SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

HEALTH SCIENCES
DEGREE PROGRAMS

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LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Today’s rapidly growing health care industry offers tremendous opportunities. There’s never been a better time to be a health care or wellness professional. You may just be starting your professional life or deciding to enhance your already established career with an advanced degree. Regardless of where you are on your path, Purdue University Global’s School of Health Sciences is here to help make your dreams a reality.

The school is committed to educating students to become skilled, compassionate professionals who are vital to the delivery of quality health care and helping others to lead healthier lives. Our comprehensive, career-focused programs are designed to prepare graduates to become tomorrow’s health leaders, and instill critical-thinking skills to help them function in a global technological environment. Our curriculum represents the very best in health care and wellness education—a solid foundation in theory and the latest technologies, opportunities for experiential learning, and a student-centered learning environment.

Learning online at Purdue Global is a dynamic, interactive experience. You can access your virtual classroom with some of the latest technological and curricular developments from anywhere in the world, while also being able to connect with thousands of health care professionals, students, and faculty.

I encourage you to explore the breadth and depth of opportunities that Purdue Global’s School of Health Sciences offers and imagine how you could make a difference as a health care or wellness professional. I look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Dr. Keith L. Smith
Dean and Vice President
Purdue University Global School of Health Sciences

MEET THE DEAN

Dr. Keith Smith is a seasoned leader who has held management positions in the business, nonprofit, and higher education sectors. He has taught leadership and organizational courses and workshops both domestically and internationally. Dr. Smith works to bring passion and inspiration to the workplace. In 2007, he joined Purdue Global (formerly Kaplan University) as dean of the School of Health Sciences, building the school from 3 associate’s degrees and 1,200 students to 4 associate’s degrees, 6 bachelor’s degrees, 2 master’s degrees, and approximately 12,000 students by 2010.

He subsequently served as vice provost for the University from 2010 to 2012. At that time, he returned to health sciences as dean and vice president of health programs, inclusive of programs available online and at the regional locations.

DR. KEITH L. SMITH
EdD, Seattle University
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MBA, City University
ThB, Multnomah University
DEVELOP HIGH-TECH AND HIGH-TOUCH SKILLS FOR A HEALTHY CAREER

Health care is evolving dramatically. The aging baby boomer generation now makes up more than 25% of the population, leading to greater demand for health care services. While innovations in medical science and technology are improving patient outcomes, they require a highly skilled workforce. The health care sector is expected to add 2.6 million jobs between 2020 and 2030, many of which are in fields related to Purdue Global programs. This means more qualified health care and wellness professionals are needed every day. Preparation is essential.

WHY PURDUE GLOBAL?

A tradition of quality—a nontraditional approach. We offer the quality you deserve and the value you expect. Whether your focus is nutrition, public health, medical assisting, health information management, or health care administration, our goal is to help you build both the practical skills and professional competencies to support your career goals. Here’s how we do it.

FACULTY WITH REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Our faculty are experienced professionals in health care industries who understand the best ways to shape our curriculum to meet your needs.

CURRICULUM REVIEWED BY HEALTH CARE AND WELLNESS PROFESSIONALS

Our courses are regularly monitored to ensure current industry alignment.

ONLINE LEARNING THAT’S COMPREHENSIVE AND INTERACTIVE

Many programs include clinical, practicum, or fieldwork experiences; all online courses offer student/instructor feedback, discussion boards, group activities, and more.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IS A PART OF MANY PROGRAMS

In today’s economy, it’s important to have relevant experience to get ahead in health care. We understand that. But how can you gain experience if you are just starting out or changing careers? Purdue Global’s clinical, practicum, and fieldwork experiences can offer you the opportunity to apply your knowledge to real-world health care settings.

LEARNING ONLINE, BUT NOT ON YOUR OWN

Online learning has a reputation for being a solitary experience. That’s not the case at Purdue Global. Many of our courses include live, online group meetings with your professor and classmates every week. This is just one of the ways we use technology to help you feel more engaged in class and offer you opportunities to interact with fellow students of all backgrounds.

