

## Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** July 28, 2025

**Location:** Kaiser Lone Tree – 5<sup>th</sup> floor Conference room/TEAMS online

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

| Agenda Item                       | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Follow-up |
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| <b>Welcome/<br/>Introductions</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The meeting was called to order at 0910 by Megan Koval from the Leadership Team</li><li>• Announcement made for attendees to provide updates/announcements regarding their organization in the Chat feature for inclusion in the meeting minutes.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul> |           |
| <b>Minutes</b>                    | January Minutes were approved as written. Kim Hecker motions, Sarah Romero seconds, all approved                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |
| Meeting Location                  | Lone Tree (Hybrid) 6 members in person.<br>Attendance includes large, multi-institutional online<br><u>Academic institutions:</u> Adams States, Chamberlain, CCU, CMU, CMC, CSU Pueblo, Community College of Aurora, CCD, Denver College of Nursing, Emily Griffith, FRCC- Westminster, FRCC - Larimer, Grand Canyon Univ., Joyce University, MSU Denver, Pima, Platte Concordia St. Paul University,                                                                                           |           |

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|                              | <p>RRCC, Regis, CU - Colorado Springs, CU Anschutz College of Nursing, UNC - Walden University</p> <p><u>Health Systems:</u> Kaiser Permanente, Advent Health, Denver Health, Intermountain, Common Spirit, Children's Hospital, Banner Health. Adams County Health Dept, HealthONE, UC Health North</p> <p><u>Community Health:</u> Adams County Public Health, myClinicalExchange, Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <b>Leadership Team</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheryl King joins ACE leadership replacing Kathleen McInnis for the Center</li> <li>• Marie Quinn and Nicole Thede join the leadership team for 2-year term</li> <li>• <b>Thank you</b> to Patty Taylor (Banner), Shawn Anderson (Regis), Kim Hecker (Denver College of Nursing).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <b>Round Robin - Updates</b> | <p>For additional information continue Section 2 of this document -</p> <p>* Pima Medical Institute: Developing LPN to ADN bridge program; feedback/survey to be distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advent Health University: Two new faculty and clinical coordinator hires; relocation to new physical campus.</li> <li>• Pasaloma College: Launching new practical nursing and ADN programs in Colorado and Tennessee.</li> <li>• Denver College of Nursing (DCN): Multiple open faculty searches (especially mental health); MSN program up for CCNE review.</li> <li>• CSU Pueblo: Preparing for ASIN accreditation visit for graduate programs (Fall 2026); newly appointed dean.</li> <li>• Red Rocks Community College: Launching first-ever ADN program, starting with 18 students in August.</li> <li>• Grand Canyon University: ABSN site launching September; all faculty positions filled; CCNE self-study underway.</li> </ul> |  |

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|                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intermountain Health: Transitioning to centralized student placement team; certain sites affected by Kaiser transitions.</li> <li>• Kaiser Permanente: No major updates at this time; ongoing adjustments to policy/procedures as covered above.</li> <li>• Other institutions: Multiple new leadership appointments, searches for mental health and simulation/clinical faculty; calendar or process changes for clinical placements; aligning schedules with ACE's calendar.</li> </ul> |                                                                     |
| <b>Community Reports</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                     |
| <b>Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence-</b> | <p>Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence: carried over information from previous ACE meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical Scholar Course</li> <li>• Dates: -<br/>October 20-24, 2025<br/>Cost: \$2,010<br/>Registration link - <a href="https://www.coloradonursingcenter.org/clinical-scholar-program/">https://www.coloradonursingcenter.org/clinical-scholar-program/</a></li> </ul>                                                                                                                  | <b>Everyone</b> Share with Networks                                 |
| <b>State Board of Nursing –</b>                | <p>Unable to secure a visit from CBON.</p> <p>Would like Roberta Hill to be at the next meeting</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Cheryl King</b> with connect with Kathleen about getting Roberta |
| <b>Other</b>                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                     |
| <b>ACE Membership Discussion</b>               | Agenda Items                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                     |
| Background Checks                              | <p>Background checks and Fingerprinting ~ Processes, Challenges and Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many of the educational organizations present discussed requiring fingerprinting on admission because more of their medical facilities require it. It is preferred to have it ready in case it is required of students to complete Mental Health</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                              | <b>Dalia</b> from Denver Health will send Colorado Statutes info    |

