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Education:

Doctor of Physician Assistant, 2024 Touro University Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada

- Doctoral scoping literature research: “Advancing population-based genetic screening for CDC Tier 1 genomic conditions: Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer, Lynch Syndrome and Familial Hypercholesterolemia”

Master of Clinical Medical Science, Physician Assistant Program, 2001 Barry University, Miami, Florida

Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences, 1996 Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana

License and Certification:

Licensed by the State of Florida Council on Physician Assistants (PA 9101904)

National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) – Certified

Professional Medical Education Experience:

Founding Associate Program Director, Associate Professor, PA Program Development

Touro University Montana Hybrid Physician Assistant Program, Great Falls, MT

October 2024-Present

- Duties include accreditation detailed application and folder preparedness for the ARC-PA provisional accreditation site visit January 2026
- Foundational curriculum development, assessment/ mapping and revision; faculty development training for classroom and laboratory instruction; editing/revising PA Student and Preceptor Handbooks; academic and professionalism advising; remedial instruction; student recruitment and retention; PA Admissions; inter-professional education; ongoing program self-assessment under the standards of ARC-PA.
- Developing nationwide clinical sites and securing rotations

Instructional Faculty

Touro University California-Los Angeles PA Program, Panorama City, California

- Course Director: Physical Diagnosis I and II Lecture and Lab, Women’s Health, Laboratory Medicine and Clinical Procedures, Jr OSCE Lab: January 2025-Present
- Member of Admissions Committee
- Member of the Academic Progress Committee
- Academic Advisor

Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine Miami, Florida

- Course Director: Physical Diagnosis Lecture and Lab, January 2020-Present

Barry University Physician Assistant Program, Miami, Florida

- Physical Diagnosis Lab Instructor: October 2022-Present
- Multiple roles in Didactic & Clinical Education & Admissions: Mar 2002- July 2014, Mar 2019-May 2019

Touro University Illinois PA Program, Chicago, Illinois

- Guest Lecturer: Clinical Molecular Mechanisms of Disease: Clinical Genetics, March 2023

Founding Principal Faculty, Associate Professor, PA Program Development

Touro University California-Los Angeles Physician Assistant Program, Panorama City, CA

January 2022-October 2024

- Duties include accreditation detailed application and hanging folder preparedness for the ARC-PA virtual

site visit February 2024, earning Provisional Accreditation June 2024

- Foundational curriculum development, assessment/ mapping and revision; faculty development training for classroom and laboratory instruction; editing/revising PA Student and Preceptor Handbooks; academic and professionalism advising; remedial instruction; student recruitment and retention; PA Admissions; inter-professional education; ongoing program self-assessment under the standards of ARC-PA.

Program Director, Associate Professor in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies

San Juan Bautista School of Medicine, Caguas, Puerto Rico, October 2020-October 2021

- Provided essential executive leadership and management for the establishment of the first Physician Assistant Program in PR earning Provisional Accreditation
- Assumed responsibility of the emerging PA Program's organization, administration, fiscal management, continuous review and analysis, planning, development, and participation in the accreditation process. This included:
 - Developing, assessing/mapping and revising a complete curriculum for the 28-month program to be delivered within an inter-professional educational environment.
 - Directing operations and strategic planning
 - Overseeing the recruitment and management of PA Program faculty, medical director, and staff and supervising activities directly related to the program.
 - Developing clinical sites and securing rotations.
 - Managing programmatic and accreditation requirements for the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) and Middle States Commission of Higher Education (MSCHE)
- **ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
 - Course Director: Physical Diagnosis Lecture and Lab, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Diagnostic Modalities: Laboratory Medicine and Correlative Medicine
 - Course Co-director: Psychosocial and Professional Practice Issues for PA's, Clinical Molecular Mechanisms of Disease: Clinical Genetics
 - Laid the foundation for teaching responsibilities: curriculum development, assessment/ mapping and revision; classroom and laboratory instruction; academic and professionalism advising; remedial instruction; student recruitment and retention; admissions; inter-professional education; ongoing program self-assessment under the standards of ARC-PA.
 - Organized and developed Google Drive and Calendar for student and faculty access to a virtual schedule, educational materials and zoom links
 - Wrote and edited the PA Student Manual and Preceptor Manual creating and revising didactic and clinical year policies
 - Worked collaboratively with other School of Medicine departments, and interprofessional teams to ensure that didactic and clinical experiences are supported.
 - Supervised the medical director, principal and instructional faculty, and departmental staff in all activities related to the PA program.
 - Designed and collected Course and Instructor end of semester surveys through Survey Monkey
 - Maintained fiscal oversight of the program within budget and scope, and ensured departmental budgets had adequate funding to meet departmental goals and accreditation objectives and requirements.
 - Developed classroom and laboratory instruction teaching methods that utilized a model for engaged learning in a virtual and in-person educational environment.
 - Created and edited all course Instructional syllabi
 - Successful implementation of Exam Soft, Exam ID and Exam Monitor for virtual testing
 - Chair of Academic Progress Committee for the PA Program
 - Meticulous grade review and academic decision making based on performance and abiding by program and institutional policies to maintain compliance and fairness
 - Participated in committees at a national level and Commonwealth level that assisted in the growth

of the PA profession, while maintaining service related to the School of Medicine and community.

