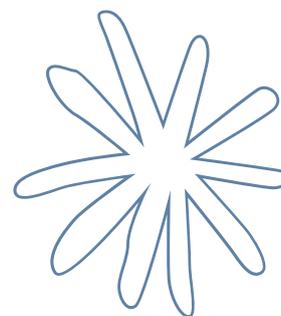




# ANEW TEAM PROVIDES PRECEPTOR DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT



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Our partnerships with preceptors and their facilities are an essential part of the education of our students. It is our goal to support the role of a preceptor and to provide them with helpful resources. No matter where a preceptor is in their professional journey - whether they are a novice preceptor or one with experience, there is evidence to support the benefits of preceptor development.

In August, our Community Preceptor Liaison (Dr. Martha Butler) and Program Quality Manager (Mrs. Rebecca McCann) redesigned our on-line preceptor course. EMSON DNP Preceptors: Shaping Future Providers, focuses on information specific to Eleanor Mann School of Nursing's DNP program and preceptor development. The course, hosted on Blackboard, consists of 4 self-paced learning modules: Introduction and Self-Reflection; Preparing for the Preceptor Role: Expectations and Responsibilities; Sharpening Your Precepting Skills; and Overview of EMSON Clinical Courses. As an added incentive to complete the course, we are excited to be able to offer 2.48 continuing education hours, which is the first time we have offered CE credit to our preceptors. Eleanor Mann School of Nursing, University of Arkansas, is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

In addition to offering a preceptor course, we wanted to make our preceptor information readily available to all potential and current preceptors. After reviewing current preceptor recruitment and information sharing strategies, we developed a preceptor information site on our EMSON website, with the collaboration of the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing LPN to BSN program and the MSN Nurse Educator program. The site, made public in December, provides information related to qualifications, benefits, resources available for development, and contact information. To view our site, please visit:

<https://nursing.uark.edu/preceptor/index.php>

As we strive to continue to provide an exceptional learning environment to our students, and a positive experience for preceptors, we are eager to continue collaborating with preceptors and offer them tools they feel will be beneficial in their preceptor journey.

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# PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY WORKSHOP

Written by Dr. Callie Bradley

The ANEW Grant FNP students, along with their other cohort members, will take part in a one-day pediatric clinical workshop in January 2021 to better prepare them to enter their pediatric didactic and practicum rotations. This workshop will involve a mix of didactic and hands-on instruction from both clinical faculty and pediatric providers in the community as students learn and work through pediatric specialty topics, case studies, simulation and clinical skills. The workshop will also outline student's responsibilities in clinic and provide information regarding the preceptor SNAPPS model to better align and work with our amazing preceptors. This will be the first workshop sponsored by the ANEW Grant and we are looking forward to furthering our mission to better prepare our students for their clinical rotations and future roles in clinical practice.



# ANEW INFORMATION SITE FOR ELEANOR MANN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Written by Rebecca McCann

COVID-19 has brought about changes in how we present the ANEW grant information to our students and communities. Previously, we traveled to communities around the state of Arkansas to present the grant to current and potential practice sites, as well as potential students. With the pause in travel, we decided that it would be an ideal time to develop an ANEW grant information web page located in the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing. This web page provides information about some of our most asked questions, as well as contains previous newsletters and contact information. As our grant progresses, we look forward to continuing to update and add exciting and pertinent information!

For more information regarding the ANEW grant at Eleanor Mann School of Nursing please visit:

<https://nursing.uark.edu/dnp/anew-grant.php>



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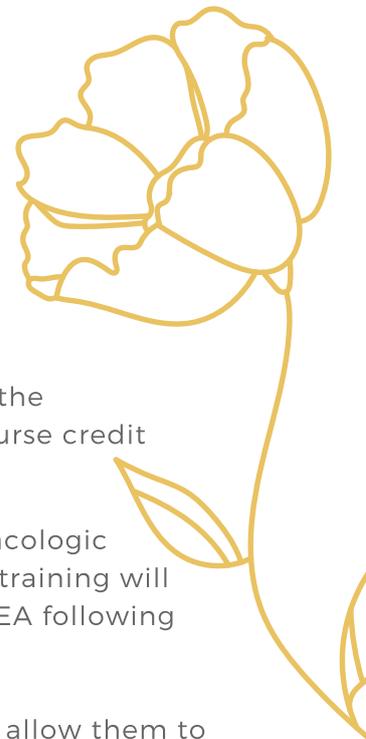
## COURSE UPDATE

Written by Dr. Callie Bradley

Starting next semester, Spring 2021, students enrolled in the course will have the opportunity to complete Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) training for course credit and receive a nationally recognized certification upon completion.

This training involves additional education in pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic therapies for treatment of Substance Use Disorders (SUD). Completion of this training will allow students to apply to become a DATA waived practitioner through the DEA following APRN licensure.

Preparing APRN students to enter the workforce with this crucial training will allow them to better meet the patient care gaps related to SUD treatment access both in rural communities and underserved communities. APRNs are an important part of the solution to the nation's opioid epidemic.



**MAT**  
**Medication - Assisted Treatment**

# PRECEPTOR SPOTLIGHT

## WHITNEY FRANKLIN

Written by: Dr Martha Butler

Whitney Franklin has a gift for teaching – and our DNP students are benefiting from her expertise. Whitney practices at the Mercy Primary Care Clinic in Pea Ridge, and has been serving as preceptor for Mike Vinson, Eleanor Mann School of Nursing (EMSON) DNP student and ANEW grant participant, during the spring and fall, 2020 semesters. According to Mike, this has been a very good experience. And, he believes Whitney has been instrumental in his learning. He expressed appreciation for Whitney's patience toward both students and patients. Mike described how he kept track of his questions throughout the day, and Whitney thoughtfully answered those, even staying late to make sure to explain the details. Mike stressed the importance of good communication between student and preceptor in maintaining a positive experience, and that



working with Whitney made this easy. He was afforded full collaboration and was able to become comfortable with the clinic's routine. This is a critical aspect of the student's work with preceptors as the student assimilates the professional role of advanced practice.

Whitney has been an enthusiastic partner in Mike's clinical education, and is a great example of professionalism and lifelong learning. She states "I precept because it gives me an opportunity to share real life experience with students. Things begin to "click" in clinicals that perhaps didn't make sense during didactic courses. I love watching their growth, and in return I also try and learn from them."

Whitney received her undergraduate education from EMSON, graduating with her B.S.N. in 2011, and later completed her MSN from the University of Texas at Arlington. She has been certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) as a Family Nurse Practitioner since August 2017. She has been with the Mercy Clinic in Pea Ridge, Arkansas, since November, 2017.

We also want to acknowledge the contribution of Dr. Matthew Jennings, physician in family medicine at the Mercy Pea Ridge Clinic. His expertise and guidance during Mike's clinical experience have been greatly appreciated. We are thankful for the expertise that Whitney, Dr. Jennings, and all of our preceptors provide, and look forward to continuing to build meaningful relationships.

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