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|                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was also said that it is done on admissions because they want to be sure the student doesn't have a disqualifying event that would prevent them from becoming an RN.</li> <li>• Fingerprinting has revealed more potentially disqualifying events in their background checks compared to the standard background check done at admissions.</li> <li>• Several schools require fingerprinting at admission</li> <li>• Some uncertainty about what is considered a disqualifying event. Educational and Medical facilities use the policy that anything greater than 7 years is not considered. Excluding violent felonies and some non-time-barred felonies.</li> <li>• Dalia from Denver Health will provide the Colorado Statutes to ACE members</li> <li>• Legal consultation if findings within 7 years and are questionable</li> <li>• Suggestions for schools and agencies to align with BON standards</li> <li>• Not all agencies require fingerprinting for all placements- mainly those working with the adolescent psychiatric population.</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                          |
| COVID vaccine requirements                                                 | <p>Executive order on COVID-19 Vaccination for students in educational institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The executive order bans mandatory COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates</li> <li>• Key Clarification: Schools cannot require, but individual clinical agencies may still set their own policies.</li> </ul> <p>Requirements on COVID-19 vaccination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The majority of the medical facilities have decreased their requirements of COVID vaccination. Some don't require it at all, don't ask, some have waivers.</li> <li>• If schools allow declarations, warn students that placement opportunities may be limited. The clinical agencies can still require COVID vaccines.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Chapter 2 rules – Preceptors, Clinical Scholars, and Policy Interpretation | <p>Chapter 2 rules refer to the state Board of Nursing regulations on clinical instruction: Discussion on Chapter 2 rules – Preceptors, Clinical Scholars, and Policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unable to get a representative from the Board of Nursing – Maybe we can send an email with questions - (Megan to create)</li> <li>• Chapter 2 rules do not discuss Clinical Scholars – agency-based clinical faculty requirements discussion.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>Megan</b> from Kaiser to create a list of questions to be sent to BON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added to Next Agenda</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Preceptor qualifications, oversight, and documentation</li> <li>● Some clinical facilities are allowing ADN preceptor Capstone students, even in the BSN program.</li> <li>● ACEN requirements for accreditation are different depending on who is evaluating them. DCN said it was a major focus of their last visit from ACEN.</li> <li>● Accrediting agencies (ACEN, CCNE) are requiring more rigorous proof/documentation.</li> <li>● The problem is that there are not enough preceptors with two full years experience</li> <li>● Some schools are requesting resumes and certification from the clinical partners for the clinical scholars</li> <li>● Some schools (CCD) are asking for diplomas from the preceptors – others have also asked for transcripts – for their accreditors. It is difficult to provide transcripts and easier to provide diplomas.</li> <li>● This type of vetting is causing potential preceptors from taking on the preceptor position.</li> <li>● Schools may not know who the preceptor is for their Capstone student until the start of the quarter. Very unlikely to get this kind of documentation to validate their experience.</li> <li>● With the shortage of qualified preceptors, they cannot guarantee that there will be enough preceptors or that they will have the qualifications the school requests.</li> <li>● Attestation discussed: Having clinical agencies provide written confirmation that their assigned preceptors meet required criteria. – Suggestions: include attestations in MCE or via Google Docs shared among partners. (WHO to do this??)</li> <li>● Accrediting agencies are increasingly scrutiny on whether preceptors have received formal training, not just experience</li> </ul> <p>Scholars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There needs to be clarification between Clinical Scholars and Clinical instructors</li> </ul> |  |
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|                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a variability across clinical sites regarding required qualifications, documentation, and evaluation processes.</li> <li>• Scholars are not preceptors or ANIP but function as adjunct clinical faculty.</li> <li>• Accreditors such as CCNE are concerned about oversight documentation and verification of clinical scholars' credentials and ongoing evaluations/training.</li> <li>• Chapter 2 rules state ambiguous requirements. Different interpretations of the requirements of "must" are not used often. Leaving the passage open for interpretation</li> </ul> |                                                                                                   |
| Clinical Hours and Simulation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colorado requires among the highest total required clinical hours in the country, with strict limits on simulation percentage, up to 50%</li> <li>• Some members question the necessity of such a high bar: pointed to other states, such as Oregon and Tennessee, with lower clinical hour expectations and more simulation</li> <li>• Some participants noted that lower clinical hours may contribute to readiness gaps for new grads.</li> <li>• Would like to continue this discussion at a future meeting.</li> </ul>                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Agenda - Clinical Hours &amp; Simulation</li> </ul> |
| Future Agenda Items           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CBON requirements – Would like to have Roberta Hill at the next meeting<br/>Would like to clarify preceptor vs. clinical scholars vs. ANIPs.</li> <li>• Clarity on how Chapter 2 revisions may impact clinical hours and simulation requirements.</li> <li>• Student use of AI and implications for patient safety.</li> <li>• System for students to apply to multiple nursing programs at once in Colorado to address uneven enrollment and waitlists.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                |                                                                                                   |
| Adjournment                   | Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                   |
| Important Announcement        | <p><b>2025 Service &amp; Education</b><br/> <b><i>"Embracing &amp; Integrating Healthcare Workers &amp; Students with Disabilities"</i></b></p> <p>The 2025 Service &amp; Education meeting will be --<br/> Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 8:00am – 12:00 pm Virtually.<br/> Topics:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <a href="#"><u>Service &amp; Education\2025 Service and Ed Flyer</u></a>                          |

