



FINALLY ... it's FALL YALL!

Fall is our students' final semester in their specialty practicums before they can take their certification exams. Our DNP students complete another 350 hours in spring, but many take their certification exam over the winter break or early in spring so that they can practice upon graduation.

Our students complete about 350 hours of practicum in the fall – a lot of hours for them and for you. Our PNP, AGACNP, and PMHNP already have 420 hours of experience as NP students seeing increasingly complex patients. Our FNP students have completed 210 hours focusing on pediatrics as well as 210 hours focusing on women's health and are now entering the world of adult health and complex comorbidities.

In contrast to their entry into the spring semester, our students are good at being NP students. They have developed into proficient NPs in many areas, and competent in some. However, they may be entering an unfamiliar setting with different types of patients and a new-to-them preceptor. They have developed strategies to be successful in the clinical setting, but they still need some guidance and support.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

How can you help our students be successful?

- Set ground rules and expectations – every setting is a little different, so what is expected in one may not be acceptable in another.
- Provide feedback frequently – both what was done well and areas that could be improved on.
- Recommend areas for students to focus their background reading – resources that you found helpful when learning to manage your patients' conditions as well as when you transitioned from student to practicing NP.
- Make sure to talk through your decision-making process as you determine a diagnosis and management plan – the subtle nuances of clinical decision-making

are difficult to follow.

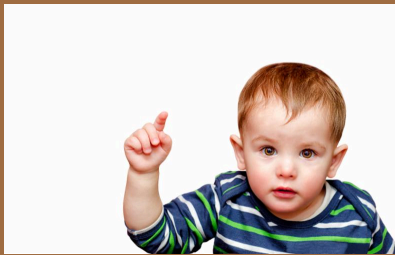
- Expose your student to the full breadth of NP practice – not only patient encounters, but also follow up on diagnostics, prior authorizations, case management, etc.

The 350 hours that our students spend with you in the fall are crucial in enhancing their professional competence and confidence, as well as their professional identities as nurse practitioners.

Thank you for sharing your knowledge, expertise, attitudes, and time with our students.

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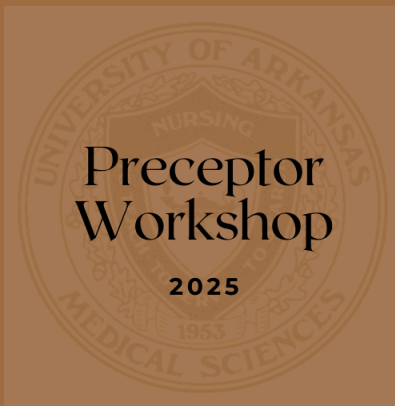
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Preceptor Spotlight!

Jenna Valovich APRN. Jenna is a board certified adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner. She graduated from University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for her undergraduate (2010) and graduate nursing degrees (2016). She has worked in the cardiovascular field for the majority of her nursing career both as a bedside RN and APRN. She currently practices in the outpatient clinic at UAMS Heart Center. She is dedicated to providing personalized, evidence-based cardiovascular care. She is passionate about empowering patients to live healthier and fuller lives.



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Preceptor Appreciation Workshop

LOCATION

Northeast Arkansas Area

DATE AND TIME

11/14/25 10:00am - 11/14/25 1:30pm America/Chicago

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