

Starkville Orthopedic Clinic Congratulates Mary A. Smith

Starkville Orthopedic Clinic congratulates Mary A. Smith DNP, FNP-BC on obtaining her Doctorate in Nursing Practice from the Capstone College of Nursing at the University of Alabama on August 5, 2011. She also received the Excellence in Writing Award from the Capstone College of Nursing and the 2010-2011 Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Capstone College of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau Epsilon Omega Chapter.

While pursuing her doctorate, Mary published several manuscripts in various nursing journals. She also successfully completed her Capstone research project entitled "Empowering Nursing Home Staff to Utilize Evidence-Based Practices When Assessing Osteoarthritis Pain." Mary plans to employ the findings of this project in the future development of an osteoarthritis management program for nursing home residents.

Mary was recently appointed as Assistant Professor of Nursing at the Mississippi University for Women and will teach Nurse Practitioner students in the Graduate Nursing Program.

Mary will continue to see patients at Starkville Orthopedic Clinic in addition to her teaching commitments at Mississippi University for Women.

Congratulations to Mary for a job well done!