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Dr. Josie Weiss is an Associate Professor and coordinator of the Master's Nurse Practitioner Program in the UCF College of Nursing. Her academic journey began following high school as a state scholar at Florida State University where she received her Bachelor's degree in Nursing. After working in this field for a while she returned to school and received her Master's and Doctorate (PhD) from the University of Florida.

Dr. Weiss is a nurse practitioner, who holds certifications in adult, family and pediatrics. She has practiced in this role with underserved or incarcerated adolescents and adults for over 20 years. Her research interest involves finding ways to encourage adolescents to postpone pregnancy and parenting until after they have achieved SASS (Successful completion of high school, Additional education, Satisfying relationships and Satisfying employment).

Dr. Weiss is participating with 2 other colleagues, Chris Blackwell (Associate Professor in the UCF College of Nursing) and Linda Gibson-Young, (Associate Professor Texas A & M: Corpus Christi) in a workshop at the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty National Conference in Baltimore in April. The workshop is titled: A Necessary Evil: Constructing Effective Examination Blueprints, Multiple-Choice Test Items, and Test-Item Analysis in Primary and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Courses.

She is also an invited speaker at the American Association of Nurse Practitioners to give a 75 minute presentation based on her research topic: Adolescent Sexual Decision Making: What Are They Thinking?

More locally, she is a regular volunteer, providing NP care to the underserved at Shepherd's Hope in Ocoee.

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