federal Criminal Search) may not appear in the CBI report unless they have been shared with Colorado state databases.</p>	

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	Slides attached to July 2024 meeting.	
AACN Essentials Competency Based Education	<p>Fara Bowler from the University of Colorado, College of Nursing: Overview of the AACN Essentials, Updated Essentials 2021. Not program specific, Level 1(pre-licensure, BSN) and Level 2 (graduate level) Domains of Competence: 10 domains; to be evident throughout the curriculum. Each domain has sub-competencies Concepts to Professional Nursing Practice: 8; to be evident throughout the curriculum throughout all the Domains 4 Spheres of Care; areas to be demonstrated throughout the curriculum. The Domains can take place in any of the spheres of care Curricula: Questions associated with the Domains: Where concepts be introduced, where reinforced, where evaluated? Alignment with NEXGEN NCLEX Slides attached to the July 2024 Meeting Minutes</p>	
Immunizations Link	<p>Clinical agencies please update the document regarding required immunizations Link to immunization survey: https://bannerhealth-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/p/patricia_taylor/ESb-7a6GF59FIKV33tikGzoBfSobl_uU_h1kO8WI8I0iA</p>	
Capstone Placement Follow-up	<p>Discussion about capstone application. Set requirements, interview selection process determined by agencies. HCA changing process to schools recommend students to specialty placement. CU Nursing has a templated faculty reference/recommendation letter. Timing of capstone applications to an agency may not be reflective of student current status. Agencies are evaluating capstone application questions and processes. Proposal to collect and collate components of the application content, process (including timeline) through ACE as data from agencies.</p>	Follow-up with ACE Leadership Team to examine capstone process information document for ACE
Future Agenda Items	Background Check/Drug Screening Vendor (Do sites only accept BC/DSs from certain vendors), Required Items	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.	

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Next Meeting	October 28, 2024 Time: TBD (morning)	
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Respectfully submitted,
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