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President's Message



As I complete my first quarter as WAPA President, I am both humbled and energized. My years of service in the U.S. Army taught me the meaning of selfless service, and I see that same spirit reflected every day within WAPA. I am surrounded by volunteers who lead with heart, give generously of their time, and are deeply committed to the PA profession, our patients, and the future of healthcare in Wisconsin. It is an incredible privilege to be part of this team.

As a PA educator, nothing inspires me more than preparing the next generation of PAs. Our students and early-career colleagues are already shaping the healthcare landscape, and their voices are essential as we set the direction for the future. If you are a recent graduate, I encourage you to get involved. Join a committee, attend a meeting, and share your perspective. Your insight and energy help WAPA ensure that the needs of every PA — from student to seasoned clinician — are heard and acted upon.

One of the most rewarding parts of this role has been supporting our committee chairs and council representatives as they carry out the work that moves WAPA forward.

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President's Message Continued

As an Emergency Medicine PA, I know firsthand that nothing compares to the power of a strong team. The work of the whole is always greater than the work of any one individual, and what I have seen this quarter has been nothing short of inspiring. WAPA is not just an organization; it is a community with a shared mission and a shared heartbeat. Our committees and councils are proof of what can be accomplished when passionate, talented professionals come together with a common purpose.

I am excited to connect with many of you at the WAPA Fall Conference, November 4–7, at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. I am especially thrilled to be leading a Point of Care Ultrasound Workshop for our members and participating in the excellent lineup of medical talks and networking opportunities planned for this event.

And I am delighted to share some exciting news: based on your feedback, WAPA's annual conference will officially move to the spring beginning in 2026. This change will better align with member schedules, expand opportunities for student participation, and foster even greater collaboration.

Save the Date!
April 15–17, 2026
Chula Vista Resort | Wisconsin Dells

This will be a truly special event as we celebrate WAPA's 50th Anniversary. Together we will honor the leaders who built our foundation, reflect on how far we have come, and set the vision for the next 50 years of PA practice in Wisconsin. Expect a conference full of excellent education, meaningful connection, and some well-deserved celebration!

Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of serving as your President. I am honored to stand beside you as we continue to grow, advocate, and elevate the PA profession across our state.

Warmly,
Amie Billstrom, PA-C
President, Wisconsin Academy of PAs

Fall 2025 President Shout Outs- STRONG WORK!

Council Highlights

Strengthening Our Voice in Public Health
This last month we welcomed Jennifer Bingen, PA-C as WAPA's representative to the Wisconsin Council on Immunization Practices (WCIP). Her expertise ensures PAs are included in key public health conversations affecting patients across the state.

Promoting Clinician Well-Being
In August, WAPA began work with WMS on the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin (AHW) Endowment-funded Wisconsin Healthcare Professional Services Program (WIHPSP), which provides confidential referral and monitoring services for healthcare professionals facing behavioral health, substance use, or psychiatric challenges.

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Fall 2025 President Shout Outs Continued



Committee Highlights

Legislative & Government Affairs
This last month, our committee has been actively advocating for Senate Bill 435 and its companion Assembly Bill 438, which would establish a pathway for experienced PAs to practice independently — similar to the APRN law signed by Governor Evers in August 2025. Many thanks to committee chairs Eric Elliot, Saul Hernandez, and Stephanie Ludtke for their tireless advocacy.

Member Engagement & Communications
The Communications and Membership Committee, led by Erin Bartnik and Bev Kimball, is actively modernizing WAPA's website and enhancing our social media presence to improve engagement and member experience.

Honoring Excellence

This year the Legacy Committee is revamping the Student Scholarship and PA Award processes to streamline nominations and better celebrate our students and members. Thanks to Quinn Seston, Kathy Osterhaus, and Jean Fischer for leading this work.

Leadership Development

Through the APP Leadership Coalition, Sarah Vanderlinden and Paula Cynkar continue to deliver leadership and development opportunities for PAs across the state, including conference programming.

CME & Conference Planning

A big thank-you to the CME Committee for their year-round planning of this year's Fall Conference at the Osthoff Resort. Kudos to Morgan Quakenboss (who just welcomed her second child!) and Lauren Krieg for their excellent work in bringing this event to life.



LGA Committee Update

Hello WAPA Members,

I hope you're doing well. I'm writing with a critical update on SB 435 and its companion AB 438 (the Wisconsin Access to Care Act) and what PAs across Wisconsin can do RIGHT NOW to help ensure the bill's success.