Co-Program Director, Associate Professor in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies

San Juan Bautista School of Medicine, Caguas, Puerto Rico, February 2020- October 2020

- Founding Co-Program Director in attaining provisional accreditation for the new PA Program at SJBSM.
 - Duties include accreditation detailed application preparedness for the ARC-PA virtual site visit July 2020, Provisional Accreditation awarded October 2020
- Admissions Committee Chair
 - Handled all aspects of recruitment and admissions for the PA Program including identifying, developing and evaluating recruitment opportunities
 - CASPA website design and management
 - Facilitated weekly planning; advising and working with all prospective applicants and students; coordinating/processing and maintaining applicant files (ensuring each candidate meets the required prerequisite courses and clinical hours)
 - EXXAT software setup for maintaining student health and immunization records
 - Monitored and evaluated admission and enrollment statistics
 - Developed and conducted recruitment presentations
 - Developed and implemented policies and procedures related to recruitment and admissions
 - Designed multiple virtual interview process and coordinated scheduled prospective student interviews with admissions committee and staff

Director of Clinical Education, Assistant Professor of Medical Education

Barry University Physician Assistant Program, Miami, Florida, March 2017- February 2019

Associate Director of Clinical Education, Assistant Professor of Medical Education

Barry University Physician Assistant Program, Miami, Florida, July 2014- March 2017

Director of Clinical Education Duties at Barry University PA Program

- Facilitated 8 successful clinical rotations for 100 students across 3 campuses annually (Miami and St. Petersburg, FL and St Croix, USVI) and the US, while maintaining high quality and ARC-PA accreditation standards, managing up to 8 Clinical Team faculty and staff
- Site development of new clinical sites needed to accommodate 22 displaced clinical students from the St Croix, USVI campus following Hurricane Maria Sept 2017. This included developing 24 new rotations every 6 weeks to accommodate the displaced St Croix, USVI cohort in nationwide and local rotation sites
- Develop and maintain the clinical grid schedule for each clinical cycle during the PA students 2nd year of training to ensure efficient use of clinical resources.
- Draw on personal PA training, clinical experience and knowledge of student abilities to facilitate appropriate clinical assignments of students
- Contribute toward the development of the clinical curriculum which includes planning EOR topics/ activities, CSEs, evaluating EOR exams to ensure that written objectives are reflected and grading of all submitted documents: SOAP notes, cultural reflections, preceptor evaluations
- End of rotation activities are planned and organized including lecture recruitment, lecture preparation and delivery, EOR Exam proctor and suture skills testing
- Organize and develop the clinical curriculum for Clinical Orientation prior to the start of each clinical year
- Train faculty to conduct clinical site visits as well as schedule and track the site visits
- Participate in the writing and revising clinical policy, editing and updating the Clinical Year Manual and Preceptor Manual
- Document and report student concerns, complaints and incident report to the student, Program Director and director of self study as well as student Advisor

- Communicating with and advising Clinical Preceptors to ensure quality clinical education for the students as well as to the benefit of the preceptor
- Organizing and collecting data on Typhon for patient tracking and required skills and patient exposure for each student
- Serve as a mentor and role model for PA students; lead by example

General Faculty Duties at Barry University PA Program

- Course Director/Professor for Clinical Genetics; 15-hour 1 credit course 2004-2019
- Assistant Professor Women's Health, PA Role, and Physical Diagnosis in classroom and interactive PD lab
- Board Review lecture Hematology/Oncology for the PANCE and PANRE
- 2016 Reaccreditation Committee for ARC-PA: achieved 10 years of accreditation through 2026
- Member of Admissions Committee: applicant file review, offering interviews and evaluations
- Organization and Implementation of Inquiry Based Learning Activities
- Mentor/Evaluator of Literature Review Papers
- Active and Appreciative Faculty Advisor to 18-34 students annually

Organization Involvement at Barry University

- Barry University Faculty Senator May 2015-May 2018
- Chair of the Advisory Committee for Barry University Physician Assistant Program, January 2003 - October 2005
- Search Committee Member CNHS for PA Program Director
- Faculty Advisor for PA Student Association
- Member of Self Study Committee
- Member of Management Team
- Member of the Curriculum Committee
- Member of PA Program Clinical Education Team
- Member of PA Program Admissions Team
- Member of the Criminal Background Committee
- Member of the Clinical Site Development Team: active recruitment and retention of clinical preceptors
- Member of the Community Outreach Team

