COLORADO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER CONCENTRATION
PROGRAM DISCLOSURE FORM

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is a voluntary process that may be undertaken by schools to demonstrate compliance with specific standards designed to indicate a level of education quality. Colorado Technical University (CTU) is institutionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. Additional information is available at https://www.hlcommission.org/ or 312-263-0456. The recognition of institutional accreditation by HLC indicates that CTU substantially meets or exceeds the stated criteria of education quality established by HLC and entitles CTU to offer Title IV Financial Assistance to those who qualify.

PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION

An additional form of accreditation that a school may undertake to obtain is a specific, individual accreditation of certain programs (programmatic accreditation). Institutional accreditation is not the same as or a substitution for programmatic accreditation. Although programmatic accreditation is not required for employment in many cases, the existence of it is a further indication that a program meets the standards of the profession, and may therefore indirectly enhance employment opportunities. The Master of Science in Nursing degree program at Colorado Technical University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (https://www.aacnnursing.org/ccne-accreditation).

FACTORS AFFECTING EMPLOYMENT

Every State's Nurse Practice Act has regulations pertaining to online nursing degrees. The Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner student has a responsibility to investigate regulations in his/her state to determine advanced practice nursing licensure, nurse practitioner certification, and employment requirements before starting class to determine whether he/she will be eligible to pursue any particular employment and/or advancement in this field upon graduation. The Nurse Practice Act for each state is found on the website for that particular State's Board of Nursing. Contact information for each State's Board of Nursing is available on the website for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) at www.ncsbn.org.

CTU has made a determination that this curriculum meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certification in the following states: AR, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, ME, MD, MI, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NJ, NM, NC, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TX, UT, VT, VA, WI, and WY.

CTU has made a determination that this curriculum currently does not meet the state educational requirements for licensure or certification in the following states: AL, AK, AZ, CA, DE, KS, LA, MA, MN, NH, NY, ND, OR, SD, TN, WA, and WV.

This information is subject to change; CTU will update these lists as information becomes available. CTU cannot guarantee that a graduate will be able to obtain a particular certification, permit, or license or secure employment in the field upon graduation or at any time in the future, because CTU does not control those requirements.

Employers, industries, and jurisdictions (federal, state, and local) are largely free to set their own requirements for employment and advancement. For example, employers may favor applicants who graduate from a programmatically accredited program, have significant work experience or who obtain certifications, continuing education or professional development in the field. Most states require nurse practitioners to be certified prior to seeking advanced licensure and/or employment. For instance, in order to be eligible for the ANCC (American Nurses Credentialing Center) or AANP (American Association of Nurse Practitioners) certification, applicants must meet several requirements including but not limited to holding a current, active registered nurse license in a U.S. state or territory. Certification exam applicants may be denied exam eligibility based on a past criminal record. It is the student's responsibility to verify exam eligibility due to a past criminal record prior to beginning this program. To obtain more details regarding this certification visit the ANCC website (https://www.nursingworld.org/ancc/) or AANP website (https://candidateportal.aanpcert.org/certs/applications). Employers also may be more likely to refrain from employing applicants with a criminal record, personal bankruptcy, or other items that may be disclosed on a personal background or credit check. These are non-exhaustive examples. Specific potential employers, industry groups, jurisdictions, and the latest edition of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook (see www.bls.gov/ooh) are good places to start researching the specific requirements for employment in this field.

This program may not be approved in all states. If you relocate while in school to a state that has not approved this program, you may not be able to continue in the program and/or obtain employment after graduation.

By my signature below, I acknowledge and represent that I have read and fully understand the statements contained in this disclosure form, and no representation or statement has been made to me by the School which contradicts the information contained in this disclosure. I further understand that the School is relying on my acknowledgement and representation in making its decision to enroll me in the program.

Student: Signature Printed Name Date

By my signature below, I acknowledge and represent that my discussions with the student were entirely consistent with the above disclosures.

Admissions Advisor Signature	Printed Name	Date