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Current information about the CHA/PA Physician Assistant Program at the University of Colorado Denver.

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CHA/PA Newsletter

Read on to learn more about student awards, faculty achievements, upcoming events, unforgettable experiences, and much more!



Colorado Curriculum

After years of planning and countless hours preparing, we are excited to launch the Colorado Curriculum in



DAWN Clinic: Empower the underserved, Inspire future healthcare leaders, Transform Aurora's health

On a cold Tuesday afternoon in December, people gather in the entryway of the Dayton Street Opportunity Center, just off east Colfax Avenue. They arrive 2-3 hours before the student-led, free clinic

July of 2018! This cutting-edge, learner-centered educational program is based on clinical presentations rather than traditional courses to mimic how patients present for care and how clinicians actually practice medicine. Focused on clinical decision-making and lifelong learning skills, the Colorado Curriculum utilizes a developmental approach to learning, in that clinical presentations introduced in the first year are revisited at a more advanced level during the second year, to provide students with a strong springboard for a lifetime of learning, clinical care, and service.

Students in the Colorado Curriculum are expected to be self-directed, active, motivated, reflective and responsible for their own learning. Courses emphasize the integration of basic sciences and clinical medicine, presenting information in a clinical context. The curriculum is highly interactive and reflective, using small group experiences, case-based learning, standardized patients and simulators, lectures, and collaborative sessions, to build the knowledge, skills, and attitudes important for physician assistants. Interdisciplinary training is also woven throughout the curriculum to facilitate the development of a collaborative approach to patient care.

We believe this next phase of our curriculum, with its foundation in best practices for learning and clinical medicine, supports our learners in

opens to get a walk-in medical or dental appointment. Patients are adults from Aurora and represent many backgrounds and ethnicities. Most of these patients do not qualify for Medicaid and rely on the clinic for acute and chronic care.

A few hours later, the scene in the back of the clinic is loud, excited and busy. A 4th-year medical student, who is the Clinic Director, speaks to the crowd of health profession students about the patients they will see that night. The students represent most of the health professional programs on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. Each night there are approximately 15–20 students from the Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy, Nursing, Medical, Dental and Pharmacy programs present. Before the Clinic Director releases them to meet with their small, interprofessional teams, she has them repeat the DAWN Clinic motto. ‘Do as much as possible for the patient and as little as possible to the patient.’

There are additional Anschutz students who volunteer to run the small CLIA-waived lab or perform patient intake as well as students from other campuses who work as interpreters or on care coordination teams. The clinic has enjoyed a large student volunteer pool and there is always a great turnout. At a DAWN Clinic information session on campus this past fall semester, over 200 health profession students attended.

their journey to be excellent health care providers.

For more information about the curriculum visit [CHA/PA Program Overview](#)



Join us on March 9th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus for an information session!

During each session, current CHA/PA students will be available to answer questions related to the program. Following the student discussion, a tour of the CHA/PA facilities on the Anschutz Medical Campus will be conducted.

The goal of the CHA/PA Information Sessions is to provide information regarding program details and admissions. Specific, individual questions are answered via e-mail. Please see the Prospective Student web page for links to admission procedures, prerequisites, FAQs, and much more.

For more information and to make a reservation please visit our [website](#).



Congratulations, Tyler!

I firmly believe that healthcare is not a privilege but an inherent right of every citizen. Not only should everyone have access to healthcare, but I also hope that we can continue to work towards access to quality

If you would like more information regarding the DAWN Clinic, visit their website at dawnclinic.org.

Amy Akerman, PA-C
CHA/PA Senior Instructor
Academic Coordinator



Welcome, Nikita!

Nikita Reid is our new Clinical Services Coordinator. She helps ensure that students are registered for their clinical experiences. Previously she worked in Atlanta, Georgia at Fulton County Schools in the Career and Technical Education Department. Nikita is currently pursuing her degree in Psychology. Nikita is enjoying exploring Colorado and adventuring in the great outdoors!



PAEA 2017 in the Books!

Several of our faculty and staff presented at PAEA, which was held in Denver this year. Congratulations to

healthcare for every person.

At the end of the summer, I was been chosen to be part of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) scholarship program, and I was beyond excited. The scholarship program is designed for MD/DO, dental, nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, and physician assistant students who are committed to working in primary care in high-need underserved areas both rural and urban.

The scholarship covers tuition, fees, other educational costs, and provides a living stipend in return for a commitment to work at an NHSC-approved site in a medically underserved community for at least 2 years.

