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**Michael Manley, MNSc, RN, Named
Assistant Dean in UAMS College of Nursing**

LITTLE ROCK — Michael Manley, MNSc, RN, has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Nursing as assistant dean of community engagement and faculty practice.

Manley, an alumnus and longtime employee of UAMS, will help the College of Nursing build partnerships with healthcare organizations and community stakeholders throughout the state while creating practice and service opportunities for students and faculty members. He also will serve as a representative for the College of Nursing in collaborations with state and national nursing organizations and with other universities in Arkansas.

“In his new role, Michael will help us strengthen partnerships that advance our mission of education, research, service, and clinical excellence,” said Sarah Rhoads, Ph.D., DNP, dean of the College of Nursing. “His expertise in strategic planning, relationship development, and healthcare innovation will be invaluable as we continue to expand our impact throughout Arkansas and beyond.”

Manley earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from UAMS in 1990 and his Master of Nursing Science in administration and education in 2009. He began working at UAMS in 2003 and has held a wide variety of roles since then, including as director of outreach and government relations in the UAMS Center for Distance Health, director of clinical services integration and development for the UAMS Northwest Regional Campus in Fayetteville, interim vice chancellor of institutional relations, and chief of staff to then-Chancellor Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA.

Most recently, Manley was UAMS’ director of workforce access and navigation, leading an effort to support the health and well-being of employees and dependents not only at UAMS but also at institutions across the University of Arkansas System.

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“I’m honored and excited about this opportunity to come back to where my whole professional journey started over 35 years ago,” he said. “The UAMS College of Nursing is special; there’s no institution in the state like it.”

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute, and the Institute for Community Health Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS’ clinical enterprise. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 3,553 students and 1,030 medical residents and fellows, and two dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with about 12,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children’s, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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