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Peak Vista Launches Inaugural Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Fellowship

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) welcomes five, full-time advanced practice registered nurses to the inaugural year of Peak Vista's Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Fellowship. Peak Vista's APRN Fellowship is focused on primary care and is the first of its kind in Colorado Springs.

"The fellows selected for the program are enthusiastic and driven to provide Peak Vista patients with quality care," shared Program Director Kaleen Cullen, APRN-BC, PhD. "The program facilitates professional development and life-long learning as Fellows shift into a clinical environment."

Joining the APRN Fellowship are Stephanie Butler-Cleland, FNP-BC; Ana Calderon, FNP-BC, NP-C; Amber Gates, FNP-C, AGACNP; Stephanie Kubik, FNP-C; and Nancy Prantl, FNP-BC.

Peak Vista's APRN Fellowship is a yearlong program dedicated to recently graduated APRNs to seamlessly transition them from an academic to a clinical setting. The Fellowship combines mentorship, problem-based learning and hands-on clinical experience.

Once the first cohort of APRN Fellows complete their first year, the program is eligible for accreditation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). The American Nurses Credentialing Center is a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA).

"The ANCC Accredited Program is nationally renowned as a true gauge of a nurse's ability to provide excellent care," stated Sheryl Cosme, senior operations manager of accreditation for ANCC. "Programs that become accredited through the ANCC are trusted to comply with the highest standards and to provide APRNs with a quality learning opportunity."

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

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide exceptional healthcare to people facing access barriers. Established in 1971, Peak Vista now offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health services to more than 82,550 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central Plains regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit <u>peakvista.org</u>.