

# REGION 8 CLINICAL FACULTY & PRECEPTOR ACADEMY

**HRSA: Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention (NEPQR)**

Many schools of nursing have no formal training for clinical nurse faculty or preceptors, especially in rural areas. Even more do not train clinical nurse faculty to be mentors, leaders, or educators with undergraduate students in the hospital setting. This formalized training program helps support preceptors to be better prepared to provide feedback, lead, and foster professionalism in future generations of nurses.

## PROGRAM GOAL

**To increase in the skilled, qualified clinical nursing faculty and preceptors throughout the six states of Montana, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.**

MORH/AHEC, the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence (CNE), and Schools of Nursing at the University of Colorado, Montana State University, North Dakota State University, South Dakota State University, Southern Utah University, and the Wyoming Center for Nursing have partnered to create a Clinical Nursing Faculty & Preceptor Academy (CFPA) for the Rocky Mountain region.

This program provides three training programs to strengthen and support our clinical nursing faculty and preceptors working in rural and frontier parts of the mountain west.

## PROGRAMS OFFERED

1. Preceptor 101
2. Clinical Scholar
3. Montana AHEC Preceptor Course

## PROGRAM TIMELINE

September 30, 2022 – September 29, 2026

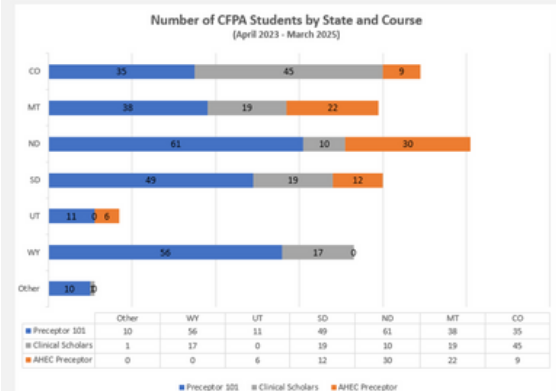


*"I think keeping all these skills in my mind as I precept and work with new nurses will keep me successful and give me the ability to accomplish what we need to do."*

-2025 MT AHEC Preceptor Course Attendee

### Total completed participants by state:

N=450



## IMPACT & RETURN ON INVESTMENT

### Why This Program Matters:

- Offer consistent mentorship, support, and meaningful feedback to nurses
- Ensure patient safety through close, guided clinical supervision
- Model professionalism and foster critical thinking in future nurses
- Strengthen nursing pipeline

This program is funded through HRSA's Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention Clinical Faculty and Preceptor Academies (NEPQR-CFPA).

This work ensures that rural nursing preceptors, across a six state region, obtain the skills and information necessary to serve rural communities, grow the nursing workforce, and provide high quality, patient-centered care.

