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**Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions names Dr. Sandy Pennington as Academic Dean.**

Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions is pleased to announce Sandy Pennington, PhD, RN as Academic Dean. Since joining the University in 2002, she has served as Graduate Program Director for the Doctor of Science in Nursing program and was instrumental in the development of the University's Doctor of Nursing Practice program, the first program of this kind in Utah. Dr. Pennington holds a PhD in Nursing from the University of Kentucky and her research focused on symptom appraisal in women with heart disease. She has co-authored several textbooks related to pharmacology, critical care and emergency nursing. She is a past Salzburg (Austria) seminar fellow and Mellon Grant recipient evaluating patient safety and medical error. Dr. Pennington has taught nursing at the Baccalaureate and Doctoral levels. In addition to her many accomplishments, Dr. Pennington has consulted in the areas of curriculum development and malpractice litigation and nationally presented on transitioning towards evidence-based nursing education.

**About Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions:**

RMUoHP offers masters and doctoral degrees in health sciences to athletic trainers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, nurses, and other healthcare professionals. RMUoHP's programs are intended primarily for those seeking specialized education in advanced clinical, research, pedagogical and administrative skills. For more information about RMUoHP, call toll free 866-780-4107, visit [www.rmuhp.edu](http://www.rmuhp.edu), or email [office@rmuhp.edu](mailto:office@rmuhp.edu).