

Preceptor Newsletter | April 2025



What is the PREPARE Grant?

PREPARE is a HRSA Advanced Nursing Education Workforce grant, focused on increasing primary care and mental health nurse practitioner workforces. The UAMS College of Nursing is completing the second year of the 4-year grant.

The grant has three areas of focus:

- Student support through financial support and mentorship.
- Increasing academic-practice partnerships, especially in rural and underserved communities.
- Preceptor support through educational opportunities and outreach.

We are excited to welcome preceptors to an educational event on April 25th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Sessions will include working with neurodivergent students, as well as results of a recent study of preceptorship and case scenarios with various issues encountered during preceptorship. Preceptors will receive a small stipend for attending. We hope to see you there! If you are interested in attending this event, please complete the event interest survey by clicking [here](#).



Preceptor Spotlight

Shaneika Lewis-Williams, DNP, APRN, is currently serving as the nurse practitioner at Arkansas Children's hospital school-based health clinics. For over 12 years, Shaneika has delivered pediatric primary care with a fervor that inspires everyone around her. Her expansive knowledge in neurological, rheumatological, and adolescent health uniquely positions her to offer holistic and patient-centered care. Shaneika is an influential force in the workplace, having transformed the lives of families and patients through her dedication, advocacy, and clinical expertise. She received her advanced practice nursing degree at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in 2012 and her doctoral degree from the University of Central Arkansas in 2020. Shaneika is a family-centered person and is inspired daily by her three beautiful children. In her free time, Shaneika enjoys spending time with family, traveling, gardening, and reading.



Register now for Arkansas Nursing Research Day!

The deadline is Friday, April 25, 2025. This event welcomes all healthcare professionals, students, and staff across various colleges and health disciplines.

[Register Here](#)

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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Contact CONARNursingResearchDay@uams.edu

*For more information
and to register:*

[https://nursing.uams.edu/
research/2025-arkansas-
nursing-research-day/](https://nursing.uams.edu/research/2025-arkansas-nursing-research-day/)



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](#)



Enduring Material:

Speaker: Leonie DeClerk, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP

Topic: Mastering Feedback

Click [here](#) to view the Enduring Material module.

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