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**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

"Christmas, to me, is as many people as possible happy." -- Tupac Shakur

GREETINGS TO ALL!

by Lori Deitte, MD, & Monique Drago, MA, EdD

As we enter the holiday season and reflect on 2022, we would like to take this moment to express our sincere gratitude to each of you - the amazing people and colleagues that we are honored to work with daily.

Due to your incredible dedication to Continuing Medical Education (CME), we have accredited close to 600 activities in 2022. With these activities we have awarded over 135,000 CME credits to over 7,000 participants. This is an extraordinary accomplishment, and we are honored to be able to serve the VUMC community.

We hope you all plan to take some much-needed time relaxing, reflecting on a successful year, and spending time with your loved ones. On behalf of our CPD/CME team, we wish you a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year 2023!



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APPLICATION REVIEW PAUSE

As we approach the end of the year rush, we will be pausing the review of all new activity applications from Friday December 9th, 2022, through Friday February 3rd, 2023. This means that any activity applications not submitted prior to December 9th will not be reviewed until after February 3rd. The system will still be open for you to work on and submit applications, however, you will not hear from our team regarding your application during these dates. If you have already submitted an application, it is currently in our queue for review.



Please note: we will be pausing the review of all new activity applications from 12/9/2022 - 2/3/2023.

NEW CNE INTAKE FORM



Effective immediately, the VUMC ANCC Accredited Provider Unit will require all activity contacts to complete a new activity request for each calendar year. This change will allow them to partner with you in the educational design process to assess and address ongoing gaps in knowledge, skill, or practice. To aid in this change, the VUMC ANCC Accredited Provider Unit team has designed a streamlined [request form](#) that will take less than five minutes to complete. If you have not already done so, please submit this [form](#) to avoid an interruption in service from their team. The VUMC ANCC Accredited Provider Unit team will not be providing contact hours for activities scheduled during the month of January 2023 -- this pause will allow their team to onboard additional nurse planners and restructure their support for contact hour activities. The VUMC ANCC Accredited Provider Unit will be in contact soon about next steps for your 2023 activities.



SPOTLIGHT ON: JENNIFER PELFREY, CME ASSOCIATE

Jennifer Pelfrey, Program Manager with VUMC's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has been crushing it when it comes to being a CME Associate this year!

Jennifer, how do you manage to do all that you do? "Jesus first, prayer second, and a learned understanding of 'It's the Vanderbilt way' – which sometimes still surprises me after 32 years! While CME events are part of what I do for my department, these do take a considerable amount of time. I'm very detail-oriented, so my goal is to do everything as perfectly as humanly possible. What I do – and how I do it – reflects on my department, event directors and overall leadership in OBGYN. My drive to be articulate comes from my generation of 'Boomers.' We were taught to work hard, be loyal, and whatever you do in life – whether for a paycheck or for someone in need – do it to the best of your ability. We have a saying in ministry: 'Whatever you do, do it with excellency.' I carry this into my secular work as well. This is where real, personal satisfaction comes from – knowing that what you've done was done with excellence."

What are five interesting things about you? "I started working at Vanderbilt in September 1990 in the Nursing School. From there I spent time in the Vanderbilt Eye Institute, Vanderbilt Orthopaedic Institute, and have been in the Department of OBGYN since 2011. In 2015 I enrolled in the Tennessee School of Ministry, graduating in 2018 as a credentialed minister. With the Lord's help this has been the best thing I've accomplished in life thus far! I love ministering to and praying with people, speaking at women's conferences and events, and teaching. When not working, I am heavily involved in church ministry/activities. I am a *huge* John Wayne fan, I love (and drive!) pickup trucks, and I love every black and white western TV show and movie from the 1950s and '60s. And my favorite food? Anything that anyone wants to cook for me! Be blessed -- brighter days are always ahead!

AAE & EDP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Academy for Excellence in Education (AAE).

Monday, January 23, 2023: Marie A. Bernard, M.D., Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, 12-1pm (CST) Virtual Grand Rounds.

Educator Development Program (EDP).

January Workshop: Developing Online Modules. Thurs, Jan 19, 1-3pm. Register/Add to Calendar.

February Workshop: Creating a Peer Mentoring Group. Tues, Feb 14, 1-3pm. Register/Add to Calendar.

March Workshop: CITI Renewal. Tues, Mar 21, 1-3pm. Register/Add to Calendar.



RSS REMINDER

Planners with COI alert on RSS Dashboard: are you seeing this message on your upcoming RSS sessions? It will prevent your session from being reviewed and approved for credits.



The RSS dashboard (*Activities* --> *RSS Dashboard*) now checks CME Associate and Activity Director disclosure status to ensure we are fully compliant with our accrediting body, the ACCME (Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education). If you have this message on your upcoming sessions, at least one disclosure form has expired or is missing. To update (needed every 12 months), the CME Associate or Activity Director should log in to <https://vumc.cloud-cme.com> and click *Disclosure Form* in the lower right. The form takes only a moment to update and submit. Follow [this link](#) for more info.

CPD UPDATES

We are quickly approaching our reaccreditation for ACCME. This process will help ensure we can continue to offer Continuing Medical Education credits for your activities. During this time, we ask for your patience and assistance as we may be reaching out to you for more information about your activity to feature in our report.

If your activity involves hands-on skill training, tracking of quality improvement metrics and/or collaboration with community organizations, please contact Dr. Deitte or Dr. Drago at cme@vumc.org, as we would love to explore with you the potential for highlighting your activity in our report. We appreciate all you do for continuing education to improve patient healthcare outcomes.



CME REMINDERS

Some friendly reminders from your CME Team:

- All participants in an activity should text in the CME code regardless of CME eligibility—the code is also used to record attendance.
- Activity applications are due *120 days in advance* of the activity start date for Courses and *90 days in advance* of the activity start date for RSS applications.
- No promotions of an activity can occur prior to approval.
- Activity presentations do not need to be submitted unless they are requested by a CME team member.
- Disclosures must be submitted *10 business days in advance* of the activity start date.
- Course budgets and invoices are due upon request.



In Conversation With the D.E.I.



"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.



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