TRY OUR CLASSES BEFORE YOU OWE ANY TUITION

WE STAND BEHIND OUR ACADEMIC QUALITY

Purdue Global wants you to make an educated decision about your education. As a new undergraduate student, the Purdue Global Commitment gives you a chance to experience real classes before deciding if you will stay and pursue your studies.
Whether you want a successful career working directly with patients or behind the scenes in a health care facility, Purdue Global’s School of Health Sciences has a program to fit your career goals. We offer a variety of certificates and undergraduate and graduate degrees in some of today’s most in-demand health care specialties. Our hands-on, real-world approach to learning is designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge to help you stand out in a competitive job market. You’ll be taught and mentored by industry-experienced faculty members dedicated to your success. Our convenient online learning platform accommodates the busy schedules of working adults.

**MASTER OF HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

The rising cost and accessibility of quality health care are critical issues that affect individuals, communities, and organizations nationwide. Effective leadership is needed in the industry to find solutions to these challenges and improve management structures in a highly competitive, market-driven environment. Purdue Global’s Master of Health Care Administration helps prepare you for leadership and management positions in a variety of governmental, nonprofit, and private health care organizations.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

- Demonstrate effective health care leadership through proficient communication, interpersonal, and teamwork skills.
- Design solutions through proficient critical thinking, analytical, and problem-solving skills.
- Assess the impact of health care system(s) and environment on organizational goals.
- Apply leadership, management, and organizational principles and practices to further organizational goals.
- Design goals by applying personal and professional development principles and practices.
MASTER OF HEALTH INFORMATICS

Improving the health care system means integrating innovative technology into patient care. The field of health informatics (HI) connects computer science, information science, and health care. HI professionals work with the processes and tools used to record, store, and analyze health care information, and communicate with both health care providers and IT professionals. Purdue Global’s online Master of Health Informatics could prepare you for an exciting career and open doors to a variety of HI management and leadership positions.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

• Design effective strategies based on concepts of leadership and innovation in health informatics.
• Assess the impact that economics, ethics, professional standards, and the law have on the optimization of health informatics.
• Evaluate public policy and health care policies and procedures to support health informatics innovation across systems.
• Implement health informatics best practices while drawing from social and behavioral sciences, and information technologies.

MASTER OF HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Health information management is a diverse, rapidly evolving field with many opportunities for qualified professionals. The Master of Health Information Management can help prepare you with the knowledge and skills to pursue leadership positions in the dynamic fields of health information management, administration, education, and research. The online Master of Health Information Management is focused on the strategic and operational relevance and robustness of clinical information, resources, workflow, and connectivity within the health care industry and public health sectors.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

• Design effective strategies based on concepts of leadership and health information management in administrative and business environments.
• Analyze the impact of economics, ethics, professional standards, and the law on health information.
• Evaluate public policy and health care policies and procedures to support the global health information management industry.
• Compare financial data analytics to optimize health information systems.

HIMSS APPROVED EDUCATION PROVIDER

Purdue Global is recognized by the Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS) as an Approved Education Partner (AEP). As a HIMSS AEP, Purdue Global has met HIMSS’s rigorous standards for delivering world-class, effective health care and health IT education.

HIMSS-approved educational programs, which includes the Purdue Global Master of Health Informatics, provide advanced knowledge in health information and technology or health care and prepare candidates to sit for the CAHIMS or CPHIMS exam.