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|                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADA expert panel presentation on the legal requirements to accommodate those with disabilities in school and in a healthcare work setting.</li> <li>• Guest Speaker - Terry Chase, ND, MA, RN, CEIP-Ed - Speaker-Author-Coach</li> </ul> <p>For more information and to REGISTER:<br/> <a href="https://www.coloradonursingcenter.org/serviceed/">https://www.coloradonursingcenter.org/serviceed/</a></p> |                             |
| <b>Next Meeting</b> | <p>October 27, 2025<br/> Time: 0900 MDT<br/> Link to be sent out with Invite in September</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Cheryl</b> to coordinate |

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Hecker, DNP

### SECTION 2 Updates with Chat

Galen continues to add AD and BS cohorts quarterly. We had our first cohort of BS students start on campus this month. We had the BON come in April and anticipate full approval at the October BON meeting. We have SACSCOC (college regional accreditation) coming August 18 and the ACEN coming August 26-28. BON comes back in November for our BSN program. We moved to our 80,000 sq ft campus on Potomac at the end of June. We share the space with HCAs Center for Clinical Advancement.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16rH976yUio50uK0cJCqmpozfq5y-c2vVdQprwcecAbQ/edit?pli=1&gid=1848602052#gid=1848602052>  
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I was able to get the agenda link to work  
I can see presentation

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CCCS has a policy system wide as well. Thanks!

Bean, Stephanie, that is what I use at Galen, as well.

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Here is ours from UNC that we currently use. [Background Investigation - Students.docx](#)  
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Diana, access this document is limited to folks in your organization

That is what I found as well.

Of course it is! LOL Let me see if I can figure out how to share the file.

There are regulations and statutes which currently exist as disqualifying offenses tied to the Title 2 CCR 502-1 fingerprinting requirement. That is what I've been looking at in addition to the CCCS policy for FRCC.

Colorado Mountain College-We use guidelines per the CBON. Meet with the students as something comes up within the previous 7 years, so they are prepared when they apply for their license.

