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EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration

University of Cincinnati Spring 2025
College of Arts and Sciences - Social Justice Concentration

Graduate Certificate in Community-Engaged Research for Health

University of Cincinnati Spring 2025
College of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics
College of Arts & Sciences, Department of Psychology

Virtual Student Federal Service Intern

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Sept 2022-May 2023
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)
Prevention through Active Community Engagement (PACE) Program in Region VI
Ending the HIV Epidemic

Bachelor of Science, Health Promotion and Education

University of Cincinnati December 2007
College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services - Community Health Concentration

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

HIV Prevention Certified Provider

HealthHIV June 2022

Ohio Peer Recovery Support Supervisor

Ohio Department of Mental Health October 2020

Certificated Health Education Specialist

National Commission for Health Education Credentialing October 2019

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Clinical Research Manager Program Manager, Early Intervention Program

University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Emergency Medicine
Sept 2019 – Present

- Responsible for developing, planning, organizing, and directing all elements of daily operations of the Early Intervention Program within the Emergency Department at University of Cincinnati Medical Center and the surrounding community including personnel, program, process, and resource management and development.

- Assist Program Director with overall department administrative issues including strategic planning, goal setting, grant research, and program development and implementation
- Independently manage all aspects of research program and clinical implementation projects including education/teaching to ensure compliance with protocols and FDA/IRB regulatory policies.
- In conjunction with PI or Director, interpret and apply current research findings in area of clinical specialty and report findings in professional journals and at local, state, and national conferences
- Act as a liaison with medical staff, University Departments, ancillary departments and/or satellite facilities and as a consultant within area of clinical expertise (HIV, HCV, Substance use, and Mental health)

Sr. Clinical Research Professional Operations Manager, Early Intervention Program

University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Emergency Medicine

June 2018 – Sept 2019

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- Assisted Program Director with overall department administrative issues including strategic planning, goal setting, grant research, and program development and implementation
- Monitored and conduct research study activities to ensure compliance with protocols and FDA/IRB regulatory policies.

Clinical Research Coordinator

University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Emergency Medicine

Sept 2017 – June 2018

- Conducted all research study activities including data management, pre-screening/enrollment, and protocol monitoring to ensure compliance with FDA/IRB regulatory policies.
- Maintained data management for studies using case report forms, drug dispensing records, toxin screen results, and other regulatory forms to sustain accurate and detailed records of all research and results.
- Recruited subjects and obtains informed consent.
- Collaborated with emergency medicine clinical personnel.

Senior Disease Intervention Specialist

Hamilton County Public Health

Sept 2014 – Sept 2017

- Conducted disease investigations for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and while keeping accurate data entry and management using Ohio Disease Reporting System.
- Provided risk-reduction education and counseling in community settings, at testing sites, sexually transmitted disease clinics or other settings.
- Located and interviewed clients regarding contact identification for active disease intervention and sex or needle sharing partner notification services per CDC guidelines.
- Provided STI and HIV education in the form of community advocate outreach, programming and health fair participation covering Hamilton County; conducted multi-site HIV testing, data collection and quality improvement.
- Counseled and interfaced with diverse groups including patients, medical professionals, community groups, schools, other government agencies, and non-profit organizations.

Linkage to Care Case Manager/Community Education Outreach Specialist

Summit County Public Health

June 2013 – Sept 2014

- Provided services to individuals not currently enrolled in care such as support, linkage, service coordination,

advocacy/outreach, skill-building, diagnosis education/symptom monitoring, and ongoing assessment of needs to facilitate their entry and eliminate barriers to receiving and staying in care throughout six counties (Summit, Portage, Trumbull, Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula).

- Provided STD and HIV education in the form of community advocate outreach, programming and health fair participation covering six counties (Summit, Portage, Trumbull, Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula).

Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment/Qualified Mental Health Specialist

Minority Behavioral Health Group

June 2009 – June 2013

- Assisted individuals in reduction of psychosocial barriers that contribute to mental health concerns
 - Focused on family’s ability to support with connection and success in school, work, home, and community
 - Provided any other services such as support, linkage, service coordination, advocacy/outreach, skill-building, diagnosis education/symptom monitoring, and ongoing assessment of needs
- * Qualified Mental Health Specialist (QMHS)

MANAGEMENT/ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

Project Planning/Program Management, Budget Planning, Event Planning, Development Life Cycle, Strategic Planning, Object Oriented Programming, Leadership, Teamwork, Multi-Tasking, Goal-Oriented

