UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

College of Nursing

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CERTIFICATIONS

2023–2026	Certified Healthcare Simulation Education, Society for Simulation in Healthcare (#231469)
2023–2027 (#202324798)	Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care, Pediatric Nursing Certification Board
2015–2027	Certified Pediatric Nurse, Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (#20151069)
2022–Current	Clinical Scholar, Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

DEGREES EARNED

Year	Degree	University / City, State	Major
December 2024	Doctorate of Nursing Practice	**University of Colorado Anschutz Aurora, CO**	Doctorate of Nursing Practice, APRN
May 2022	Master of Science	**University of Colorado Anschutz Aurora, CO**	Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
December 2013	**Bachelor of Science Honors College**	**University of Missouri-Columbia Columbia, MO**	Nursing

DOCTORAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Finn, S. (2024). *Improving time to initiation of continuous glucose monitor use for children with newly diagnosed type 1 diabetes* (Unpublished).

GRADUATE CLINICAL HOURS AND LOCATIONS

Degree	Total Hours	Clinical Locations
Doctorate of Nursing Practice	525 hours	Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes (DNP Project Preparation and Clinical Hours)
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care (MSN)	795 hours	**CHCO Child Health Clinic** **CU Family Health Clinic at Sheridan (Pediatrics)** **CHCO Urgent Care** **CHCO Allergy Clinic**

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Years	Institution / City, State	Position
September 2026–Current	**University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine** **Aurora, CO**	**Instructor; Barbara Davis Center Pediatric Nurse Practitioner- Diabetes**
August 2025–Current	**University of Colorado Anschutz College of Nursing** **Aurora, CO**	**Assistant Professor, Clinical Education Faculty; Co-lead Pediatrics**
October 2022–August 2025	**University of Colorado Anschutz College of Nursing** **Aurora, CO**	**Instructor, Clinical Education Faculty; Co-lead Pediatrics**
September 2019–October 2022	**University of Colorado Anschutz College of Nursing** **Aurora, CO**	**Adjunct Simulation Faculty**
2019–2022	**Highlands Integrative Pediatrics** **Denver, CO**	**Pediatric Primary Care Nurse** • Provided phone triage and patient education with a focus on integrative medicine approaches • Assessed patients in clinic visits, performed procedures, and managed immunization protocols • Collaborated with healthcare team to deliver evidence-based, family-centered care
2017–2019	**Cook Children's Medical Center** **Fort Worth, TX**	**Diabetes Clinical Educator** • Taught and coordinated care for diabetes patients and families across inpatient, outpatient, and phone triage settings • Served as cystic fibrosis-related diabetes liaison; developed new patient education materials and care coordination protocols • Developed nursing staff education programs and served on multiple education sub-committees
2015–2017	**Cook Children's Medical Center** **Fort Worth, TX**	**Respiratory/Infectious Disease Nurse** • Precepted and oriented new nurses and nurse residents to the unit • Elected "Cystic Fibrosis Champion" to educate staff and patients; executive producer of a nationwide educational video • Volunteered additional float shifts hospital-wide during high-census winter seasons
2014–2015	**Cook Children's Medical Center** **Fort Worth, TX**	**Nurse Resident** • CCRE-accredited pediatric residency spanning Med/Surg, Hematology/Oncology, PICU, Neurology, Surgical Services, and Cardiac/Renal/GI floors • Developed a case study and Evidence-Based Practice project with colleagues • Nominated to represent nurse residents on the Pediatric Early Warning System committee

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

COURSES TAUGHT

Term	Course #	Course Name	Role
Fall 2022	NURS 3447	Nursing Care of Children and Families	Co-Lead Simulation/Clinical
Spring 2023	NURS 3447	Nursing Care of Children and Families	Co-Lead Simulation/Clinical
Spring 2023	NURS 3667	Nursing Care of Older Adult	Clinical
Spring 2023	NURS 3034	Foundations of Nursing Practice	Simulation
Spring 2023	NURS 3023	Patient Centered Health Assessment	Simulation
Summer 2023	NURS 3447	Nursing Care of Children and Families	Co-Lead Simulation/Clinical
Summer 2023	NURS 3023	Patient Centered Health Assessment	Simulation
Fall 2023	NURS 3447	Nursing Care of Children and Families	Co-Lead Simulation/Clinical
Fall 2023	NURS 3023	Patient Centered Health Assessment	Simulation
Fall 2023	NURS 3617	Medical-Surgical Nursing Practice	Simulation
Fall 2023	NURS 3034	Foundations of Nursing Practice	Simulation/Clinical
Spring 2024	NURS 3447	Nursing Care of Children and Families	Co-Lead Simulation/Clinical
Spring 2024	NURS 3023	Patient Centered Health Assessment	Simulation
Summer 2024	NURS 3447	Nursing Care of Children and Families	Lead Simulation/Clinical
Summer 2024	NURS 3034	Foundations of Nursing Practice	Simulation
Summer 2024	NURS 3023	Patient Centered Health Assessment	Simulation
Fall 2024	NURS 3447	Nursing Care of Children and Families	Lead Simulation/Clinical
Fall 2024	NURS 3023	Patient Centered Health Assessment	Simulation
Fall 2024	NURS 3034	Foundations of Nursing Practice	Simulation
Spring 2025	NURS 3023	Patient Centered Health Assessment	Simulation
Spring 2025	NURS 3034	Foundations of Nursing Practice	Simulation
Spring 2025	NURS 3447	Nursing Care of Children and Families	Co-Lead Simulation
Spring 2025	PNP-PC	Graduate Simulation/Skills	
Spring 2025	ACPNP	Graduate Simulation/Skills	

