CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Academic Rank: Clinical Assistant Professor
Date of Appointment to Current Rank: 2/19/2018

Education:

Undergraduate

2000 – 2004	Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA – Bachelor of Science

Graduate/medical

2004 – 2006	Nova Southeastern University, Ft Lauderdale, FL- Master of Medical Science

Certification:

2006 - present	National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants NCCPA, #1074283, Expires 12/31/2026

Licensure:

2006 - present	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. LA, PA.200111, Expires 5/31/2025

Career Development:

2017	Ochsner Lean Training through the Project Management Office. This was a training course to teach Six Sigma to improve and standardize Medical and Hospital processes. I participated in 2 projects during my tenor as a Green belt to improve Surgical Preference Cards for the Neurosurgery department. The other project I worked on was patient through-put for Bariatric Surgery and the creation of a patient dashboard to avoid lost to follow up patients.

Academic, Professional, and Research Appointments:

2006- 2008	Physician Assistant, Metropolitan Gastroenterology and Associates, East Jefferson Hospital
2008 – present	Physician Assistant, Ochsner Center for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
2018 – present	Clinical Assistant Professor, LSUHSC School of Allied Health-Physician Assistant Studies
2022	Interim Program Director, LSUHSC School of Allied Health-Physician Assistant Studies
2024 – present	Director of Didactic Education, LSUHSC School of Allied Health-Physician Assistant Studies

Awards and Honors:

2024	LSUHSC SAHP Faculty Assembly "Outstanding Service to the Institution Award"

Teaching Awards:

2019	LSUHSC SAHP Physician Assistant Class of 2020 "Educator of the Year"
2023	LSUHSC SAHP Physician Assistant Class of 2024 "Mentor of the Year"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Course Directorships SAHP Physician Assistant Studies:

2018 – 2024	Course Director, Physical Diagnosis (PYAS 6553)
2018 - 2024	Course Director, Clinical Medicine I (PYAS 6555)
2019 – 2022	Course Director, PA Professional Practice (PYAS 6551)
2018 – 2022	Course Director, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (PYAS 6576)
2021 – 2023	Co-Course Director, Clinical Medicine II (PYAS 6556)
2024 – 2025	Course Director, Clinical Medicine II (PYAS 6556)

Curriculum Development/Implementation:
In 2022, after SSR review the PA department began the process to update the entire curriculum. In collaboration with Brittany Booth, Brittany Hall, and Stephen Yancovich, we solidified many changes to the order of the courses and introduction of new courses to ensure breadth and depth of PA studies.

Formal Course Responsibilities:
SAHP Physician Assistant Studies:

2018 – 2024	**Lecturer**, PYAS Pathology for PAs. I lectured for 2 hours on the GI track and diseases processes.
2018 – present	**Lecturer**, **Course Director** (2019 – 2024). Physical Diagnosis (PYAS 6553) I lecture for 9 hours per summer semester on how the physical exam is performed which includes a review of anatomy and physiology of the organ system being presented. Additionally, the presentation includes physical examination findings that are normal or expected in the absence of disease

processes. I also include which diagnoses should be considered based on the physical exam findings. The systems I cover have included dermatology, head, neck, face, pulmonary system, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal system, breasts, and elderly patients. Additionally, I run laboratory groups to teach physical examination methods, which is hands and one-on-one teaching. I create and proctor all exams in this course. Lastly, I run all 3 simulations in this course with Daryl Lofaso, PhD on vitals signs, abnormal heart and lung sounds, and genital examinations.

2018 – 2024 **Lecturer**, **Course Director.** Clinical Medicine I (PYAS 6555). As course director I coordinate all guest lectures which are roughly 50 healthcare providers. I schedule BLS and ACLS for the students enrolled. I edit, review, and create all block MCQ exams and Written OSCE essays. I create and execute with the help with core PA faculty: Differential Diagnosis Activities, Practice OSCEs, Group OSCEs, SOAP Note grading, and simulations for Lumbar puncture and Advance Cardiac Life Support Practice.
The individual presentations I teach in this course are Intro to EENT, Evaluation of Head and Neck masses, Dentition and tongue abnormalities, Obstructive sleep apnea, Solitary Pulmonary Nodules, Venous thromboembolism, Lipid Disorders, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Syncope, and Intro to Dermatology.

2022 – 2024 **Lecturer**, **Course Director.** Clinical Medicine II (PYAS 6556). As course director I coordinate all guest lectures which are roughly 50 healthcare providers. I edit, review, and create all block MCQ exams and Written OSCE essays. I create and execute with the help with core PA faculty: Differential Diagnosis Activities, Practice OSCEs, Group OSCE development and execution, SOAP Note grading, and simulations for Surgical gowning and gloving and Cadaver Suture Simulation. The individual presentations I teach in this course are: Other Anemias, Intro to GI, Obesity Surgery, and GU Infections.

2018 – 2022 **Lecturer**, **Course Director**. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. As course director, I lecture weekly on learning objectives for this course and also coordinate guest lectures for specific topics.