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

All-In Cincinnati Health Policy Sub-Committee Co-Chair	April 2023 - Present
State of Ohio RecoveryOhio Council Member	Dec 2022 - Present
Combined Community Planning Group (CCCPG) CCPGG Community Prevention Co-Chair	Oct 2021 – Present
Queens Village, Cradle Cincinnati (CCHMC) Roselawn Community Advisory Board Member	Nov 2022 - Present
CDC Let’s Stop HIV Together Ambassador	Oct 2019 – Sept 2020
Cincinnati Regional HIV Advisory Group (CRAG)	Sept 2017 – Present
National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) - HIV/STI Prevention Workgroup	July 2014 – Sept 2017
PHAB DIS Certification Project Subject Matter Expert	April 2015 – Sept 2017
The City of Cincinnati Mayor's Young Professionals Kitchen Cabinet - Minority and Economic Inclusion Workgroup	Oct 2014 – Oct 2015
Northeast Ohio Regional HIV Advisory Group (NEORAG)	June 2013 – Sept 2014

RESEARCH AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Sustaining Peers in Emergency Departments (SPED)

Role: Program Manager
May 2023 – Present

This project is being funded by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to increase the capacity of local health departments to sustain and expand ED-based PRS programs that are providing warm handoffs and supporting continued access to MOUD, harm reduction, and other ongoing care for PWUD. This funding will also serve to build the evidence base for PRS-led ED interventions and will provide support for future sustainability planning.

Sustaining Emergency Department Comprehensive Care Continuation

Role: Program Manager
Sept 2022 – Present

This project is being funded by federal funds through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) funding. The purpose of this funding is to provide the necessary support for hospital systems/emergency departments to sustain and expand on existing comprehensive care services and programs for patients who present in emergency departments with substance use disorder.

Collection and Storage of Blood and/or Tissue from Patients with any Infectious Disease, Drug Exposure, as well as Healthy Control Subjects

Role: Program Manager
June 2019 – Present

This research project is working to develop a specimen bank of samples from patients with any infectious disease and drug exposure, as well as healthy control subjects. Collected and stored clinical specimens facilitate the development and evaluation of new diagnostic tests and better understanding of virus-host and virus-drug interactions that may facilitate the development of novel therapeutic strategies. The major diseases of interest to the study investigator include HIV, viral hepatitis, and other infectious diseases.

Cincinnati Health Network (HRSA)/Ryan White Part C

Role: Program Manager
June 2018 - Present

This award funds clinical and administrative efforts to provide HIV screening and prevention counseling to at-risk persons within the UC Health-University Hospital emergency department.

Hamilton County Public Health (ODH/CDC) HIV Prevention

Role: Program Manager
Sept 2017 - Present

This grant supports clinical and administrative efforts to provide HIV screening and prevention counseling in the UC University Hospital and West Chester Hospital emergency departments, as well as the Syringe Exchange Program. It also supports linkage-to-care services while accepting referrals from throughout the community and healthcare system.

SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment)

Role: Clinical Research Coordinator - Program Manager
Sept 2017 - Present

This [clinical/research] program focuses on the SBIRT model to identify, test, and counsel high risk patients for HIV and conduct risk reduction counseling in accordance with CDC and health department regulations.

IN22/IN23 (Integrated Naloxone Access and Infrastructure)

Role: Clinical Research Coordinator - Program Manager
Sept 2020 - Present

The purpose of this funding is to support innovative, evidence-informed, and sustainable infrastructure for community naloxone distribution reaching Ohio's highest-risk population to prevent overdose deaths.

EHE (Ending the HIV Epidemic)

Role: Program Manager
March 2022 - Present

The EHE initiative is scaling up four science-based strategies that can end the epidemic: Diagnose, Treat, Prevent, and Respond. The purpose of this funding is to invest in communities most affected by HIV and to help local HIV programs recover, rebuild, and begin to expand EHE strategies in the wake of COVID-19.

ASPIRE (Accelerating Substance use and Psychiatric screening among Individuals at-risk or HIV infected and facilitated Referral via the Emergency Department)

Role: Program Manager
Oct 2018 – Oct 2022

This five-year SAMHSA-fund research project screens for substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring psychiatric disorders (COD) in the emergency department and links those at-risk for HIV or with HIV infection into SUD/COD treatment.

Gilead Sciences, Inc. FOCUS (Frontlines of Communities in the United States)

Role: Program Manager
June 2018 – June 2022

The goal of the FOCUS program is to support HIV, HCV, and HBV screening and linkage to the first medical appointment after diagnosis.

