

Yale SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Physician Assistant Online Program



Graduation Ceremony
Battell Chapel
May 9, 2025

Welcome

Alexandria Garino, PhD, PA-C
Associate Dean of PA Education
Associate Professor

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Elizabeth Roessler, MMSc, PA-C
Program Director
Assistant Professor

Commencement Address

Jonathan Kilstrom, MMSc, PA-C, NRP

Commencement Remarks

Jessica Illuzzi, MD, MS, FAGOC
Deputy Dean for Education
Harold W. Jockers Professor of Medical Education, and
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences

Presentation of Graduates

Elizabeth Roessler, MMSc, PA-C
Program Director

Class of 2025 Student Address

Allison Streeter

Reading of Physician Assistant Oath

Stephanie Neary, PhD, MPA, MMS, PA-C
Assistant Professor Adjunct
Director of Didactic Education

Closing

Elizabeth Roessler, MMSc, PA-C
Program Director

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Jonathan Kilstrom, MPAS, PA-C, NRP

Jon is an Emergency Medicine PA, PA Educator, and former Yale PA Online Faculty member with over 20 years of experience in prehospital and Emergency Care. A proud Creighton University alumnus, he earned his Bachelor of Emergency Medical Services in Omaha before completing his Master of Physician Assistant Studies at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Jon served on the faculty of the Yale PA Online Program from 2019 to 2023, where he had the honor of guiding students through their didactic year, directing several core courses, and serving as Chair of Admissions.

Prior to his work at Yale, Jon was a full-time PA faculty member at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), where he served as Director of Clinical Skills. He remains actively involved with the UNMC PA Program, regularly facilitating procedural workshops and simulation events.

Clinically, Jon practices emergency medicine where he is also a dedicated preceptor for multiple PA programs. He has held leadership positions within the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants, serves on the Creighton University EMS Education Advisory Board, and represents the PA profession on the Nebraska Board of Emergency Medical Services. He is an active member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants, and the Iowa Physician Assistant Society.

His career reflects a deep commitment to advancing the PA profession, mentoring future clinicians, and improving patient care through both practice and education.

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Nicolette Anderson*
Elizabeth Babcock
Sierra E. Barnett
Rachel Benoit
Gabrielle Mire Black
Melissa A. Bullard
Brittany Butters*
Mary B. Calitri
Megan Suzanne Champion
Amy Elizabeth Cuddy*
Melanie R. Di Stante
Ellie Marie Faxon
Justine Katherine Fluharty
Kristina R. Gailey
Michelle Garber
Janie Garcia
Jessica Gardner
Ashley Marie Gibson
Kimber C. Guinn Chadwick
Lauren Hall
Jeffrey Wallace Hampton
Jason William Harnett
Elisabeth Harris
Emma Katherine Haynes
Taylor Dawn Herzog
Tyler A. Hock
Khristine Lynn Holterman*
Benjamin James Honey
Zoltan Kiss
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Lee Ann Malfar Parker
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Victoria Kaye Punton
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Sean Anthony Singh
Sarah Elham Smith
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Doaa Salem Swissi
Emily Lin Syed
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Michael Douglas Very*
Kate Weyhrich
Brittney N. Whittet
Bryonny Williams
Jason Edward Witte
Leslie Yedor*

**Phi Alpha Honor Society*

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ONLINE PROGRAM
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Director of Didactic Education

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Assistant Professor Adjunct

Director of Student Affairs

Katharine Wilcox-Smith, MS

Clinical Site Coordinator

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OATH

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty, integrity,
and dedication and remembering always:

- ❖ That my primary responsibility is to the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of all human beings.
- ❖ I recognize and promote the value of diversity and I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.
- ❖ I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice, and the principal of informed consent.
- ❖ I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course of practicing medicine, except where I am authorized to impart such knowledge.
- ❖ I will be diligent in understanding both my personal capabilities and my limitations, striving always to improve my practice of medicine.
- ❖ I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medical art and science.
- ❖ I will work with other members of the health care team to assure compassionate and effective care of patients.
- ❖ I will uphold and enhance community values and use the knowledge and experience acquired as a PA to contribute to an improved community.
- ❖ I will respect my professional relationship with physicians and other members of the healthcare team.
- ❖ I recognize my duty to perpetuate knowledge within this profession.
- ❖ These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon my honor.