I can't figure out how to share the full document, but here is what is considered a "positive" background investigation: Any student with a positive background investigation will not be allowed to start or continue in their program. A positive background investigation means that the student was convicted of one or more of the following criminal offenses:

- *Any violent felony convictions of homicide. (No time limit)*
- *Crimes of violence (assault, sexual offenses, arson, kidnapping, any crime against an at-risk adult or juvenile, etc.) as defined in section 18-1.3-406 C.R.S. in the 10 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.*
- *Any offense involving unlawful sexual behavior in the 10 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.*
- *Any crime, the underlying basis of which has been found by the court on the record to include an act of domestic violence, as defined in section 18-6-800.3 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.*
- *Any crime of child abuse, as defined in section 18-6-401 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.*
- *Any crime related to the sale, possession, distribution or transfer of narcotics or controlled substances in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application. (Paraphernalia possession is not considered a disqualifying offense).*
- *Any felony theft crimes in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.*
- *Any misdemeanor theft crimes in the 5 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.*

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- *Any offense of sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist, as defined in section 18-3-405.5 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.*
- *Misdemeanor or felony crimes of moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, etc.) in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.*
- *Registered Sex Offenders. (No time limit)*
- *Any offense in another state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the above offenses.*
- *More than one (1) D.U.I. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.*
- *Any offense, regardless of type, which is still pending in the courts (without legal disposition at the time of program application and/or program start.*

1. The SON Director will review any positive background check on a case-by-case basis and may request additional information from the applicant or student and confer with UNC Human Resources and the General Counsel's Office.

**Chacon, Kimberly (External)**

**what if not yet convicted of any of the 'positives' but instead undergoing court proceedings - which could take a few years  
According to the CCCS guidelines, the student must have completed the terms of the adjudication agreement. We do not allow them until it is resolved.**

**CSP is requiring fingerprinting upon admission as of this Summer 2025.**

**[Keeping Education Accessible and Ending Covid-19 Vaccine Mandates in Schools – The White House](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WeA44tbkmPI2m3iVXD5n4jPyEs-DtaCxm62MvLwl4k8/edit?gid=1568863883#gid=1568863883)**

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**ACE Student Requirements - Google Sheets**

**Yes, that is correct.**

**Hi! At CSU Pueblo, we longer require the covid vaccine, and our clinical partners no longer require it.**

**Some affiliation agreements that were renewed during the pandemic may still mention it, even if the agency no longer requires.**

**Are any schools requiring students to sign a liability waiver if they are exposed to covid in the clinical setting?**

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**Morris, Kristine**

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True. That is something we need to explore. 👍

Do hospitals require a formal exemption from schools for students who want to seek exemption?

**Bean, Stephanie (External)**

Are any schools requiring students to sign a liability waiver if they are exposed to covid in the clinical setting?

Students can be exposed to any number of communicable diseases in clinical or at the grocery store. It seems odd to specify only COVID in a waiver

That is the same at CommonSpirit entities, there is a declination but we do request that all Covid information be provided.

Thanks! And I agree, I just want to make sure my ducks are in a row!

We aren't allowed to ask students for it, though, so you may not get it Dahlia.

Is the Google sign in link for today's meeting has been sent? I have not signed in yet... Can someone please send the link again?

CCD Leadership has been requesting degree transcripts from preceptors, I discussed this with our new DNEP, and we agreed a diploma would suffice. What are the other CCCS ACEN accredited nursing programs are requiring?

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**Dalia Ghosh (Unverified)**

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**Help me understand why a clinical scholar would not be considered a preceptor?**

**This is the response from Roberta Hill to Mallory Brunel at MSU Denver: Good evening Mallory,  
The supervision of the clinical experience from your qualified clinical faculty allows for experts w/o the bachelor's degree to share their expertise and faculty can supplement as needed.  
Roberta Hills**

**Roberta Hills  
Program Director  
State Board of Nursing**

**Something went wrong and I lost the meeting, and I have to log back. One more time please for the Google Sign in link please...**

**This is Roberta's response from Roberta when she reached back in May: Good evening Kathleen McInnis,  
I think the rules as you have articulated them are clear. I also think it is clear that the schools do not always have control over who is assigned to their students by the clinical facility. I think the programs have to deliver the clinicals as dictated by the curriculum and strive to meet the rules. In cases where the clinical faculty are not BSN prepared for a student in a BSN program, the clinical course lead would want to work closely with the clinical faculty and provide supplemental guidance to the students as appropriate.**