Professional Clinical Experience:

Internal Medicine Physician Assistant

Clinical Director of @WorkCare Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Boca Raton, Florida facilitated by Marathon Health, Burlington, Vermont, August 2013-June 2014

Duties included:

- Clinical Director and lead provider in coordination of and direct patient care through history and physical exams, establishing accurate diagnoses, and formulating successful assessment and treatment plans in both inpatient and outpatient settings
- Ordering and interpreting ancillary imaging studies and laboratory blood tests
- Managed all well woman exams, including pap smears and breast exams, annual physical exams
- Patient education, prescribing appropriate medication, managed insurance, prior authorizations, referrals to specialists and maintained excellent patient rapport and continuity of care
- Maintained timely office visits in busy Internal Medicine practice

Internal Medicine Physician Assistant

- Theodore Raptis, MD, Boca Raton, Florida, August 2006 – July 2013
- John Christakis MD, Boca Raton, Florida, August 2006 – August 2011- physician retired
- Mary Scanlon, D.O., Boynton Beach, Florida, March 2005 - August 2006- practice sold

- Louis Tumminia, D.O., Delray Beach, Florida, May 2004 - February 2005
- David Liporace, D.O., West Palm Beach, Florida, July 2002 - April 2004

Professional Memberships:

- American Academy of Physician Assistants
- Physician Assistant Education Association
- Florida Academy of Physician Assistants

Professional Development:

- PA Education Association National Conference, San Diego, CA October 2025
- Online Teaching Certification Badge, Touro University, NY, June-August 2025
- Miami Precision Medicine Conference Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, Hollywood, FL May 2024
- 2023 FLASCO Cancer Disparities and Health Equity Summit, Hollywood, FL November 2023
- Cancer Survivorship Conference, Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL October 2023
- PA Education Association National Conference, New Orleans, LA October 2023
- AAPA National Conference, Nashville, TN May 2023
- PA Education Association National Conference, San Diego, CA October 2022
- Certified Health Coach and Life Coach: Health Coach Institute, July 2022
- New PA Program Director Jumpstart 4-week conference sponsored by PAEA, Nov 2020
- PA Education Association National Conference, Minneapolis, MN Oct 2016

Professional Presentations:

- AAPA ePoster submission/ Meet the Author, AAPA National Conference in Denver, CO May 2019
 - Topic: A case study of a hurricane challenge in PA Education
- CME Lecturer at the Florida Academy of Physician Assistants FAPA 2016 Winter and Summer Conferences February and August 2016 in Orlando, FL and Ft Lauderdale, FL.
 - Topic: The Current Guidelines in Women's Health
- CME lecturer at Barry University Primary Care Board Review Course, annually 2004-2018
 - Topic: Hematology Oncology Review for PANCE/PANRE

Publications:

- "PAs in Puerto Rico: How asociados medicos are persevering through restrictive practice laws". JAAPA. 35(9):59-61, Sept 2022 <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36007122/>
- "The marriage of problem-based learning with standardized patients: An evaluation of physician assistant students' cultural competency in communication". Journal of Physician Assistant Education. 2006;17(1):58-62.
https://journals.lww.com/jpae/abstract/2006/17010/the_marriage_of_problem_based_learning_with.13.aspx

Awards and Accomplishments:

- Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Associates, 2024
- Outstanding Leadership Award, Touro University, November 2022
- Communique Nominee- Faculty of the Year 2018, Barry University College of Nursing and Health Science
- Rallyed Statewide and National support in wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria Sept 2017, which displaced the St Croix, USVI PA students needing supplies and financial support. Facilitated fundraisers with FAPA, Welch Allyn for medical equipment replacement and donations of books, clothing and scrubs
- Faculty Advisor for Miami Beach Homeless Clinic 4 times annually 2013-2018
- Pi Alpha National Honor Society
- Barry University Physician Assistant Program Graduation Keynote Speaker 2004, 2006, 2012, 2015, 2017
- Professor of the Year 2004, Barry University Physician Assistant Program

Volunteer Service:

- Patient Advocate Leader, FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered, August 2023-Present
- Health Clinic for the Homeless, City of Miami Beach, 4 annual events 2013-2018
- Medical Mission: Missionaries of Charity, Port-au-Prince and Henge, Haiti April 2018

Additional Experience:

- Tommasino and Associates LLC Consultant to achieve and maintain ARC-PA accreditation. February 2023- Current
- Independent Consultant to Touro College PA Program, NYC and San Juan Bautista PA Program, Caguas, Puerto Rico, February 2020-May 2020
- Venus Concept Training 4 Day seminar: Certified in Glow, Legacy, Velocity and Versa for skin care and rejuvenation, August 2019
- Independent Consultant Liv Plastic Surgery: Professional Member of a think tank in practice growth and development October 2018- March 2019
- Independent Contractor: solo company: Clarity Medical Arts, LLC, est. October 2018