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Education

DHSc	A.T. Still University Doctor of Health Science GPA 4.0	2014-2017
MPAS	Grand Valley State University Masters in Physician Assistant Studies GPA 3.961	1999-2002
BS	Grand Valley State University Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.958)	1996-2000

Badges

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) Developing Effective Class Sessions and Lectures	2025
Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) Teaching Powerful Note Taking Skills	2025
Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) Using Groups to Ensure Active Learning	2025

Licensure/Certification

National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants	2002-present
State of Michigan Physician Assistant License	2002-present
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	2002-present
Online/Hybrid Course Development Course Completion	2013

Academic Appointments

Program Director, Physician Assistant Studies, Grand Valley State University	2022-present
Associate Professor, Physician Assistant Studies, Grand Valley State University	2018-present
Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Studies, Grand Valley State University	2012-2018

Professional Society Memberships

Michigan Association of Physician Assistants	2012-present
American Association of Physician Assistants	2012-present

Honors

Grand Valley State University Graduate Student Association Award for Outstanding Faculty	2022
Grand Valley State University Health Science Student of the Year	1999

Clinical Experience

Pine Rest Christian Hospital (General Medicine Physician Assistant)	2014-present
Inpatient Consultants/Hospitalists of West Michigan (Hospitalist Physician Assistant)	2002-2014
Pine Rest Christian Hospital (General Medicine Physician Assistant)	2011-2012
Grand Rapids Addiction Medicine (Physician Assistant)	2004-2010

Administrative Service

Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Curriculum Committee Chair	2024-present; 2014
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Program Director	2022-present
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Assistant Program Director-Grand Rapids campus	2021-present
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Program Analysis Committee Member	2021-present
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Chair of Admissions	2015-present
Grand Valley State University College of Health Professions Faculty Council committee member	2013-present
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Curriculum committee member	2012-present
Grand Valley State University Campus Life committee member	2017-2020
Grand Valley State University Academic Integrity committee member	2015-2020
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Progress and Promotion Committee member	2012-2018
Grand Valley State University College of Health Professions Inclusion Action committee member	2016-2017
Grand Valley State University Faculty Search committee chair	2015
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Research Committee member	2013-2015
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Accreditation Review Committee member	2013
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Marketing Committee Chair	2012-2014
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Program Evaluation and Review Committee member	2012-2014

Professional Committee Service

Physician Assistant Educator Internal Medicine/Family Medicine End of Rotation Exam Development Board Member	2024-present
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Teaching

Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Clinical Medicine Lecture series (dermatology, endocrinology, geriatrics, hematology, orthopedics, pediatrics, pulmonology, rheumatology)	2012- present
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Clinical Problem Solving Skills series course coordinator	2012-present
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Clinical Applications Laboratory Instructor	2012-2021
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Clinical Applications Lecture Instructor	2014
Grand Valley State University Allied Health Course Introduction to Health Care	2013
Grand Valley State University Allied Health Course Introduction to Medical Terminology	2012-2013

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Butler, T., Ellis, J., et al. (2025) Family Medicine End of Rotation Exam Forms. Washington, D.C. PA Education Association.

Butler, T., Ellis, J., et al. (2025) Internal Medicine End of Rotation Exam Forms. Washington, D.C. PA Education Association.

Ellis, J., Bacon-Baguley, T., Otieno, S. (2022). Faculty perceptions on academic entitlement in graduate health professional students. *Education in the Health Professions*, 5(2), 46-52. https://doi.org/10.4103/ehp.ehp_11_22

Ellis, J., Bacon-Baguley, T., Otieno, S. (2021). Academic entitlement in physician assistant students. *Journal of Physician Assistant Education*.