**[ACE Google Docs link](#)**

**Do we know how wide sweeping the changes to the Chapter 2 rules are? Can we changed the required number of clinical hours?**

**Hello Roberta,  
We haven't corresponded recently and I hope you are well! If your ears were burning on Monday, your name came up during the ACE meeting! I was unable to attend due to an urgent family matter, however as a member of the leadership team, I offered to reach out to you. From what I understand, schools have been working with hospitals and facilities to help ensure compliance with the board of nursing requirements for preceptors. One of the challenges has been that some preceptors are**

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**ADNs, and it is understood that we are not permitted to use ADNs as preceptors and that specifically, an ADN cannot precept a BSN student, as the preceptor must hold a degree at or above the student's level.**

**The issue is that many hospitals do not have enough BSN-prepared nurses available, which may limit the number of Capstone students they can accommodate. From what is understood, it is clear that preceptors must have at least one year of experience.**

**Additionally, regarding Clinical Scholars, the understanding is that they must hold a Master's degree in nursing, have two years of experience, and complete the Scholars Program through the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence. However, it is acceptable for a BSN-prepared nurse to serve as a Scholar if they are actively pursuing a Master's degree and have either completed or are currently enrolled in the CCNE Scholar program. . . . This is Roberta's response from Roberta when she reached back in May: Good evening Kathleen McInnis,**

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**What about an attestation that is exchanged that allows the clinical partner to attest that minimum requirements for education and experience are met for preceptors. I do think the burden is going to be higher for clinical scholars because they are acting as faculty.**

**Colorado Mountain College- We have capstone preceptors sign an agreement stating licensure and 2 years in the department. We have lost placements at times.**

**CCNE is looking for evidence of experiential and academic experience for preceptors.**

**And that may work from a state perspective but may not be enough for accreditors for preceptors. Accreditors also want to know how preceptors have been trained.**

**FRCC has a BSN program and for community health/leadership strongly prefer a BSN preceptor.**

**FRCC- BSN program: We are not governed by the SBON which is why we say prefer and include this in our program preceptor guidelines.**

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**Not true at ACHD. Part of our career ladder is having a BSN.**

**One organization we work with is removing BSN requirement from the career ladder but still offering tuition reimbursement.**

**<https://www.nursingworld.org/organizational-programs/magnet/find-a-magnet-organization/> You can search Magnet facilities here**

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**St Mary's Medical Center in Grand Junction is a magnet hospital.**

**That's the issue CCNE is concerned about.**

**Absolutely true. Accreditors do not like the exceptions the states have allowed**

**Agreed. CCNE believes anyone who is faculty must be master's prepared. At a minimum**

**At Intermountain Health, our career ladder allows ADNs to participate but they can only reach a certain level on the ladder. BSNs can climb the entire length of the ladder. In this way, BSNs can make more than ADNs. Additionally, ADNs have limited growth beyond the bedside- all leadership positions require at least a BSN.**

**So the burden for showing that preceptors have been prepared to be preceptors is higher**

**On the other side of the coin, how are the academic institutions vetting that an adjunct clinical instructors are competent and what kind of clinical instructor training are they required to have?**

**Sylvia Robertson CommonSpirit Regional Clinical Placement Coordinator (Unverified)**

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**We have an entire credentialing process guided by both our institutional accreditor HLC and CCNE is looking very closely as faculty academic and experiential qualifications.**

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**There is no set number required in Oregon.**

**Oregon NCLEX pass rates are very high by state**

**Our professional organizations are pushing for competency based education. Counting hours is the opposite of that. We all know that some students need more than 750 and some half of that.**

