

THE ADVANCINGPRACTICE PAGES



New Beginnings

OVERVIEW

Hello and welcome back! Thank you for taking the time to read the AdvancingPractice Pages! This quarterly newsletter is loaded with exciting news and feel-good updates. After a whirlwind of a year, we have reached the year mark of the Fellowship. We started with our inaugural cohort, our first eight Advanced Practice Providers, on July 7, 2020 and they completed their year long program on June 30, 2021. As a faculty, there are so many things and people to be grateful for and proud of, but we say our biggest thank you to this first (and now former) cohort for creating a tradition of excellence within the Fellowship. We are feeling inspired and a slight sense a relief knowing that this Fellowship can be sustained, even in the most challenging of times.

TIME FOR ME TO FLY



CHECK IT OUT!

Another group of people we must give thanks to are our preceptors. **52** Erie providers served as preceptors amongst our three clinic rotations and helped guide our Fellows this year. Pictured to the left are the Fellows with their continuity clinic preceptors.

During the last quarter of the Fellowship there was a heavy focus on a full transition to independent practice. This was of course built into the program, however, the Fellows really took the lead on this by seeking out opportunities to grow their independent decision making and confidence. Our preceptors' roles changed inherently from teacher to collaborator. Furthermore, the Fellows got to learn from each other more often with the introduction of case presentations during didactics. The Fellows rated these case presentation days very highly and we plan to incorporate real clinic experiences more into future didactic sessions.

Not only did the Fellowship serve these eight Fellows in their beginnings as a new APRN, but the Fellowship provided more access for Erie patients. Our Fellows served a total of **8,474** patients spanning over **10** Erie sites. **220** of those patients were expectant mothers seen at Northwestern Memorial Hospital by our Midwife Fellows. They also had a combined total of **9,867** telehealth hours. The impact of their dedication to the patients we serve is not only evident in these numbers but also the quality of care they provided.

Quite opposite the start of the year, which began in the midst of the pandemic, we were able to close the year out with an in-person celebration. This was the first time all the Fellows and all the faculty were in the same place at the same time, some even meeting each other for the first time! It was a heart warming day to say the least.

We are happy to report that six Fellows accepted positions at Erie at various locations. We wish all eight of the Fellows good luck as they now truly start their careers as independent providers. We cannot wait to watch them grow on their own and become leaders and advocates for APRN practice.

THANK YOU 2020-2021 COHORT!

"I have had a wonderful experience in the AdvancingPractice Fellowship, and I could not be any more grateful for such an amazing opportunity to help build the skills and confidence needed as I began my career as a provider. I can confidently say that this fellowship has only invigorated my desire to continue working in community health. Erie's mission and vision align with that of my own as I want to help promote better health outcomes in underserved communities and help people live their healthiest lives. With that being said, I am thrilled to be staying with Erie and work as an Adult Provider at the West Town location "

- Ana Perez, Former FNP Fellow

WELCOME, 2021-2022 COHORT



As it gives us joy in sending off the former Fellows, it gives us even more pleasure to welcome the second cohort of AdvancingPractice! On July 6th, a new group of APRN Fellows began their journey with us. These nine individuals shone heavily throughout the interview process and have all worked incredibly hard to get here now. Though coming to us from all over the country, the majority of these Fellows grew up in and around the communities that Erie serves and they have all shown a deep passion for providing healthcare to under-resourced populations. They are currently participating in our five-week orientation which includes typical onboarding for providers, as well as didactics, Spanish language classes and shadowing their primary preceptors in clinic. Let us please welcome (by row):

Sherie Ajayi, FNP, Nicole Camardo, CNM, Yesenia Ceja, PNP, Evelyn Cortes, AGNP, Nilusha Jayasinghe, FNP, Ashley Levitan, FNP, Stephanie Mora Hernandez, AGNP, Kimario Murray, FNP and Ana Saavedra, PNP.

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Exciting times over here at AdvancingPractice! Seeing for the first time one group out and another group in made us realize how significant this Fellowship is and will be for years to come. As we start down the road to accreditation, we are committed to continuous growth and quality improvement within the program and look forward to finding the best ways to not only serve the Fellows, but to serve Erie's patients. With that said, our recruitment push for the 2022-2023 cohort will start this fall! We welcome you to share information about our program with FNP, AGNP, PNP and CNM students set to graduate before July 2022. As a reminder, we are on LinkedIn, Instagram, and our website is www.eriefamilyhealth.org/advancingpractice. We are now also on Facebook! Go find us and follow!

Lastly, we would like to say farewell to the founder of the Fellowship, Jean Reidy, DNP, AGNP. After a decade at Erie, Jean is starting a new journey at another organization to help further promote and support APRN practice. We cannot thank Jean enough for all she has done to make this Fellowship possible. We are honored to carry on her legacy.



THANK YOU!

Enjoying our Newsletters? What else do you want to know about the Fellowship? Let us know what you think by emailing us at AdvancingPractice@eriefamilyhealth.org. Please also be aware that this Newsletter will now be distributed on a bi-annual basis.

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