A directory of HIMSS-approved programs may be found at: HIMSS.org/Get-Involved/Approved-Education-Partner/Find-an-AEP.
The Master of Public Health is a professional credential for those seeking leadership and managerial positions in governmental, nonprofit, and private organizations in the health care industry. Purdue Global’s Master of Public Health could help you develop the administrative, ethical, and professional skills to apply public health principles to health education and communication programs. In addition, you can build practical experience and strengthen your résumé through fieldwork opportunities that provide onsite training. With a Master of Public Health from Purdue Global, you could pursue a wide range of industry positions including health services manager, health consultant, health advocate, and community health organizer, among many other career paths.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

- Demonstrate an evidence-based approach to public health practice.
- Leverage fundamental epidemiological concepts in addressing population health problems.
- Appraise current and relevant health issues and policy.
- Implement leadership, administrative, and communication skills through planning, organization, administration, and evaluation of public health programs and processes.
- Evaluate concepts and methods of social and behavioral sciences relevant to the identification and solution of public health problems.

Health educators encourage individuals to take more responsibility for learning about the behaviors that keep them healthy or that help them improve their health. These professionals collect and analyze data, as well as plan, implement, and evaluate health education programs that focus on key health issues such as teen pregnancy and HIV prevention. Purdue Global’s Master of Science in Health Education helps prepare students to enter this dynamic field. You’ll learn how to design, implement, and evaluate health programs and hone your critical thinking and communication skills.

In addition, you can build practical experience and strengthen your résumé through field opportunities that provide onsite training.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

- Understand the principles and practices of health care regarding administration, management, law, economics, and policy.
- Study to attain skills and knowledge to handle health care-related research, critical thinking, and problem solving.
- Apply management principles toward team building and collaborative decision making.
- Consider the forces that are influencing today’s health care delivery systems when making health care management decisions.
- Analyze and uphold the professional, ethical, and legal standards of health care administration.
UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

With the growing emphasis on preventative health care, new opportunities in health care and wellness-related industries are emerging every day. The Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness at Purdue Global provides the relevant curriculum and broad perspective to prepare students for careers in this rewarding field. Professionals with knowledge and training in health and wellness provide support, encouragement, and education to help people live healthier lives and prevent illness or injury. If you would like to broaden your knowledge and skills with a mind-body-spirit approach to health and wellness, then our online Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness may be just what you are looking for.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
• Evaluate the scientific literature and research in wellness, prevention, and complementary health care.
• Discover how to use your knowledge to educate individuals and communities.
• Develop the administrative, ethical, and professional skills for leadership positions throughout the health care field.
• Complete an original comprehensive capstone project that demonstrates your ability to apply your health and wellness knowledge and skills to real-world scenarios.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Today’s health care industry is facing unprecedented challenges, and Purdue Global’s Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration is helping prepare individuals to meet these challenges. The comprehensive curriculum is designed to quickly embrace industry updates and innovations. You’ll receive a solid foundation in the core disciplines of health care administration and management and have opportunities to apply what you’ve learned in real-world settings. Graduates can pursue a master’s degree or seek professional positions in a variety of settings. The need for well-prepared health care managers across the country is expected to increase 32% from 2020 to 2030, 4 times the average for all occupations.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
• Understand the principles and practices of health care regarding administration, management, law, economics, and policy.
• Study to attain skills and knowledge to handle health care-related research, critical thinking, and problem solving.
• Apply management principles toward team building and collaborative decision making.
• Consider the forces that are influencing today’s health care delivery systems when making health care management decisions.
• Analyze and uphold the professional, ethical, and legal standards of health care administration.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

The Bachelor of Science in Health Education and Promotion focuses on providing a solid foundation in health education program planning, development, implementation, and evaluation. The knowledge and skills to assess community needs are developed through using existing health data as well as collecting primary data to determine needs. The Bachelor of Science in Health Education and Promotion is designed to prepare you to serve as a health education resource by teaching you to develop and deliver health-related messages using a variety of communication strategies taking into consideration the factors that influence the process by which people learn. Coursework encourages the development of best practices to engage in advocacy for health education and promotion.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
• Assess needs, resources, and the capacity for health education/promotion in a variety of settings.
• Plan health education/promotion programs.
• Implement health education/promotion programs.
• Serve as a health education/promotion resource person.
• Advocate for health, wellness, and the profession of health education/promotion.
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The American health care system is undergoing dramatic changes and improvements that center on the integration of technology in patient care. The federal government has invested billions of dollars to move hospitals and health care organizations from paper to electronic records and upgrade health information technology systems. These changes have created a need for health information management professionals with specialized skills in collecting, analyzing, and protecting vital patient information.

