

College of Nursing professor named a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

AURORA, Colo. (August 9, 2010) – Victoria Erickson, PhD, PNP-BC, associate professor and MS/DNP program director at the University of Colorado College of Nursing, was recently inducted as a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP).

“It is an honor to be selected as a Fellow by the AANP,” said Erickson.

The FAANP program was established in 2000 to recognize nurse practitioner leaders who have made outstanding contributions to health care through nurse practitioner clinical practice, research, education, or policy. Priority initiatives of FAANP are the development of leadership and mentorship programs for nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner students.

Fellows of the AANP are visionaries committed to the global advancement of nursing through the development of imaginative and creative future nurse practitioner leaders, and as such, hold an annual think tank to strategize about the future of nurse practitioners and health care outside the confines of traditional thinking. A limited number of nurse practitioners are selected for this highly coveted distinction each year.

Erickson will continue the tradition of contributing to the mission of the AANP and promoting the role of the nurse practitioner.

“Dr. Erickson was recognized for her accomplishments in nursing care and education as well as for her state and national leadership in health care and policy. Vicki is clearly known for her continued excellence in nursing, primary care and mentoring others,” said Patricia Moritz, PhD, FAAN, dean of the University of Colorado College of Nursing.

AANP was founded in 1985 and is the oldest, largest, and only full-service national professional organization for nurse practitioners of all specialties. With 28,000 individual members and 145 group members, AANP represents the interests of approximately 140,000 nurse practitioners around the country. AANP continually advocates for the active role of nurse practitioners as providers of high-quality, cost-effective and personalized healthcare. For more information about AANP, visit www.aanp.org.

Located at the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colo., the University of Colorado College of Nursing offers some of the highest ranked programs in the country -- from bachelor's through doctoral degrees and post-graduate certificate programs. The college offers several specialties through its master's program and the only PhD program in clinical research in Colorado. It also is the birthplace of nurse practitioner education and the caring movement, and was one of the first schools in the country to offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice program. For more information, visit the [UC Denver Newsroom](#).

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