

CON Faculty Practice Newsletter

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FACULTY PRACTICE PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: HEARTLAND

Through a partnership with Rush University College of Nursing, Delamie Thompson, RN, MPH is the Director of Quality for Heartland Health Centers. She began her work at Heartland back in 2012 as an independent contractor and recognized an opportunity. Already an instructor in public health nursing at Rush, she understood the challenges of providing meaningful clinical experiences to students in a more fluid community setting. The changing role of public health nurses and an ever changing health care system makes it difficult for already stressed community agencies to host students. And yet, the shift in focus on Quality, and population based care in primary care makes these agencies ideal for engaging students in everyday realities of care.

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- Delamie Thompson, RN, MPH



Here was an opportunity to look quality related to the delivery of health care, public health nursing, and population based care in a new light- one that emanates from within the agency via faculty practice. Rush Faculty Practice may be more commonly recognized in the clinical role of the Nurse Practitioner, but in this position, an organizational view was possible- one linking nursing practice to quality at a more comprehensive level. Heartland's CEO, Gwenn Rausch, also recognized the additional benefits of Rush Faculty Practice: access to best practices and research, working with faculty in tackling emerging issues in healthcare, educating new nurses and providers in the role of Federally Qualified Health Centers in our nation's health care safety net.

At Heartland Health Centers, Delamie works with an interdisciplinary team of providers, administrators, and community partners to improve care and provide meaningful student experiences. In her role as Director of Quality, she provides education to staff, leadership and board members. She directs and manages the Quality Plan, and goals (including clinical, safety, and patient experience measures). In addition, she co-chairs the Infection Control Committee and provides consultation on community health nursing practice. Recently surveyed by HRSA, Heartland Health Center program was considered exemplary. The HRSA surveyor remarked that Heartland's quality plan was truly incorporated on a daily basis, and that Heartland's QM team, was organized and cohesive.

The HRSA survey team stated it had been over a year since they had seen a "perfect score." In addition, they praised Heartland for its community partnerships, most notably the partnership with Rush University College of Nursing. In light of the review, Delamie stated, "this does not mean we can sit back. We still need to continue moving forward, monitoring everything, and continue improving where ever possible."

HEARTLAND FACTS

- A federally qualified health center organization serving Chicago's Northside
- Provided 21,000 patients with comprehensive primary care, oral health care, and mental health care services
- Four community health center sites, four school health center sites, and two sites that are co-located with mental health providers

Source: <http://www.heartlandhealthcenters.org/>

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Welcome to our inaugural CON Office of Faculty Practice Newsletter! Through these newsletters, we are excited to share with you the terrific nursing work going on across our CON Faculty Practice partnerships, to display student and research opportunities and ongoing projects at the partner sites, and to post CON Faculty Practice employment opportunities. We'll be sharing a new edition with you every other month, and as always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions for upcoming editions.

Wishing you a warm, wonderful start to the new year.



Angela Moss, PhDc, MSN, APN-BC, RN Director of Faculty Practice, Assistant Professor Dept of Adult Health & Gerontological Nursing Director & APN, Healthy Living Program, Flying Food Group, Inc.

CON FACULTY PRACTICE JOB OPENINGS!



New part time APN opening with our newest Partner- Wesley Place!

This opportunity offers three, 8 hour, days per week. This is a new APN position where the APN will provide primary care services to Wesley Place residents. Wesley Place is a long-term care facility located on Chicago's Northside, Andersonville area.

[Requisition #2015-3003](#)

New full-time RN opening with Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare!

This new position will be responsible for educating members about medical illness self-management, providing medication monitoring, and training on medication reconciliation services. In addition, it requires a significant amount of time spent out in the community visiting clients: making assessments and developing treatment plans. Trilogy is based on the Northside of Chicago, Rogers Park area.

[Requisition #2016-0116](#)

3-month RN maternity leave coverage opportunity with The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind! April 2016 through June 2016

The Lighthouse school RN provides direct medical care to medically fragile children and responds to urgent medical situations within the adult population at the school. This temporary position has school-time hours, 28 per week. The Lighthouse is located near Illinois Medical District.

If you are interested in any of these openings, please contact Angela Moss at

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STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

By Marc Balatero
(Current Rush GEM nursing student, cohort 15)

This past year working in the Office of Faculty practice I have seen first hand how beneficial the presence of a clinic can be for the community. My view of the nursing field has definitely evolved because of my experiences with the Faculty Practice. The Nurse Practitioners that work with the Office of Faculty Practice provide compassionate and top-notch care to their patients. Nurse Practitioner's like Sheila and Anne (Flying Food O'Hare) are wonderful ambassadors for Rush and the nursing profession. The Office of Faculty practice is just another way Rush makes its' presence known throughout Chicago. It has been great to work with nurses that have their focus away from the bedside and out in the community. The Office of Faculty Practice has helped to underscore how crucial easily accessible healthcare is and how well equipped nurses are to provide that care.