Test and Protect

Role: Field Operations Manager and Community Engagement Core Liaison
Sept 2020 – Dec 2021

This \$18 Million COVID-19 testing initiative provides COVID-19 tests at NO COST to all those who live or work in Hamilton County in partnership with The Health Collaborative and Hamilton County Public Health; funding provided by CARES ACT.

NIDA CTN0069 – ED Health Promotion

Role: Clinical Research Coordinator
Sept 2017 – June 2020

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Clinical Trial Network (CTN) ED Health Promotion program educates patients who have survived an opioid overdose on future risk, addresses inaccurate perceptions of medication assisted treatment, and encourages participants to enter substance use disorder treatment.

Simulating the Operational Consequences of HIV Screening in the Emergency Department

Role: Clinical Research Coordinator/Subject Matter Expert

Jan2018 – Dec 2019

This project aimed to determine the primary models of ED HIV screening programs, simulate baseline ED clinical operations, and test and optimize the operational impact of ED HIV screening models on ED operations; funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

GUIDED-HF

Role: Clinical Research Coordinator

Nov 2017 – Dec 2019

Provide coaching calls for patients with worsening heart failure to get them more active in their treatment and assist with immediate concerns.

TTIP-Pro – Tailored Telephone Interventions delivered by Peers to Prevent Recurring Opioid Overdoses

Role: Clinical Research Coordinator

Sept 2017 – Oct 2017

This NIH-funded pilot research study delivers opioid overdose education to participants who have recently experienced an overdose through Peer Interventionists. Harm reduction measures and support with referral to opioid use disorder treatment are provided by the Peer Interventionists.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Plenary Session, “ACA Medicaid Expansion: An Uneven Landscape of Care,” ADAP Advocacy Association, September 25, 2016.

Workshop, “Latino HIV Linkage to Care,” Latino HIV Linkage to Care, Midwest AIDS Training + Education Center (MATEC), May 25, 2018.

Workshop, “HIV Basics: Early Intervention Program”, Midwest AIDS Training + Education Center (MATEC), June 18, 2018; October 9, 2018; January 7, 2019.

Workshop, “Sexual Health History”, HIV Interprofessional Education Program, Midwest AIDS Training + Education Center (MATEC), February 15, 2018; February 7, 2019; February 2020; February 2021; February 2022; February 2023.

Workshop, “Birds, Bees, and STDs”, Schroder High School Health, February 19, 2020; April 8, 2021.

Workshop, “COVID 19”, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Delta Academy, January 9, 2021.

Workshop/Summer Course, “Life Skills/Adapting to Campus Life”, University of Cincinnati Upward Bound Program, June – July 2022.

Workshop, “Pre/Post Test Counseling”, Midwest AIDS Training + Education Center (MATEC), July 13, 2022.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Faryar KA, Ancona RM, Braun RS, Brown JL, **Sickles RK**, Lyons MS. *Estimated proportion of an urban academic emergency department patient population eligible for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis*. The American Journal of Emergency Medicine. 2021.

Faryar KA, Ancona RM, Reau Z, Lyss SB, Braun RS, Rademaker T, Sickles RK, Lyons MS.
HIV detection by an emergency department HIV screening program during a regional outbreak among people who inject drugs. PLoS One. 2021.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Clinical Research Coordinator Research Phlebotomy

University of Cincinnati, Emergency Medicine

March 28, 2019

FEMA Training

Summit County Public Health/Hamilton County Public Health

2014-2017

Emergency Management Institute

Incident Command System (100, 200, 700, 800)

Trains emergency and incident response personnel to all concepts and principles of each National Incident Management System (NIMS) component

Disease Intervention Specialist Competency Trainings/CDC Evidence Based Interventions

- Anti-Retroviral Treatment and Access to Services (ARTAS)
- Substance Abuse Awareness
- CDC Partner Services Intervention Modules; Passport to Partner Services Track B
- Client Centered HIV Prevention Counseling
- Diversity Training
- HIV/AIDS & HCV Education
- Personalized Cognitive Counseling (PCC)
- Fundamentals of Street Safety (FOSS)
- Harassment/Sexual Harassment
- RESPECT
- Healthy Relationships

References

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Colleague and EIP Data Manager at the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, Emergency Medicine Research from 2017-2021

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Colleague and EIP Associate Director at the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, Emergency Medicine Research from 2017-2021