**Yes, and I know that the BON was addressing that in a quarterly meeting. Not sure I ever heard the results.**

**Colorado allows up to 50% simulation and you can do 2:1**

**If you're accredited it 50% by course**

**When the rules are open all topics are open. We just need to lobby for the change.**

**I have alerted lobbyists**

**CSP can provide a DRAFT attestation for preceptors**

**CCU has hired a new BSN Director. Please welcome Dr. Shawn Elliot!**

**No updates from UNC.**

**We are preparing graduates for practice, not simply for NCLEX. What is practice seeing in new graduates and what does academia need to do to meet that need? We should all be considering what we are doing in the clinical hours we have rather than simply the number of clinical hours. Hours in placements should provide ample opportunity to assess relevant clinical competencies. I would like to hear from practice partners about the competency of new grads and what they are having to do continue their competency development.**

**Green, Kaela (Unverified)**

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**Congrats, Shawn!**

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**Jessee, Mary Ann (External)**

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**We address this in our Program Advisory Board meetings.**

**CCD - We have hired a new DNEP, Sarah Luense. We have admitted 20 students for our LPN to BSN/RN bridge program to start this Fall 2025. We have been approved to admit 5 more on top of that 20. Also, we are looking for MSN prepared RNs to teach clinical in Transitions to Professional Nursing NUR 2002, Need to have OB/Peds experience, thanks!**

**FRCC-WC: we have 2 new full-time faculty starting this fall and have 2 open positions for med-surg and peds/OB. We are revising our LPN to ADN program and will take students in fall 2026. Our ADN program received continuing accreditation through ACEN this past spring.**

**FRCC RN to BSN program update: Now ACEN accredited (formerly CCNE). Going strong but seeing a trend towards more post ADN admission rather than dual enrollment. Always looking for great community health sites. Appreciate continued placements with acute care nurse leaders for leadership practicum.**

**That's called Nursing CAS**

**Caldwell, Hollie (External)**

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**CAS is one mechanism to accomplish this, yes. But we have to work together to accept applications.**

**Concordia St. Paul University former Platt College admitted our first cohort on the Accelerated BSN track this Summer on a semester calendar. We are still teaching out former Platt students through summer 2027 on a quarter calendar.**

**No updates for CommonSpirit.**

**Adams State University - one FT faculty position preparing for CCNE survey in October, SON will be joining schools beginning fall and will be School of Health Sciences to include nursing, kinesiology, food studies, and public health**

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AdventHealth is moving to quarterly senior practicum applications. Dates will be sent out for the new application cycles in mid August. If a school (other than those that already participate) is interested in getting information on the application, please email me [nicole.thede@adventhealth.com](mailto:nicole.thede@adventhealth.com)

Colorado Mountain College has no updates to share at this time.

Welcome Max and Cecilia!

Lutheran Hospital - no major updates at the site.

Please welcome Matt Faas, new Clinical Placement Manager at MSU Denver. Matt's email is [mafaas@msudenver.edu](mailto:mafaas@msudenver.edu)

Banner Health Update - As a reminder and update we shifted our placements by a semester to align with the ACE calendar.  
No new updates for Kaiser Permanente Colorado  
Cheryl King, DNP, CNS, RN - Colorado Center For Nursing Excellence [cheryl@coloradonursingcenter.org](mailto:cheryl@coloradonursingcenter.org)

CU Nursing - my role has changed to oversee both graduate and undergraduate clinical rotations. Lots to learn!

I would love to join in person in October. 😊

I vote in person twice a year

In person once per year would allow us to plan for travel expenses

I agree 2x year is good. Clear reminder the meeting prior.

Maybe something more North?

I like Online and may be hybrid.

For Intermountain Health - we are moving to a centralized student programs team, with 3 dedicated coordinators in CO. We will keep the ACE contact sheet updated as this transition happens over the next couple of months. Thank you to our school partners as we work through some challenging times with placements at two of our front range sites- Saint Joseph and Good

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**Samaritan Hospitals. Additionally, you will see updates to My Clinical Exchange in the coming weeks to reflect new onboarding requirements for all students.**

**agree, virtual is important for those of us on the westernslope**

**I like July & Oct**

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**Maybe just 1 in-person in July**