



Applications Now Accepted for Peak Vista’s Inaugural Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Primary Care Fellowship

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) is now accepting applications through midnight on March 31, 2015 for the first cohort of Fellows in its 12-month Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Primary Care Fellowship, slated to begin September 2015.

“I believe Advanced Practice Nurse Fellowships will soon become the norm for these graduating professionals,” commented Michael Welch, D.O., Peak Vista’s chief medical and dental officer, “The fellowship is geared toward honing the skills of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses as they transition from the academic to the clinical setting.”

Peak Vista’s APRN Primary Care Fellowship will accept four applicants for the 2015/2016 program and will be run under the guidance of Kaleen Cullen, APRN-BC, PhD. Cullen joined Peak Vista on January 2, 2015 as the director of the APRN Primary Care Fellowship. Most recently Cullen served as a nursing faculty member for Colorado State University – Pueblo.

“This program will follow a format recognized by [American Nurses’ Credentialing Center \(ANCC\)](#) and is designed around problem-based learning,” shared Cullen, “It will provide these already highly-skilled, licensed APRNs with even greater confidence, which will directly influence the patient’s experience.”

Fellows will be based out of Peak Vista’s Health Center at Printers Parkway, where they will first train in both the classroom and clinical setting before rotating among other Peak Vista Health Center locations during the latter part of the program. As board-certified Nurse Practitioners, Fellows will care for patients in need of primary care with the number of patients being served steadily increasing in line with the program curriculum.

The APRN Primary Care Fellowship marks Peak Vista’s second program dedicated to advancing the practical application of clinical training. The first program is its Family Medicine Residency Program, which is in the development phase and slated to begin training residents in July 2016.

To learn more about Peak Vista’s APRN Primary Care Fellowship, please visit www.peakvista.org/APRN.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a non-profit organization whose mission is “to provide exceptional healthcare for people facing access barriers.” Established in 1971, Peak Vista now offers primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services to more than 80,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central Plains regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit www.peakvista.org.