Ellis, J. (2019). Acute monoarthritis. *Journal of American Association of Physician Assistants*, 32(3), 25-31. <https://doi.org/10.1097/01.JAA.0000553379.52389.eb>

Ellis, J. & Tidman, M. (2016). Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia. *Clinical Advisor*. <http://www.clinicaladvisor.com/features/cryptogenic-organizing-pneumonia/article/480334/>

Grants

Health Resources and Services Administration Primary Care Training and Enhancement: Physician Assistant Rural Training in Behavioral Health Grant Principal Investigator (Awarded 2024-2029)	2024-2029
Grand Valley State University Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence Faculty Dissemination Grant	2026
Grand Valley State University Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence Faculty Dissemination Grant	2025
Grand Valley State University Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence Faculty Dissemination Grant	2024
Grand Valley State University Faculty Conference Grant	2023

Scholarly Presentations

From Self-Assessment to Systematic Curriculum Redesign PAEA Regional Conference Presentation	2026
Data-Driven Program Assessment for Enhancing PANCE Performance PAEA Fall Forum	2025
Developing a Comprehensive Framework for Ongoing Self-Assessment in PA Programs PAEA Regional Conference Presentation	2025
From Metrics to Mission: Redefining PA Admissions for Inclusivity PAEA Regional Conference Presentation	2025
Methodology Applied by a PA Program to Implement Competency-Based Education 2024 Education Forum Prerecorded Presentation	2024
Statistical Model to Predict Students at Risk for PANCE Failure 2024 Education Forum Poster Presentation	2024
MedAxiom CME presentation: Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: Epidemiology and Clinical Presentation	2023
MedAxiom CME presentation: Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: Management	2023
Doctor's Channel Interview: Individualizing treatment with insulin and incretin combination therapy	2016
Sponsored by VINDICO Medical Education	
CME-certified symposium: Individualized Management of Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus via Combination Therapy: What You Need to Know	2016
AAPA Conference	
Sponsored by VINDICO Medical Education	
CME Video Presentation: Managing Established Diabetes	2016
Sponsored by Medical Logix and AAPA	
Simplifying Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonia	October 2014
MAPA Fall Conference	
Managing the Risk of Hypoglycemia in Older Patients with Type II Diabetes Mellitus	October 2014
Sponsored by AAPA at MAPA Fall Conference	

Student Research

Doctoral Practicum Mentor: Mindfulness in PA Education	2020
Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member: LGBT client satisfaction at a university-associated primary care center	2015-2016
Student Research Committee Member: The effect of accessing health information websites on patients' decisions to seek healthcare	2014-2015
Student Research Chair: Efficacy of multidisciplinary treatment program in reducing narcotic dosage	2013-2014
Student Research Committee Member: Sleep Quality and Patterns in Graduate School	2013
Student Research Committee Member: Hip Arthroplasty Functionality: Anterior Approach vs. Posterolateral Approach	2013

Professional Speaking Engagements

Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Graduation Keynote Speaker	December 2019
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Graduation Keynote Speaker	December 2017
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies White Coat Keynote Ceremony	December 2015
Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Graduation Keynote Speaker	December 2015

Conferences and Training

NCCPA PA Program Educators Workshop	2025
ARC-PA Conference	2025
PAEA 2025 Regional Education Forum	3/2025
Advanced Mental Health Care in Primary Care University of Massachusetts Medical School Certificate	2025
A Physician's Guide to Culturally Competent Care provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	2024
PAEA 2024 Education Forum	10/2024
AAPA Leadership and Advocacy Summit	09/2024
PANRE-LA Participation	2023-2024
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry 8-hour Online Buprenorphine Training	07/2023
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. Self-Study Workshop	07/2023
MPIE Risk Management Education Program	05/2023
Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants Annual Fall Conference	10/2022
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. Self-Study Workshop	07/2021
John Hopkins University School of Medicine Patient Safety Certificate Program	06/2016
Collaborative Institute Training Initiative (CITI) Biomedical Responsible Conduct of Research Curriculum	04/2014
Collaborative Institute Training Initiative (CITI) Human Research Curriculum	04/2014