I am beyond excited that I have been granted this opportunity to continue pursuing my dream to work with the medically underserved. It is a great reminder why I have chosen to pursue this career, and I cannot wait to see how many doors this will open upon graduating from the CHA/PA program.

Tyler Cobb
CHA/PA Class of 2020



Speaking of PAEA...

Congratulations, to our very own, Jonathan Bowser! Jonathan was selected as President-Elect of PAEA for 2018. Jonathan served as a director at large for three years and is

all on their hard work and dedication to PA Education!

Retreat – Medical Directors Retreat:
Tai Lockspeiser, MD, MHPE

Chalk Talk – Big Beautiful Change:
Jonathan Bowser, MS, PA-C

Spotlight – Quest for Yoda: Searching for Meaningful Mentorship in PA Education: Jacqueline Sivahop, MS, PA-C

Poster – Setting the Bar High: Do Experience Hours Equal Student Success? – Kay Denler & Jacqueline Sivahop, MS, PA-C

Poster – Do Clinical Rotations Create Pipelines for Employment?: Tanya Fernandez, MS, PA-C; Jonathan Bowser, MS, PA-C & Jacqueline Sivahop, MS, PA-C

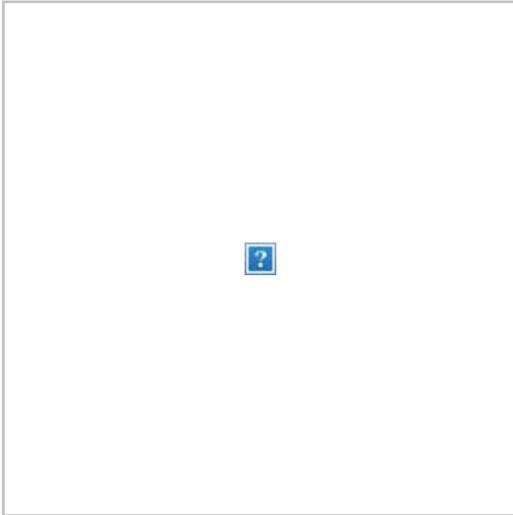
Poster – Individualized Learning Plans: A Learner-Centered Approach to Clinical Rotations: Tanya Fernandez, MS, PA-C; Tai Lockspeiser, MD, MHPE & Jacqueline Sivahop, MS, PA-C



ECHO Colorado

ECHO (Extension for Community Health Outcomes) Colorado offers free learning series to health professionals and those whose work impacts health the opportunity to be part of a community where experts and peers share knowledge and experience using technology, not

excited to join the Board as President-Elect. In this role he, along with other Board members, will administer the Association's financial affairs, appoint standing and ad hoc committees, and conduct all Association business between membership meetings.



CAPA at the Capitol!

Are you curious about what CAPA is doing here in Colorado? Join PA students and PAs from across the state for Colorado's annual CAPA at the Capitol day. For more information please visit coloradopas.org

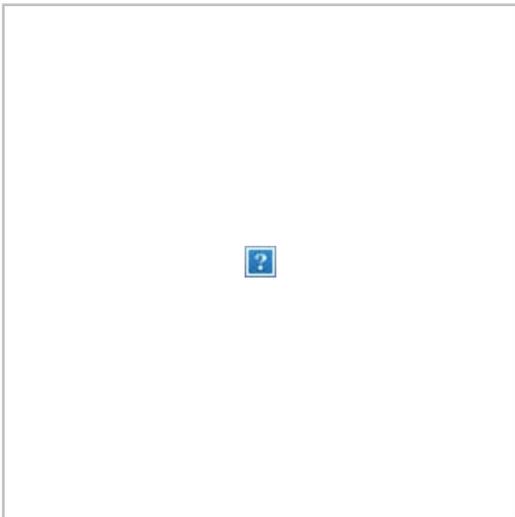
CAPA at the Capitol
March 20, 2018
8:00 am-12:00 pm

Colorado State Capitol
200 E. Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

proximity, to connect.

ECHO sessions are one-hour a week and (usually) span about six-sessions a cohort. They combine the interactive learning and case-based sharing aspects of an in-person training with the improved access and convenience of connecting through an audio and video-based online experience (ZOOM).

For more information and a calendar of upcoming events, visit [ECHO Colorado](#).



A huge thank you to all our students and faculty who volunteered at the National Western Stock Show this year!



Keep in Touch!

Have you moved recently? We'd love to update your address on file. From time-to-time we send event invitations via snail mail and we'd love to make sure you are on the list! You can submit or update your mailing information [here](#).



Interested in precepting CHA/PA students?

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