Purdue Global’s online Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management program combines theory and practice, and can prepare you for success in today’s increasingly complex electronic health environment. This program also includes professional practice experience, which will provide on-the-job experience at a hospital or health care facility.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Apply best practices in decision making regarding the management of health information.
- Utilize research methods and critical thinking to create solutions for vital health care issues.
- Apply the professional, ethical, and legal standards of health information management.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the forces impacting health care delivery and health information systems.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION

There is a growing awareness throughout the nation of the vital role of nutrition in the prevention and treatment of major diseases and living healthier lives. Purdue Global’s Bachelor of Science in Nutrition is designed to prepare you with the practical knowledge and skills to enter this rewarding profession and help improve the quality of people’s lives.

The Bachelor of Science in Nutrition is an approved holistic nutrition education program through the National Association of Nutrition Professionals (NANP).

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Explore the principles and pharmacology of nutrition and how dietary choices can contribute to a healthy lifestyle.
- Acquire an understanding of digestion, absorption, and metabolism of foods and nutritional needs at various stages of the life cycle.
- Develop the administrative, ethical, and professional skills necessary for leadership positions throughout the health care field.
- Complete an original comprehensive capstone project that demonstrates your ability to apply your nutrition science knowledge and skills to real-world scenarios.

Note: The Bachelor of Science in Nutrition is designed to prepare graduates academically to pursue a variety of nutrition-oriented careers and advanced education. However, the program was not designed to meet any specific state’s requirements for licensure or certification, is not accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), and does not qualify an individual to sit for the examination to become a Registered Dietitian (RD). In addition, some states will not permit individuals to become licensed in nutrition and/or dietetics if they do not possess the RD credential. Refer to Licensure. PurdueGlobal.edu for additional information on licensure and state authorizations.
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

If you are a military student who has already received military training for a medical or health science occupational specialty, the Associate of Science in Health Science could help further your educational and career goals. The curriculum focuses on the important role of professionalism in health care, general education, and industry-related technical information and builds on your prior military medical training to help you achieve an associate's degree.

CONCENTRATIONS

You can further specialize your degree by choosing a preprofessional concentration.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

• Integrate knowledge from behavioral and biological sciences as a basis for allied health practice.
• Use current technology in a variety of health care roles.
• Demonstrate competencies relevant to a concentration within health sciences.
• Execute administration skills and management processes within the interdisciplinary health care field.
• Exhibit behavior consistent with the professional, ethical, and legal standards of allied health practice.

Note: Enrollment in this program is limited to servicemembers of the U.S. military, including members of the Reserve or National Guard, and veterans of the U.S. military who have completed one of the articulated military occupation training courses.

DISCOVER EXCELETRACK™: A FASTER, MORE AFFORDABLE WAY TO EARN YOUR BACHELOR’S DEGREE

Earn the same Purdue Global bachelor’s in health care administration—only faster and for less money with ExcelTrack™.

Designed for highly disciplined, self-motivated learners with professional knowledge, ExcelTrack™ is centered around hands-on career experiences and builds on the skills and knowledge you’ve already mastered. You have the freedom to speed up or slow down your learning based on your schedule and personal learning path. Move quickly past the topics you know and focus only on skills you need to learn.
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

MEDICAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE
Our program offers a comprehensive curriculum combined with hands-on training on equipment typically used in a medical setting. The various courses offered can train you to perform specific duties such as assisting the supervising physician with administering injections, taking vital signs, recording EKGs, assisting in minor surgical procedures, carrying out basic accounting procedures, and understanding the fundamentals of charting and documentation. To enhance your career-based experience, you will also complete clinical experiences and an externship that enable you to apply classroom learning in a real-world setting. The Medical Assistant Certificate is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.CAAHEP.org) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).

