

Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) Meeting Agenda - Minutes

Meeting Date: January 26, 2026

Location: ZOOM

ACE Contact Persons: Cheryl King, Megan Koval, Kaela Green, Nicole Thede & Marie Quinn. Refer to Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence webpage (<https://www.coloradonursingcenter.org/alliance-for-clinical-education/>), for Alliance for Clinical Education email contact information.

Attendance: Refer to [ACE Google Docs link](#) for meeting attendance.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Welcome/ Introductions/	- Meeting to be facilitated by Cheryl; Meeting called to order at 9:00 by Cheryl King from the Leadership Team - Welcome from new ACE Leadership members - ACE members were encouraged to mark their attendance on the ACE attendance Google Doc. <u>Members were also asked to update contact information for their school/facility if needed.</u> - Meeting Minutes review and approval - Feel free to put written updates in the chat at any time, round robin at end of meeting - Put agency updates in the chat!	Steph Armstrong, GCU motioned Kristyn Wujcik, AZCN 2 nd
AI Use – ANA Position Statement	https://www.nursingworld.org/globalassets/practiceandpolicy/nursing-excellence/ana-position-statements/the-ethical-use-of-artificial-intelligence-in-nursing-practice_bod-approved-12_20_22.pdf	
Bylaws Update	- Thank you to Janet for her contribution and welcome Kaela Green, from CCU - Want to propose a change to the Bylaws to accommodate more flexibility if organization cannot provide a replacement team member, - Suggested change by leadership team: If the representative selected for the Leadership Team is no longer able to fulfill	ACE agreed Kaela Green to take over for Janet Ruiz. Interested in Leadership: Steph Armstrong, GCU, Kari Hyland Aims, motioned to keep bylaws as-is Sharon Mugejjera, Concordia 2nd

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	their full term, the educational institution or healthcare organization shall provide a new representative to carry out the required term. Suggestion - “Add statement If organization cannot fulfill the commitment the leadership team will recruit a replacement representative to match the vacancy.” Page 2 of current Bylaws The group discussed the leadership team's bylaws, with Fara explaining the history of difficulty in finding self-nominations, leading to the current system where larger organizations can appoint members	Current Bylaws - link: https://www.coloradonursingcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/ACE-Bylaws-Final-Version-7.2023.pdf
COAC SAC – Update	Website: https://www.coloradonursingcenter.org/coac/ Strategic Advisory Committees (SAC) are working with planning the Future of Nursing Recommendations for implementation in Colorado over the next decade. - COAC #1: Recommendation #1 - Shared Agenda r/t SDOH and Equity - COAC #2: Recommendation #2 - Advance Health Equity - COAC #3: Recommendation #3 - Nurse Wellbeing - COAC #7: Recommendation #7 - Strengthening Nursing Education Strategic Action Committees - COAC Updates	
Colorado Nurses Association Update	- Submission for Sunset of Nurse Practice Act - Legislation Update - presented an extensive update on proposed changes to the Colorado Nurse Practice Act, highlighting 11 key recommendations aimed at modernizing disciplinary provisions, improving confidentiality for nurses with health challenges, and enhancing representation of advanced practice nurses on the Board of Nursing. Key proposals included allowing nurse aides to receive treatment and monitoring while working, modifying language around delegation versus	Mark Longshore, Colorado Nurses Association, provided updates on current legislation. CNA Recommendations: - Nurse educators - Non-advance practice nurses - Advance practice nurses Up to 50% of simulation hours can count toward clinical. Update planned for next month.

