

# RENEW Oregon

Regional Expansion of Nurse Practitioner  
Education and Workforce in Oregon



School of  
NURSING

## Year Three Report 2021-2022

The purpose of RENEW Oregon is to expand academic-clinical partnerships that prepare and graduate academically and clinically prepared family nurse practitioners (FNP) and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNP) to improve access and meet the primary health care needs of rural and urban underserved populations in Oregon.



\$334,010 was provided in scholarships to 29 FNP and PMHNP students in Year 3 of the grant

### Rural Nurse Practitioner Students Graduating in 2023

**Jacki Russell** is a PMHNP student from eastern Oregon who was able to seamlessly enter the program after graduating from OHSU LaGrande and stay in her home community. As Jacki states: "I currently live and practice in a frontier community with over 700 residents for every mental health provider and there are no colleges or universities located in my county. Having a large family, with children of various ages, is not conducive to relocating for higher education. The hybrid distance program has opened the door for me to work toward becoming a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. I plan to practice in rural Wallowa County after graduation. My final project is focused on improving care for people with chronic insomnia."



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**Tiffany Allen** is an FNP student in southern Oregon. She states "Due to family caregiving constraints, I'm unable to relocate for school, and I love living in my very small town of Talent. The distance FNP-DNP program is an amazing asset to Southern Oregon, helping fill the need for primary care providers and creating opportunities for those of us who have to support our families." Tiffany plans to practice caring for older adults after graduation and is currently working on a project to improve care for adults with heart failure.

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**Nancy Barr** is an FNP student in southern Oregon who hopes to practice either in Klamath County or to return to her hometown in Coos County. She states "The health disparities and barriers to healthcare in my rural hometown were the reason and driving passion of why I wanted to pursue advanced practice nursing. Being able to complete my clinical hours in Klamath County with similar barriers to healthcare access has allowed me to identify ways that I can make a difference in my future practice as an FNP." Nancy is working on a project to improve lung cancer screening rates for rural and Native American populations.



**Zenaida "Zee" Gabriel** is a PMHNP student in Klamath Falls who is working on a cultural humility competency training for behavioral health providers. Zee states: "Being able to attend the program from my rural surroundings has been beneficial for my personal, educational, and professional growth. The opportunity to learn first-hand of the mental health disadvantages our county faces provides me with the experience to understand our needs and will serve as objectives to target in my career. I am invested in our rural community of Klamath County and plan to advocate, change, and practice here."