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LGA Committee Update Continued

What are SB 435 and AB 438, & What Do They Do

- The bills update the professional title from "Physician Assistant" to our national title "Physician Associate." They also update the name of the licensing board to match.
- They create an optional pathway to independent practice reserved for only experienced PAs — those who meet certain criteria (including clinical hours, peer review / quality assurance, documentation of collaborative relationships).
- This change does not apply to new graduates. They will still require supervision/collaboration until they meet the hours and requirements. It remains an optional pathway.
- The bills do not lower standards. Only PAs who have completed the required supervised or collaborative clinical experience, participated in peer review / QA, and maintain professional documentation are eligible.
- Pain management: Invasive techniques for treatment of pain still require physician involvement unless the PA qualifies for independent practice and has hospital or clinic privileges, etc.

What Opposition Looks Like & Why It's Based on Misunderstanding

- The Wisconsin Medical Society (WMS) circulated a co-sponsorship memo asking legislators not to support SB 435 and AB 438. Their concerns include safety, training differences, and the potential for fragmenting physician-led care teams. WPA
- Some elected leaders, including in the Governor's office and the Democratic Minority Leader, have expressed hesitation or opposition, likely because of misunderstandings of what the bills would and would not do — particularly around training, scope of practice, oversight, and patient safety.
- Given the opposition is drawing from concerns raised in the WMS memo, we must ensure legislators hear accurate information from PAs themselves.

Clarification: This Bill Does Not Change Our Scope of Practice

- One of the most important points to communicate clearly:
- Scope of practice (what PAs are legally allowed to do) in Wisconsin remains based on education, training, and experience. Nothing in this bill changes that legal scoping.
- SB 435 and its companion AB 438 change pathway options for experienced PAs — how and when they may practice with less formal oversight — but do not authorize functions outside of what PAs are trained, educated, and qualified to do.
- All PAs, whether in collaborative supervision or on the independent pathway, will still be bound by standards, peer review / quality assurance, documentation, malpractice coverage, and other safeguards.

Why This Legislation Is Vital

- Wisconsin faces an acute provider shortage, both in rural areas and in underserved urban communities. Long wait times, lack of access, and scarcity of available providers are everyday challenges for many Wisconsin residents.
- PAs are one of the fastest-growing health care provider groups. We already deliver safe, efficient, and high-quality care. These bills help align legal practice pathways with what many PAs are already doing in daily practice — especially in places with physician shortages.

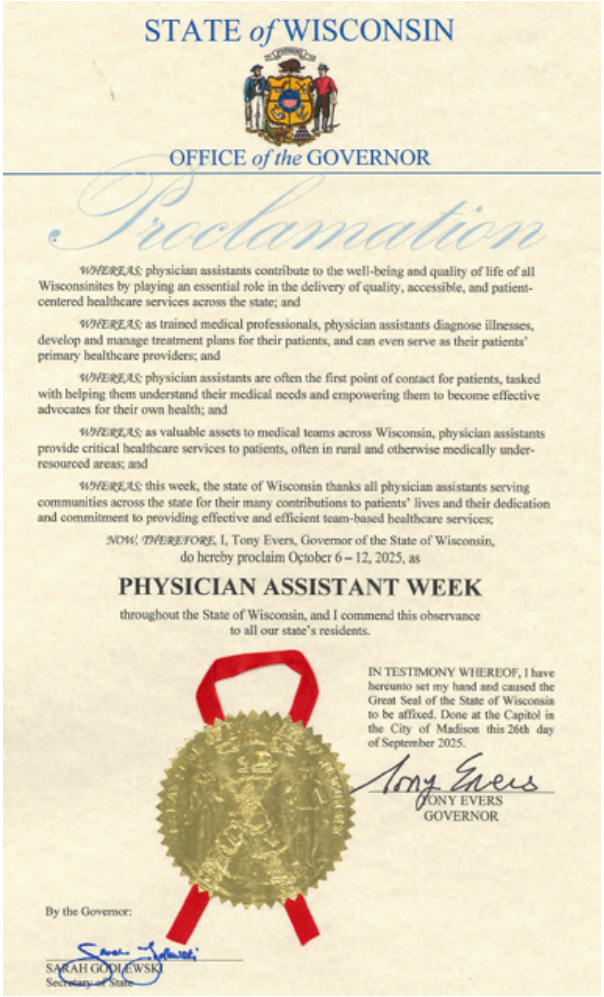
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Celebrating PA Week in Wisconsin!

Each year, October 6–12 marks National Physician Assistant (PA) Week, a time to recognize the vital role PAs play in improving health care access and outcomes across the country. PAs are trusted medical professionals who diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, prescribe medications, and often serve as a patient's principal healthcare provider.

This year, Wisconsin has even more reason to celebrate — Governor Tony Evers has officially proclaimed October 6–12, 2025, as Physician Assistant Week in Wisconsin! The proclamation honors the dedication, compassion, and impact of Wisconsin PAs who provide high-quality care to patients in every setting — from hospitals and clinics to rural health centers and beyond.