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	assignment, and eliminating mentorship requirements for nurse practitioners.	
Practicum/end-of-program capstone course – clinical application	• Closing the Loop • Fara – reported to leadership that they have worked on processes to meet the needs that the agencies are requesting. • Any other concerns from group?	None noted at this time.
Chapter 2 Rules	• Update – what does this group need: Preceptor Role Definition or Interpretation of Associate Nursing Instructional Personnel (ANIP) requirements. • Nurse Practice Act Questions • Questions – from October Meeting • Clinical Preceptors – senior practicum preceptor with 2 years of experience with a BSN to be with students. • Accreditation’s impact -What does the Board of Nursing say? • Clinical Scholar vs Preceptors = preceptor model not clinical scholar model • Clinical Oversight – what does that look like • Contact at CBON is Darcie Magnuson, Acting Program Director • Suggestion: CHAPTER 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS Preceptor: The Preceptor is a professional or practical nurse who assumes joint teaching responsibility with a Faculty member and should have a minimum of one (1) year of clinical experience relevant to the area(s) of responsibility. A licensed professional nurse may precept a professional or practical nursing student. A licensed practical nurse may precept a practical nursing student. It is expected that the licensed nurse should be at or above the degree level of the Nursing Education Program.	Melissa Henry, UNC, answered questions regarding preceptor requirements for Capstone. Cheryl King recommends having ACE leadership write a formal recommendation to Darcy. Small Group Work: Nicole Thede to draft and send wording to Darcy (Acting Board of Nursing Program Director) regarding preceptor requirements and flexibility, incorporating comments from Melissa, Holly, and others; discuss in leadership meeting before sending.

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	Can we interpret "should be" as a "if possible" vs a "requirement?" It does not state it is a requirement, and the language is open to interpretation as it is currently written. There are not enough BSN prepared nurses at the bedside anymore to precept the number of BSN practicum students that the hospitals are being asked to place. This was difficult prior to 2020, and Covid further worsened the issue. Many hospital systems are unable to guarantee BSN preceptors for BSN students.	
Information Sharing – Leadership Team	- Added Tab or Column to Google Drive – ACE Student Requirements -- Application Deadline – capstone/practicum requirements (Column) - Add tab to document for Dress Code to include agency specific requirements beyond the generic dress code that is on the website. - Dress Code – Tab link is broken – will be fixed remind everyone to read for a lot of work was put into it. - Check other links to see if they are broken – Student Platform Spreadsheet, Nursing Skills Inventory - Need updates? - 2008 Nursing Skills Inventory, ACE Education Leadership Council Plan, and System Flu requirements and exemption processes	Cheryl King recommended looking at updating Nursing Skills Inventory. Kari Hyland Aims, motioned to accept this Nicole Thede AdventHealth 2nd ACE Group to review for discussion – April meeting Link: ACE Nursing Skills Inventory 2008
Questions, Updates & Feedback	- Please share updates verbally AND - In the chat, so they can be captured for the meeting minutes. - Megan Cardwell, the new Assistant Dean for Colorado at Joyce University, requested suggestions for scheduling pediatric rotations due to difficulties with placements at Children's and Denver Health. - Wendy shared that Denver College of Nursing partners with hospitals and school districts for immersion programs and community placements.	

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	- Stephanie Bean inquired about community health placement options for BSN students - Cheryl clarified the timeline for academic program and clinical agency requests, with deadlines of February 15th and April 15th respectively. - Monica introduced a new role at UC Health, where a Chief Academic Officer will oversee student clinical placements across various disciplines	
NEW Business	- Contributions - Invitation to Society of Clinical Placement Professionals and our upcoming 2026 Summit, taking place April 23-24, 2026 in Baltimore, Maryland	mCE requests for 2026-27 due 2/15/2026 Most requests for 2026-27 will be reviewed 4/15/2026
Future Agenda Items	- Ask for agenda items for April 2026 – please add to chat. <i>Please update the Google Doc Mailing list for accuracy!</i>	Nursing Skills Inventory Flu Requirements Dress Code
Adjournment		
Meetings for 2026 Zoom Links	Virtual Meetings for 2026, perhaps one in-person in July? 2026 Meetings- 4th Mondays, quarterly - January 26th - April 27th - July 27th - October 26th	