MEDICAL BILLING/CODING CERTIFICATE
This certificate program is designed to provide you with knowledge and technical skills to pursue a career as a billing and insurance specialist in either a physician’s office or institutional setting, or as a patient referral specialist, coder, or medical receptionist. Coursework provides instruction in topics such as anatomy, physiology, and pharmacology; data information processing; medical billing, coding, and terminology; insurance billing; and medical terminology and medical office management. In addition, you will gain hands-on practical experience in medical billing, coding, and administrative functions through a 40-hour practicum experience. A virtually proctored, national, knowledge-based exam in your final term gives you the opportunity to graduate with a certification.

MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATE
Our online program is designed to equip you with the knowledge and technical skills necessary to pursue entry-level positions. Coursework focuses on areas including insurance processing and fundamental medical office administrative and clerical tasks. You will also have an opportunity to get valuable, on-the-job experience during your externship in a physician’s office or clinic.
STUDENT EXPERIENCE

At Purdue Global’s School of Health Sciences, you don’t have to wait until graduation to gain skills that employers find valuable. Our programs offer diverse and challenging clinical and practicum opportunities that allow you to integrate and apply what you’ve learned in real-world health care environments. You’ll observe and learn from professionals in the field and contribute to the solution of health problems, while developing practical skills and personal confidence as a health professional.

CLINICAL, PRACTICUM, AND FIELDWORK EXPERIENCES

Work environments outside of school can provide enriching training opportunities to support your academic and career goals. Our clinical, practicum, and fieldwork experiences can help you apply the knowledge you have gained in the classroom to a real-world setting in your local community.

COMMUNITY

Some courses include live, online group meetings with faculty and classmates every week. This not only helps students feel more engaged in class, but also simulates real-world career environments in which collaboration, communication, and teamwork are sought-after skills.

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

Purdue Global’s Office of Student Life offers programs and services aimed at helping students engage in their program of study outside the classroom and providing both personal and professional growth opportunities. Organizations offer students many opportunities to connect with their peers and faculty outside of the classroom. Some advantages include:

• Networking with peers and industry professionals in your field
• Leadership opportunities and development
• Recognition of your academic achievements
• Personal growth opportunities through wellness programs
• Engagement in your program of study outside the classroom
UNCOMPROMISING SUPPORT

Purdue Global students receive personal academic support from day one to graduation. From a highly engaged faculty to technical support, you have access to the assistance to help you achieve your academic goals.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Student support staff provide the following types of individualized support:

- Access to resources and academic tools
- Degree planning
- Answers to questions about your program
- Motivation to stay on track to graduation
- Course selection and registration
- Helping you handle issues before they become problems

TUTORING SERVICES AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTERS

Purdue Global offers rich academic support through a suite of tutoring services. Our Writing Center, Math Center, Technology Center, Science Center, and Business Center provide subject-specific assistance. Depending on the center, services include:

- Live tutoring for one-on-one support from faculty and professional tutors
- Subject support including an essay review service
- Workshops covering a wide range of topics
- Podcasts, self-paced tutorials, and additional resources

CENTER FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Career Specialists emphasize the practical, tangible steps you can take for results in the real world. The Center for Career Advancement offers:

- Career planning to ensure a personalized approach to pursuing your career goals
- Résumé and cover letter reviews, mock interview assistance, and networking advice
- 24/7 availability of the Center for Career Advancement portal on Purdue Global Campus, which includes job postings and career services tools
- On-demand access to relevant information on résumé writing, interviewing, networking, and more
- A mentoring program to help connect you with alumni in your field

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Student Accessibility Services is responsible for the coordination of services for students with accessibility needs. Students seeking reasonable and appropriate accommodations may request, through student support staff, to be placed in contact with Student Accessibility Services. Students may also directly contact the Student Accessibility Services.
In addition to academic credentials, Purdue Global’s School of Health Sciences faculty members have significant professional experience in their fields. They bring you knowledge gained through the powerful combination of higher learning and industry experience.