STUDENT SHADOWING OPPORTUNITIES



Our Faculty Practice clinicians and partner sites provide great RN & APN shadowing opportunities for current Rush nursing students. Please contact Virginia Deck at Virginia_deck@rush.edu if you are interested in shadowing at one of our partner sites.

CON FACULTY PRACTICE CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) COURSES



Current Course Offerings:

Foundations of Clinical Teaching (20 CE Credits)

This course is offered twice a year (Fall & Spring). The next 5 week online course starts on January 25, 2016.

This course provides essential knowledge needed for working effectively with nursing students in a variety of clinical settings. This course is intended for novice and seasoned clinical instructors in nursing.

Fundamentals of Critical Care (FCCS) (14 CE Credits)

This 2 day in class course takes place twice a year. The next one is on March 17 and March 18, 2016. Spots are filling up quickly – limited seating is available, so sign up today!

This course includes a didactic lecture, simulation and case-based skill stations in critical care support. The course is intended for the following audiences: APN, MD, RT, PA, RNs in critical care, Pharmacists, Residents, Fellows and APN students.

Mental Health First Aid for Adolescents (MHFA) (8 CE Credits)

Coming soon this spring! (The start date will be announced soon)

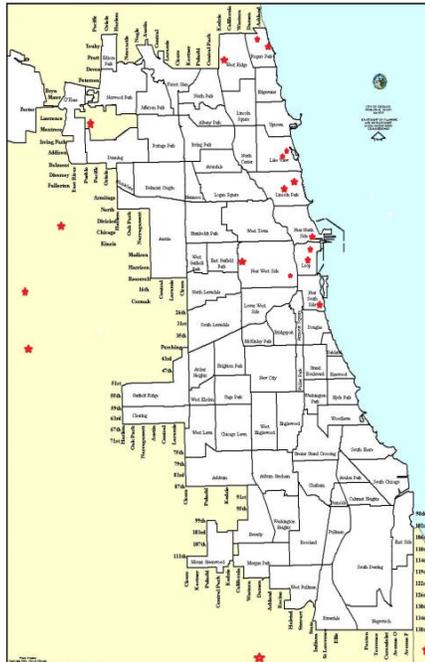
This course educates an individual to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders. This 8-hour course is intended for the general public, as well as any healthcare provider.

For more information regarding these courses, such as course objectives or registration, please contact Virginia Deck at Virginia_deck@rush.edu

NP CONNECT

Please join the *NP Connect Group* for their monthly gatherings! This is a fun and engaging opportunity to meet and connect with other NP's. This is also a great way to exchange stories, compare practice strategies and successes, and learn new ideas. The next meet up is scheduled for 02/04/16 at Mia Francesca (3311 N. Clark) at 7 pm. Please come and bring your co-workers!

If you are interested or would like any additional information, please contact Sheila Leen, CON Faculty Practice APN, at Sheila_leen@rush.edu



FACULTY PRACTICE PARTNERS

See map on the left for our Partner locations

- Advocate -Good Samaritan/Why Wait Clinic
- Andrew A Roth MD
- The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind
- DuPage County Health Department
- Facing Forward to End Homelessness
- Flying Food Group Inc.
- Franciscan Alliance, St. Claire Health Clinic
- Heartland Health Centers
- Jewish Children and Family Services
- Dr. Marla Kushner
- RUMC Laurence Armour Day School
- Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
- Mercy Hospital- CPS Phillips & Dunbar High School Clinics
- Dr. Patricia Merwick & Associates
- Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
- Sue Gin Clinic at Oakley Square
- Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare
- Village of Park Forest
- Wesley Place- our newest partner- Welcome!

CON FACULTY PRACTICE MISSION

To provide practice opportunities for the integration of education, research, and clinical practice to advance faculty and staff in their clinical field of expertise, and to provide measurable health benefits and solutions for the populations served

CON FACULTY PRACTICE FACTS:

- 19 Chicagoland community partnerships
- 47,220 annual student clinical hours across all sites
- 7 ongoing DNP student projects in 2015-2016
- 5 ongoing pre-licensure student capstone projects in 2015-2016
- 3 exploratory and/or interventional research studies in 2015-2016
- 7-8 national posters representing Faculty Practice scholarly work presented on average each year

CON FACULTY PRACTICE VISION

To be recognized for excellence in providing comprehensive and innovative evidence-based nursing services that address the healthcare needs of individuals, families, and communities

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