

DNP Newsletter

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Welcome to the first CSU, Fresno **Doctor of Nursing Practice** newsletter.

If you've considered advancing your nursing role as a leader in your community or work site, while advancing nursing science, the DNP degree is your next step in meeting that goal. We hope you will gain insight into the DNP degree here at Fresno State and invite you to subscribe to the newsletter so each quarter a new issue arrives in your inbox.

Our goal is to publish quarterly with the aim of informing nurses interested in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. We will share articles which focus on Fresno State's DNP Program, our DNP Faculty, and legislative updates affecting the advanced practice nursing workforce. In this issue we would like to highlight a few of our DNP faculty.

More information on our DNP program:

<https://chhs.fresnostate.edu/nursing/degrees-programs/fsdnp/index.html>

DNP Exemplary in Leadership

Meet Dr. Jeffery Hudson-Covolo

Fresno State DNP Instructor awarded for leadership

Dr. Jeffery Hudson-Covolo is the instructor for **NURS 593, Financial aspects for projects and practice**. Dr. Hudson-Covolo was awarded the ACNL "Excellence in Leadership" award at the Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL) annual meeting in February of



this year. Dr. Hudson-Covolo was also honored with the Nurse of the Year Award in 2021 for Excellence in Leadership by the Nursing Leadership Coalition of the Central San Joaquin Valley.

Since 2014, Dr. Hudson-Covolo has been the Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nurse Executive (CNO) of Sierra View Medical Center in Porterville. Congratulations to Dr. Hudson-Covolo on these prestigious awards, we are honored to have him as member of our faculty!

Pictured L-R: Dr. Kathleen Rindahl, DNP, program Director, , Dr. Jeffery Hudson-Covolo, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE; Dr. Sylvia Miller, Chair Fresno State School of Nursing.

Growing our Own

In the Fall of 2019 Fresno State University admitted its first cohort of DNP Students. Two of these 2021 DNP Graduates have returned to Fresno State University as DNP Instructors. We are very proud of their accomplishments and excited to have as part of the DNP team.

Meet the Graduates

Dr. Wanda Johnson

Dr. Johnson is a certified Family Nurse Practitioner and a Wound Ostomy Nurse. She provides services at Alameda Health in the urgent care clinic and on the Mobile Health Van serving the homeless population in Alameda County. Dr. Johnson teaches 2 courses, **NUR 574 Diversity and Social Issues**, and **NURS 583 Leadership and Professional Responsibility**.



Dr. Sheila Gumapac

Dr. Gumapac received her MSN degree with an Emphasis in Health Care Informatics, and is a certified coding specialist. She is a clinical analyst for Delano Regional Medical Center. Dr. Gumapac is the instructor for **NURS 584 Technology and Informatics**.



