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### **Better Preparing Our Students to Enter the Clinical Setting**

PREPARE students who are entering their clinical courses spent the first day of the semester demonstrating the skills developed in advanced health assessment and diagnostic reasoning, advanced pharmacology, and other core courses. They began the day with individual objective structured clinical examinations (OSCEs), completing a clinical visit with a standardized patient; to simulate an early clinical experience. Students reviewed the patient chart, obtained a pertinent history, completed a focused clinical examination, determined a diagnosis, developed a management plan, and provided patient education. Following the patient encounter, students reported to a simulated preceptor. Although everyone was very anxious, the patients received appropriate diagnoses and management plans, and our students felt more confident after the experience.

Following the morning OSCEs, more experienced students provided a panel discussion regarding the keys to having a positive preceptorship experience. We wrapped up the afternoon with a Jeopardy game, highlighting differential diagnoses, subjective and objective findings, abnormal exam findings, common rashes, a can't-miss diagnosis, and HIPAA.

We hope these student initiatives help make your preceptorship experience better. Please let faculty know if there is any information or skills that you wish our students had before coming to your clinical setting.

Thank you for being a preceptor!

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### **Newest HRSA Grant Team Member**

The HRSA Grant Team would like to extend a warm welcome to Cesalie Wallace, DNP. She is the newest member of the team, bringing a wealth of academic and clinical experience that will help to advance our mission and goals.

Dr. Wallace earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner in 2012 from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She is an Assistant Professor at the UAMS College of Nursing, where she teaches across master's and doctoral programs. Since joining the college, she has worked with curriculum development and provided preceptorship opportunities to students.

Dr. Wallace is a dual-certified nurse practitioner through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Her clinical experience is broad and spans across primary care, urgent care, public health, and occupational health. She actively participates in multiple nursing and community organizations, including as a board member for the Arkansas Nurses Association and the UAMS 12<sup>th</sup> Street Community Action Board. She is a member of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties and the Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association.

We are thrilled to have Dr. Wallace as part of the team!



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## Preceptor Educational Opportunities!

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

- **Spring Preceptor Appreciation Event – April 23, 2026**  
Join us as we celebrate your contributions! Additional details will be provided later
- **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!

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Adjunct faculty status must be approved every two years. If your application was approved in 2024, it is time to update!

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  - Your current CV
  - A copy of your certification

**Faculty Application**

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