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The University of Southern Indiana (USI) was awarded a four-year \$1.7 million-dollar federal HRSA grant: "Advanced Nursing Education Nurse Practitioner Residency Program (ANE-NPR)." The grant will provide nurse practitioner (NP) graduates in the specialty areas of family nurse practitioner (FNP) and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) with a 12-month residency program working with rural and underserved populations. The program will support a total of 12 graduate NPs over a 3-year period of time.

USI is collaborating with community-based health clinics to provide these unique experiences.

- **ECHO Community Healthcare**
- **Good Samaritan Family Health Center**
- **Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare**
- **Good Samaritan Hospital**

The resident's focus will be both clinical and academic enhancements that will prepare them as primary care providers in these complex areas. The residency program includes precepted clinical practice, specialty rotations, mentoring sessions and enhanced didactic education.

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COMMUNITY-BASED CLINICS



ECHO COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

Located in Evansville, Indiana, ECHO Community Healthcare is a practicing FQHC that provides quality healthcare to all members of the community, including the uninsured, underinsured and homeless. ECHO covers care for adults, pediatrics, prenatal, women's health, dental, behavioral health, prescription assistance and homeless health outreach.

GOOD SAMARITAN FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

Located in Vincennes, Indiana, Good Samaritan Family Health Center is practicing FQHC and promotes a healthy community by providing accessible, respectful, and collaborative primary health care to all regardless of ability to pay. GSFHC offers affordable family medicine, behavioral health, dental care and patient navigation services.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

Located in Vincennes, Indiana, Good Samaritan Hospital is dedicated to provide excellent health care by promoting wellness, education and healing through trusting relationships. Good Samaritan proudly offers patient-centered, progressive care. Good Samaritan offers a broad spectrum of services from pain management to imaging to cardiac and cancer care.

SOUTHWESTERN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE

Located in Evansville, Indiana, Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare works to meet the behavioral healthcare needs of the community. Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare's services include acute psychiatric care for all age groups, 24-hour emergency services, and a full range of services from outpatient and addiction treatment to older adult services for individuals with serious and persistent mental illnesses.

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC): According to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), FQHCs: Qualify for funding under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS). Qualify for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid*, as well as other benefits. Serve an underserved area or population. Offer a sliding fee scale. Provide comprehensive services (either on-site or by arrangement with another provider), including: Preventive health services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, transportation services necessary for adequate patient care, hospital and specialty care. Have an ongoing quality assurance program. Have a governing board of directors.

MEET THE RESIDENTS

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER TRACK



KELLI CARIE, MSN, RN, NP-C

Kelli Carie has worked as a RN at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Indiana for 13 years. Her time there was spent working in medical, surgical, pediatrics, oncology, and inpatient hospice care.

Kelli graduated with her Associate and Bachelor degrees from Vincennes University. In May of this year she graduated from Ball State University with her Master of Science in Nursing specializing in Family Practice.

Kelli was raised in Vincennes and is happy to have the opportunity to serve her hometown community as a Nurse Practitioner. She currently resides in Knox County with her husband Chad. They have two daughters Maddi and Shelbi. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, shopping, and enjoying the outdoors.

Kelli is excited to further her knowledge and gain a strong skill set with the Nurse Practitioner Residency program during her first year of practice.



PAULA J. KRAMER, RN, MSN, CWOCN, FNP-BC

As a nurse for 20 years, Paula Kramer has had the privilege of working in multiple care settings such as acute care, hospice care, education and within local school systems. She was awarded a Nursing Excellence Award as Nurse of the Year in 2006 in the category of community service. Being a strong patient advocate, Paula is also passionate about ensuring that all patients have the best care, outcomes and resources available to them in whatever setting they may be seen in.

Paula has recently earned a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), and is currently certified as a FNP through American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and as a Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse (CWOCN). Paula has earned her ADN, BSN and MSN from the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville and her CWOCN education through Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Paula feels honored to be part of the Nurse Practitioner Residency program. She resides in Evansville, Indiana, with her husband and is blessed with a loving and supportive family.



JAIME PARKES, MSN, RN, NP-C

Jaime Parkes was born and raised in Knox County, Indiana. She attended North Knox High School and graduated in 2012. After high school, Jaime decided to go into the field of nursing because of the opportunity to care for and positively impact her community.

Jaime attended nursing school at Vincennes University, graduating with an associate degree in 2015 and bachelor's degree in 2016. Jaime received a master's degree, specializing in family practice, from Bradley University in 2019.

Jaime has worked in med-surg, pediatrics, hospice and oncology. She is looking forward to starting the residency program and the opportunity it will give her to grow as a new nurse practitioner.

MEET THE RESIDENTS

PSYCH MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER TRACK



DOUG WATHEN, MSN, RN, PMHNP

Doug Wathen is from Evansville, Indiana, and graduated from Reitz Memorial High School. He is married and has a 3-year-old daughter, Lila.

Doug recently received his Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) from USI as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse practitioner. He graduated with his BSN from USI in 2013 and began his nursing career at Deaconess Hospital. Doug has worked in various roles over the last six years, including Team Leader, bedside and charge RN on the trauma, cardiovascular, and intensive care unit.

Doug expressed that he has always empathized with those who struggle with psychiatric disorders and has had life experiences with friends and family. Doug's long-term goal is to focus on those who suffer from psychiatric illness and loves the multidisciplinary approach to psychiatry.



JULY 1, 2020

The first cohort of the Nurse Practitioner Residency class of 2021 will officially begin July 1, 2020. The residents will begin their first weeks within their respected community-based clinics. They will complete a clinic orientation as well as a didactic orientation hosted on the University of Southern Indiana campus. Read the next ANE-NPR issue to see what the residents are diving into throughout their residency!

NPR + GWEP

NURSE PRACTITIONER RESIDENCY + GERIATRICS WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The USI Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP), a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is focused on bridging the medical and social care provided to older adults and to train current and future healthcare professionals.

The USI GWEP was able to apply for funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help integrate telehealth technology into the academic curriculum, among other priorities. Because telehealth is a Health and Human Services priority in the ANE-NPR grant, the GWEP has requested funds to enhance the nurse practitioner residents' knowledge of telehealth.

Telehealth is a Health and Human Services priority in the ANE-NPR program. Pending budget approval, the CARES Supplemental Funding will provide a telehealth module and two types of telehealth kits: one for on-demand medical visits and the other for remote patient monitoring. The kits will allow for a more hands-on opportunity for the nurse practitioner residents to use this technology, which is now a very critical component of healthcare delivery in the age of COVID-19.

What Matters to You?



Being age-friendly matters to us.

The University of Southern Indiana's Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