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Summer 2025	NURS 3447	Nursing Care of Children and Families	Lead Simulation
Summer 2025	NURS 3034	Foundations of Nursing Practice	Simulation
Summer 2025	NURS 3023	Patient Centered Health Assessment	Simulation
Summer 2025	NURS 4877	Community & Population Focused Nursing	Clinicals
Summer 2025	PNP-PC	Graduate Simulation/Skills	
Fall 2025	NURS 3447	Nursing Care of Children and Families	Co-Lead Simulation/Clinical
Fall 2025	NURS 3023	Patient Centered Health Assessment	Simulation
Fall 2025	NURS 3034	Foundations of Nursing Practice	Simulation

CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENT

2023; 2025 Revised curriculum for NURS 3447 High-Fidelity Simulation and Procedural Skills
2023–2025 Completed letters of recommendation for various students and colleagues' applications
2023–2025 DEI Faculty Council
2024 Helped perform a gap analysis for competency-based learning according to the AACN Nursing Undergraduate Essentials for course NURS 3267
2024 Nurse Facilitator for "Transitions to Residency" course at CU School of Medicine
2023–2025 Collaborating with didactic NURS 3447 team to integrate with didactic materials
2023–2025 AACN Essentials: Collaborated with faculty for competency-based care for NURS 3447
2024–2025 Collaborated with Primary Care and Acute Care PNP Directors to develop graduate simulations

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

2022–Present Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Tomorrow's Leaders Council Member
2023–Present Undergraduate Student Advisor
2023–2025 Undergraduate Student Mentor
2023, 2025 Application Review and/or Interviews for Potential Future BSN and PNP Students
2023, 2025 N3447 Didactic Guest Lecture – Endocrine and Renal
2024 Primary Care PNP Students Guest Lecture – Advice on Boards Preparation and Graduation
2025 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Tomorrow's Leaders Volunteer Award for 2024
2025 INACSL Conference – CU College of Nursing Simulation Tours
2025 PNP-PC Graduate Student Interviews
2025 Scholarship Review for Incoming Nursing Students
2025 Volunteered at the ADA Tent for CU Anschutz Spring Graduation
2025 Volunteered as BS Marshal at CU Anschutz Fall Graduation

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2022–Present National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners – Member
2024–Present Alliance for Clinical Education – Member
2025–Present INACSL Environmental Sustainability SIG – Member
2025–Present NAPNAP Integrative Health SIG – Member

SCHOLARSHIP

Finn, S. (2024). *Improving time to initiation of continuous glucose monitor use for children with newly diagnosed type 1 diabetes* (Unpublished).

Finn, S., Schwartz, S., Ponicsan, H., Noonan, T. (2024). *The implementation of skills sessions in a prelicensure nursing program for clinical readiness in specialty care settings* [Poster Presentation]. Rocky Mountain Interprofessional Research and Evidence-Based-Practice Symposium, Denver, Colorado.

Finn, S. (2025). *Improving time to use of continuous glucose monitor in children with newly diagnosed type 1 diabetes* [Poster Presentation]. National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado.

Finn, S., Schwartz, S., Noonan, T., Ponicsan, H. (2025). *Elevating learner preparedness for specialty care settings* [Poster Presentation]. International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning, Denver, Colorado.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2022	Clinical Scholar Workshop
2023–2025	Attended Various Grand Rounds, CU College of Nursing
2023–2025	AACN Essentials Retreat
2023	CHSE Blueprint Review Course
2023	Mini Simulation User Network Conference
2024	36th Annual Rocky Mountain Interprofessional Research and Evidence-Based-Practice Symposium
2025	Youth Health Alliance Conference
2025	INACSL Conference (20 CE Hours)
2025	PNCB Pediatric Updates: Pharmacology – 2025 Current Concepts (7.5 CE Hours)
2025	PNCB Anticipatory Guidance 2: Birth to 12 months, Early/Middle Childhood, Adolescence (6 CE Hours)
2025	National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties Annual Conference (7.25 CE Hours)