

COLORADO NURSES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME



Elda Popiel, RN, MS

- She received a diploma in nursing from Research Hospital in Kansas City, Kan., in 1934 and graduated from Avila College four years later
- She worked at Research Hospital and, when her first husband died, at Roseland School District and University of Kansas Medical Center
- In 1956, she moved to Denver, remarried, became a CU-School of Nursing teaching fellow and earned an MS three years later
- On the Boulder campus in the late '50s she taught freshman students about nursing history. She retired professor emeritus in 1974
- She provided leadership in a host of continuing education initiatives and was creative and courageous in developing an educational mechanism during a great controversy about the expanded role of the nurse
 - She was CNA president from 1969-70.
- Through her efforts with Loretta Ford, PhD, RN, she pioneered the first nurse practitioner program in the nation