Many health sciences faculty members are also practicing professionals within the health sciences and wellness fields, and hold doctorates or significant professional certifications; all faculty members possess at least a master’s degree.

Full-time faculty members include scholarship and research as part of their annual development plan, which helps ensure their expertise stays up-to-date for the classroom and for you.

**BETTY HARRISON, MA, DOM, DIPAC, CWWPM, DEPARTMENT CHAIR**

Betty Harrison is the academic department chair for the Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness, Nutrition, and Health Science degree programs as well as the Associate of Applied Science in Health Science, Master of Science in Health Education, and Master of Public Health. In coordination with subject matter experts, the curriculum team, and advisory board, she ensures the degree programs are pertinent and current with industry trends, and upholds high classroom standards throughout the supervision of faculty and courses. Harrison has an extensive background in the fields of psychology and complementary and integrative medicine, including practicing as a doctor of oriental medicine—acupuncture and herbal medicine—and psychotherapist for over 20 years. She was a clinician at the prestigious Integrative Medicine Clinic at Northshore Hospital in Chicago, which is associated with the Andrew Weil Integrative Medicine Program. Harrison has been practicing meditation for over 30 years and completed the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) teacher training at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Currently she leads a weekly meditation group in Chicago.

**Education:** MA, New School for Social Research; MS, Tristate College of Acupuncture; BA, University of Wisconsin–Madison

**Certifications:** Worksite Wellness Specialist, Worksite Wellness Program Manager

**SUSAN ARCHIBALD, MS, PHD, ACC, GC-HCA, D VET HOM, CHAP, DEPARTMENT CHAIR**

Susan Archibald has taught in higher education since 2006, and serves as the academic department chair for the health care administration degrees and certificate program at Purdue Global. She teaches graduate courses in ethics and community health assessment and oversees numerous innovations in curriculum, including modularized curriculum, customized programs, and competency-based programs. During her 20-year career in health care, Archibald worked in nursing homes, hospitals, hospice, home health, and geriatric psychiatric units and started her own geriatric care management company serving elders in their homes. She has won several awards and has been recognized for her work with the geriatric population.

**Education:** PhD, Capella University; MPH, Kaplan University (now Purdue University Global); MS in Community Health Administration and Wellness Promotion from Independence University; BSHS from Thomas Edison State University. Graduate Certificate: Health Care Administration from Capella University

**BRINA HOLLIS, MHHS, PHD, CST, CBRS, UNIVERSITY FACULTY**

Brina Hollis is a faculty member in the health informatics program at Purdue Global, where she focuses on creating a learning community to foster a student-centered learning environment. Hollis is published in several journals and has worked in a variety of key roles at several institutions, including as a program director, market health care programs director, and chair of a health services management program. Additionally, Hollis served as a CEO for a home health solutions organization and has worked as a certified surgical technologist.

**Education:** PhD, Walden University, MHHS, Youngstown State University; BSBA, Myers University
JENNIFER CLAIRE, MSHS, MPH, CMS, CPT, GCLAW, CAHI, CP, UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Jennifer Claire has worked with the School of Health Sciences since early 2007. She teaches undergraduate courses and oversees curriculum and development for courses in medical office administration, health care administration, and medical assisting. Claire is an active member of numerous committees throughout Purdue Global, including the Curriculum Committee and Faculty Advisor for student clubs. Prior to Purdue Global, she taught health science and medical assisting at various colleges and schools. She began her career as a nursing assistant, followed by medical assistant and then office manager at various medical practices.