2019 – 2023 **Lecturer**, **Course Director**. PA Professional Practice. I presented weekly learning objectives for this course to introduce the students to the history of the PA profession, role as a PA on a health care team, health insurance, ***. I created weekly quizzes for the students to assess their retention of the material and created a professionalism project.

Formal Mentoring and Advisor:

2018 – 2020	PA Class of 2020 Advisees
2019 – 2021	PA Class of 2021 Advisees
2020 – 2022	PA Class of 2022 Advisees
2021 – 2023	PA Class of 2023 Advisees
2022 – 2024	PA Class of 2024 Advisees

2023 – present PA Class of 2025 Advisees
2024 – present PA Class of 2026 Advisees
2025 – present PA Class of 2027 Advisees
**Current Advising protocols require faculty to meet with each advisee once a semester to discuss progression in the program. In the first semester, faculty meets twice with advisees. Topics of discussion include: study skills, adjusting to rigor of the curriculum, burn out, mental health, career searches, resume tips, preparation for national boards, relationship building, recommendation letters, and professional development. I have between 6-8 students to advise in each co-hort.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Refereed Journal Publications:

2009 Richardson WS, **Plaisance AM**, Periou L, Buquoi J, Tillery D. Long-term Management of Patients After Weight Loss Surgery. Ochsner J. 2009 Fall;9(3):154-9. PMID: 21603433; PMCID: PMC3096273.

2023 Chappell RN, Hebert G, **Weydert AP**. An Investigation of Burnout and the Use of Meditation as Means of Prevention in In a Program of Study for Physician Assistants. The Internet Journal of Allied Health Sciences and Practice. 2023 Mar 20;21(2), Article 4.

Books:

2021 Reviewed Chapters 3 and 6 for "3rd Edition of the Health Care Handbook by Askin and Moore, published Nov 2022.

Invited Presentations:

2020 “Surgical Treatment of obesity in Primary Care.” Annual Louisiana Association of Physician Assistants CME Conference. (This meeting was cancelled due to Covid and was not given.)

2021 "Obesity and Dental Hygiene." NODHA: New Orleans Dental Hygienists' Association Annual CE conference.

2022 "Thresholds of Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect from an Interdisciplinary Perspective." APSAC Colloquium. Presented with George Hebert, PhD and Krystal Vaugn, PhD, June 2022.

2022 “Moodle Gradebook and the LSUHSC-NOLA Upgrade to 3.9” IT Office hours presenter.

Videos, Electronic Media, and Multimedia:

2023 Interviewed by Liz Reyes, Fox8 WVUE-TV Noon News, live in-studio, New Orleans Practicing Healthy Habits before Doctor Visits. https://www.fox8live.com/video/2023/10/19/practicing-healthy-habits-before-doctor-visit/

Editorial Posts and Activities:

Reviewer:

2024 – present Journal of PAEA

SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

LSUHSC committees

2021 – present	LSUHSC Faculty Senate Senator
2024 – 2025	LSUHSC Faculty Appeals Committee

LSUHSC SAHP Committees

2019 – 2022	SAHP Faculty Assembly Representative
2021 – 2022	SAHP Faculty Assembly Vice President
2022 – 2023	SAHP Student Affairs, Co-Chair
2018 – 2022	SAHP Alumni Committee, Member
2022 – present	SAHP Community Engagement Member
2023 – present	SAHP Faculty Liaison Student Ambassadors

PA Departmental committees

2018 – present	Curriculum Committee
2018 – present	Promotion Committee
2018 – present	Admissions Committee
2018 – present	Administrative Committee

Special assignments

2024 – present	LSUHSC Senate Faculty Handbook Subcommittee
2023 – present	SAHP Student Technology Committee
2022 – 2024	LSUHSC Senate Faculty Campus Disaster Relief Subcommittee
2022 – 2023	Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions' Award for Institution Excellence and Innovation Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Health Care Application Writing Committee
2021 – 2022	LSUHSC Senate Moodle Subcommittee

Clinical Service:

I work clinically once a week at Ochsner Clinic Foundation in the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery outpatient clinic. I see consults to evaluate patients for surgical appropriateness, manage post operative patients, perform band adjustments and overall long term care of surgical weight loss patients.

Membership in Professional Organizations:

2004 – present	AAPA (American Academy of Physician Assistants)
2004 – present	LAPA (Louisiana Association of Physician Assistants)
2008 – present	ASMBS (American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery)
2018 – present	PAEA (Physician Assistant Education Association)

Community Service Activities:

2023 – present	St Catherine of Siena, Co-Op Active Member
2022 – present	Ochsner WoW (Women Empowering Women) member
2021	Coach JPRD Soccer, girls 5-6 year olds
2021	Coach JPRD Softball, girls 5-6 year olds

Continuing Education Courses Attended:

LAPA
PAEA
ASMBS

Updated: 2/12/2025