



Preceptor Newsletter | March 2025



What's Important about Site Visits?

Faculty complete site visits around the middle of the semester, sometimes virtually, but usually in person. The number of visits may vary depending on the semester and the student's needs. These visits are a vital part of the student's clinical experience.

During the site visit, faculty evaluate the student's performance in the clinical setting where they are comfortable, review the clinical setting to ensure that it is appropriate for the learning needs of the student, and visit with the preceptor to assess the student's progress, strengths, and areas for development.

Conversation with the preceptor is a crucial part of the site visit. Preceptors know how the student is really doing, especially one who is anxious and does not perform optimally during the site visit. There may also be times when the student is unable to perform aspects of patient care during a site visit that is a part of the clinical evaluation – a day when there is a paucity of patients or when patients decline to have the student involved in their care. Preceptors are vital in providing faculty with actionable feedback on the student's progress.

Site visits are a time to share knowledge and recommendations for the student's professional growth. Preceptors may have feedback on areas that the student needs to strengthen, which faculty can work on with the student. Faculty may have suggestions on ways to foster the student's transition to the NP role. The visits also are an opportunity to cement the partnership between preceptor, faculty, and student in clinical education.



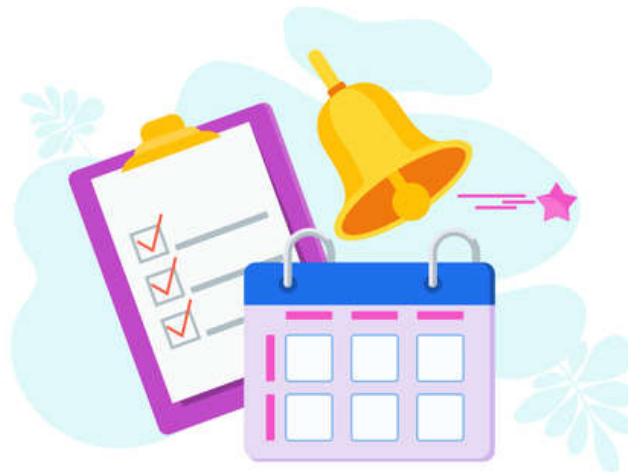
Preceptor Spotlight

Melanie Bolen, DNP, FNP-C is a 2020 graduate of UAMS. She practices at ARCare in White Hall. Melanie has been a preceptor since 2024 and is known for her kindness and encouragement of students.



Preceptor Workshop

The UAMS College of Nursing is hosting a preceptor workshop on Friday, April 25, 2025. If you are interested in attending this event, please complete the event interest survey by clicking [here](#).



REMINDER

Location: Arkansas Children's Hospital

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Date: Friday, April 25, 2025



Adjunct Faculty Opportunity

If you have provided at least 100 preceptor hours in the last year, you are eligible to receive an adjunct (unpaid) appointment in the College of Nursing. This includes access to the UAMS Library resources, such as Up-To-Date and a UAMS email address.

Application Materials:

- Cover Letter
- CV or Resume
- Copies of license and certification
- Short Form

[Click here to start the application](#)

Arkansas Nursing Research Day

NURSING EXCELLENCE:

Using Research to Advance Science & Practice

MAY 2, 2025

8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

I. Dodd Wilson Education Building
116 Hooper Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205

Panel Discussions

- A Brief History of Violence as a Public Health Crisis
- Empowering Communities: Tackling Maternal Health Disparities and Childhood Obesity in Minority Groups
- Addressing Opioid Misuse in the Pediatric Population

Breakout Sessions

- Making It Matter: Practical Applications of Quality Improvement, Evidence-Based Practice, & Nursing Research
- Linking Words & Sentences: The Craft of Abstract Creation
- Introduction to Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence: Key Concepts and Applications
- Understanding Qualitative Research to Capture the Voice of the Underserved

Continuing Education (CE)

- Check back for CE information!

Students: \$25.00 | Healthcare Professionals & Faculty: \$95.00

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For more information
and to register:

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2025 Arkansas Nursing Research Day

Enduring Material:

Speaker: Leonie DeClerk, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP
Topic: "Mastering Feedback"

Click [here](#) to access the enduring material module.

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