Education: MSHS, Touro University; MSPH, Trident University International; BS, Chapman University

Certifications: Registered Allied Health Instructor, Registered Medical Assistant, graduate certificate in law, post-bachelor paralegal certification

Honors and Achievements: 2013, 2011 Outstanding Faculty Award (Kaplan University), additional teaching awards

TRICIA BERRY, BA, BSOT, MATL, PHD, OTR/L, ASSOCIATE DEAN

Tricia Berry is the associate dean and director of clinical and practicum programs at Purdue Global. She oversees the clinical and practicum placement processes for the online health sciences, nursing, and graduate psychology programs and serves as the online medical assisting program chair. Berry helped launch the online School of Health Sciences in 1996, and has served in a variety of capacities for Purdue Global (formerly Kaplan University). As an occupational therapist, Berry has skilled nursing experience in acute care, home health, mental health, and rehabilitation facilities. She has presented at numerous academic conferences, including international conferences in higher education and leadership.

Education: PhD, Northcentral University; MATL, Kaplan University (now Purdue University Global); BA, BSOT, St. Ambrose University

Certifications: Registered occupational therapist

Honors and Achievements: 2017 Director’s Award (AAACE Commission on Distance Learning and Teaching); 2015 Spirit of Kaplan Award, 2013 School of Health Sciences Leadership Award (Kaplan University); the ANTSHE President’s Award from 2018, and the HS Research Award from 2017

Research Interests: Servant leadership, leadership of virtual teams

NANCY SZWYDEK, MPH, RN, RMA, ASSISTANT DEAN

Nancy Szwydek is the assistant dean and director of quality assurance for the ground health programs at Purdue Global. She is responsible for monitoring accreditation metrics, gathering reports for programmatic accreditation, and training faculty and chairs at Purdue Global’s regional locations. In 2016, she became the academic program chair for the health information management, health informatics, and billing and coding programs. Previously, Szwydek worked as a registered nurse for over 30 years, and serves as an item and module writer for electrocardiography, phlebotomy, and medical assisting exams through the National Healthcareer Association. She is also an accreditation peer reviewer for the Commission of Accreditation for Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP) and Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).

Education: MPH, BHS, AAS, Kaplan University (now Purdue University Global); Nursing Diploma, Maryland General Hospital School of Nursing

Publications: Chief editor for Kaplan’s Medical Assistant Exam Strategies, Practice, & Review

Honors and Achievements: School of Health Sciences Leadership Award (Kaplan University), additional excellence awards
LESLEI YOUNG, MS, RD, LDN, UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Leslie Young teaches a wide range of nutrition courses, assists with course curriculum development. She frequently coordinates with other departments to provide degree and career path information to maximize student achievement. Young has been teaching college nutrition courses in both traditional and online environments since 2006. She has also worked as a clinical dietitian in both hospital and home care environments and has extensive training in nutrition support methods. Young has authored articles and given presentations on topics relating to essential oils, dietary collagen, and navigating the nutrition job market.

Education: MS, Winthrop University; BS, Appalachian State University

Certifications: Registered and licensed dietitian

Honors and Achievements: 2015 Kaplan Way Award (Kaplan University); 2005 State Dietitian of the Year

Memberships: Local and national nutrition associations

Research Interests: Effect of childhood and adolescent obesity on early development of type 2 diabetes

KIMBERLY ONDO, MED, DHA, ACHCA, NHA, UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Kimberly Ondo teaches graduate courses in the master of health care administration program in the School of Health Sciences. Her classes specialize in law, ethics, marketing, long-term care, research, and biostatistics. Ondo has been an instructor in higher education since 2010, and began her academic career with Career Education Corporation as a subject matter expert and adjunct faculty. She has held various leadership roles in health care administration including executive director, nursing home administrator, and CEO of a health care system. Before embarking on a career in health care, Ondo elected to live as an undercover nursing home resident and then wrote about her experience. She is completing a graduate degree in psychology, specializing in addiction studies, and hopes to contribute to addiction counseling via telemedicine in rural communities.

