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Dr. Erika L. Freitas serves as the **Director of the Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education** at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and as the **Associate Dean for Culture and Wellness** at the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS). She earned her bachelor's degree in pharmacy and her master's degree in pharmaceutical sciences from the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil. After graduation, she worked for many years as a medication therapy management pharmacist and as an assistant professor in Brazil. Her clinical practice focused mainly on persons living with infectious diseases. She has extensive experience with hospital and community pharmacy practices. She is a champion of collaborative learning and thrives on building partnerships across health professions. Dr. Freitas is firmly dedicated to fostering environments where students and faculty from diverse disciplines come together to improve patient care through teamwork, communication, and shared decision-making. In August 2009, she joined the Social and Administrative Pharmacy Graduate Program at the University of Minnesota. Her thesis focused on identifying pedagogical approaches to train strong critical thinkers in clinical practice. She also taught in the clinical skills laboratory and pharmaceutical care courses at the University of Minnesota for four years. Upon completing her PhD in 2013, she joined Regis University School of Pharmacy as the director of the clinical skills laboratory. During her 10 years at Regis University, Dr. Freitas also invested in her passion for supporting equitable and inclusive practices in higher education. She holds a certification as an Anti-Defamation League trainer and is recognized as a seasoned consultant and speaker on inclusive clinical practice and leadership. In 2023, she joined the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS) as the inaugural assistant dean for equity, diversity, and inclusion. Her work evolved to focus on institutional health, and she currently holds the title of Associate Dean for Culture and Wellness at the SSPPS. Her approach centers on cultivating inclusive, supportive academic cultures that prioritize psychological safety, resilience, and belonging. In 2024, Dr. Freitas was selected as the director for the CU Anschutz Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education. She leads a team of over 50 faculty, staff, and community facilitators as they design and implement innovative curricula that prepare future healthcare professionals to work effectively in team-based settings. Her work emphasizes experiential learning, reflective practice, and the integration of evidence-based strategies to promote professional and interprofessional identity formation and collaborative competencies. Dr. Freitas was accepted as a fellow of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine in 2026, and she is currently working toward becoming an International Coaching Federation accredited coach.