

October UAMS Preceptor Newsletter



Tons of Preceptor Educational Opportunities!

We are delighted to highlight several professional development opportunities available to our valued preceptors this season:

- **Fall Preceptor Appreciation Event – November 14, 2025 (Jonesboro)**
Join us as we celebrate your contributions! Additional details are provided later in this newsletter.
- **Free Learn-On-Demand Preceptor Modules**
Explore three on-demand modules designed to strengthen your teaching skills, including: Providing effective feedback, working with students at varying levels, and managing time during preceptorship.

1. **PRIME NP Preceptor Program**

Offered through the Midwest Clinical Instruction Regional Network, this free program supports nurse practitioner preceptors. [Learn more here.](#)

2. **Clinical Nurse Educator Academy**

LSU Health School of Nursing provides this free, self-paced academy to enhance your skills as a clinical educator. [Find out more here.](#)

3. **Preceptor Portal - National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF)**

Access a variety of preceptor-focused resources and tools through the NONPF Preceptor Portal. [Visit the website here.](#)

We hope these resources support your ongoing professional growth and help you meet continuing education requirements. Thank you for your dedication to mentoring the next generation of nurse practitioners!

November Preceptor Appreciation Workshop

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Preceptors will receive a stipend of \$425 for attending.



Sign Up for the Preceptor Appreciation Workshop!
Before the opportunity disappears

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UAMS White Coat Ceremony

UAMS College of Nursing hosted the White Coat Ceremony on Friday, October 3rd, 2025. This was an exciting event for the college, students, families and friends. The White Coat Ceremony began for nursing schools in 2014 when the Arnold P. Gold Foundation partnered with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). This important ceremony marks the transition from classroom to clinical practice and emphasizes the importance of humanism and compassionate patient care.

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At the ceremony, 78 BSN and 56 Masters/Doctor of Nursing Practice students were coated. Each white coat is donated by a generous donor and provides a tangible symbol of the students' commitment to their chosen nursing paths. Congratulations to all the students on this momentous occasion. We are excited to see you continue your studies to achieve your goals.

New Dean for UAMS College of Nursing

In September, Sarah Rhoads joined the College of Nursing as the new Dean. She brings many years of experience in nursing administration, education, research, and service. She is an alumnus of UAMS and worked several years at the College of Nursing and College of Medicine at UAMS. We are so pleased to have her rejoin the UAMS family as the new Dean. She has spent the last month working and networking with many stakeholders across the state to advance the missions of the College of Nursing.



New HRSA PREPARE Award Recipients

The College of Nursing is excited to welcome 15 new recipients to the HRSA ANEW PREPARE grant program. These students are primary care students who will receive additional training in social determinants of health, rural and underserved communities, substance use and mental health disorders to better prepare them to serve Arkansans. These students receive a scholarship and stipend to support their educational efforts. It is an exciting time to provide educational opportunities to all our students.



Update Your Faculty Status

Adjunct faculty status must be approved every two years. If your application was approved in 2023, it is time to update!

- Complete the application below
- Email the following to jturner3@uams.edu:
 - A cover letter addressed to Dr. Sarah Rhoads
 - Your current CV
 - A copy of your certification

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