Education: DHA, University of Phoenix

Publications: “The Last 48 Hours”

Honors and Achievements: American College of Health Care Administrators, American Society on Aging, LeadingAge Minnesota, Healthcare Financial Management Association

CHRISTINE HOLLANDER, MA, CMA (AAMA), UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Christine Hollander teaches medical assistant clinical courses and is the course lead for the online professionalism in health care and clinical competencies courses, as well as the online externship. She has completed undergraduate degrees in business, health information technology, and general health studies. Holding the honor of American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) Past President in 2013, Hollander’s involvement with the AAMA also includes serving on the AAMA Board of Trustees and as the State President for Colorado since 1997. She currently serves on the AAMA Continuing Education Board and chairs the ABC Task Force.

Education: DM (pending), MA, University of Phoenix; MSED, Kaplan University (now Purdue University Global)

Certifications: Certified Medical Assistant (AAMA)

Memberships: American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA)

MICHAEL SNELL, MBA, DBA, EJD, UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Michael Snell is a faculty member in the bachelor’s degree in health care administration program at Purdue Global. He specializes in health care administration, health care policy and economics, and operational analysis and quality improvement. With more than 20 years of managerial health care experience, Snell has worked for a variety of private, nonprofit, and government health care entities, including the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission. He was appointed and reappointed to the Commission by the governor of Washington. Snell served in this role for 6 years, during which he helped establish the policies and procedures for the practice of health care in the state.

Education: DBA, MBA, University of Phoenix; EJD, Concord University; MCSS, MCPM, Villanova University
GINGER CAMERON, MED, MPH, PHD, UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Ginger Cameron teaches graduate courses in the master’s of public health program, with a special emphasis on epidemiology. She serves on numerous committees and focuses on ways to increase students participation in research. Cameron has served as a department chair, as well as assistant dean of students, programs, and assessment. She has also served as the dean of the School of Health Sciences at multiple institutions. Cameron’s research has been published in a variety of journals and she has presented at national and regional conferences. She has been interviewed numerous times for her expertise in public health.

Education: PhD, MPH, Walden University; MEd, Central Michigan University

Honors and Achievements: Three-time winner, Professor-of-the-Year Award; Greene County Achievers Award (U.S. House of Representatives, 10th District)

Research Interests: Environmental influences on the opioid crisis, nationwide food insecurity

REBECCA ZOLOTOR, MS, PHARMD, RPH, ASSOCIATE DEAN

As associate dean, Rebecca Zolotor oversees degree programs and accreditation and coordinates interdepartmental operations and projects for the School of Health Sciences. Additionally, she supports faculty growth and development in teaching, scholarship, and professional activities while ensuring high academic standards. Prior to Purdue Global, Zolotor acted as a department head for a top private international university and taught students in traditional and online settings, both nationally and abroad. She has conducted bench research in various settings, coordinated a multimillion dollar research trial, and practiced pharmacy in hospitals, pharmacies, and insurance companies. Zolotor has served as a textbook and multimedia reviewer for several major publishing companies and is a peer reviewer for medical journals.

Education: PharmD, Nova Southeastern University; MS, University of Connecticut; BA, Emory University

Certifications: Registered Pharmacist, Lean Green Belt certification, Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certification

LANIE WRIGHT, MBA, EJD, ASSISTANT DEAN

Lanie Wright is responsible for student-related operations activities such as handling escalations, issues, and concerns. To strengthen student retention and satisfaction, she also identifies and implements service improvement strategies. Prior to her career in higher education, Wright spent 17 years in the financial sector including roles in accounting, financial analysis, management, and operations. Since 2007, she has also served in various academic positions including adjunct faculty, course lead and faculty mentor, faculty developer, and faculty payroll analyst.

Education: EJD, Concord Law School; MBA, Park University; BS, William Jewel College
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10 Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.

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