The Wisconsin Academy of Physician Assistants (WAPA) proudly represents these professionals who are helping to advance healthcare throughout the state. During PA Week, WAPA joins in celebrating the contributions of all Wisconsin PAs and recognizing their commitment to the patients and communities they serve.



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Proclamation

WHEREAS, physician assistants contribute to the well-being and quality of life of all Wisconsinites by playing an essential role in the delivery of quality, accessible, and patient-centered healthcare services across the state; and

WHEREAS, as trained medical professionals, physician assistants diagnose illnesses, develop and manage treatment plans for their patients, and can even serve as their patients' primary healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, physician assistants are often the first point of contact for patients, tasked with helping them understand their medical needs and empowering them to become effective advocates for their own health; and

WHEREAS, as valuable assets to medical teams across Wisconsin, physician assistants provide critical healthcare services to patients, often in rural and otherwise medically under-resourced areas; and

WHEREAS, this week, the state of Wisconsin thanks all physician assistants serving communities across the state for their many contributions to patients' lives and their dedication and commitment to providing effective and efficient team-based healthcare services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 6 – 12, 2025, as

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

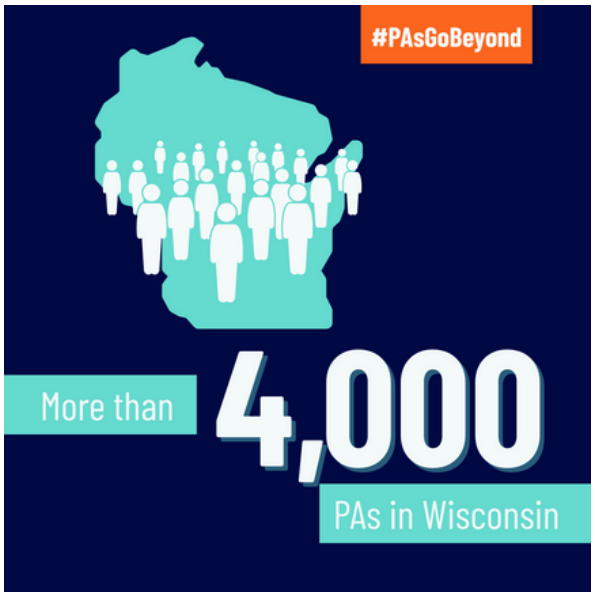
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 26th day of September 2025.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State





LGA Committee Update Continued

- Allowing certain qualified PAs the same functional authority as NPs strengthens access to care without eroding safety, because quality standards and scope of practice remain in place. It enables experienced and highly capable PAs to contribute fully — thereby expanding patient access equitably.

What You Can Do — Your Action Plan

We need PAs across Wisconsin to engage now. Here's how you can make an impact:

1. Visit AccessToCareWi.org — the rebuttal memo and all resources will be posted there. (If you haven't already, review the "Information for PAs" section.) Wisconsin Academy of PAs SB 435/AB 438
2. Contact Your Legislators — if they're not cosponsors yet, reach out today. Use your personal story: where you practice, patients you serve, waiting issues, etc. Emphasize that this bill does not change scope, only provides options.
3. Share the Rebuttal Memo — once live, send it to your state senator or representative, their staff, and allied organizations. Make sure accuracy and factual clarifications are in the public record.
4. Engage Publicly — letters to the editor, social media posts, local news outlets. Patients and community members supporting this bill can be powerful voices.
5. Stay Informed and Prepared for Hearing or Vote — key deadlines are approaching (co-sponsorship deadline, hearings). WAPA will provide talking points, sample messages, and ways to help.

For more information, click here.



October 21, 2025 | 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

PA Day at the Wisconsin Capitol is an annual event where licensed PAs and their supporters meet directly with legislators and their staff. It's an opportunity to share real-world experiences, highlight the value PAs bring to healthcare, and discuss urgent issues impacting patient access across the state. By showing up together, Wisconsin PAs demonstrate unity, professionalism, and a strong commitment to improving care for every community. **LEARN MORE**.



JENNIFER BINGEN, PA-C: BIO

Education:
- Bachelor of Zoology, UW Madison 2008
- Master of Physician Assistant Studies, Marquette 2012

Clinical
- Lead APP for the Division of Infectious Disease, Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin 2016- present
- PA-C Hospitalist, Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin 2014-2016
- PA-C Affiliated Infectious Disease Consultants of Wisconsin 2012-2014

Professional
- Member of AAPA and WAPA
- New WAPA representative at WCIP

Personal
- Born and raised in WI
- Proud wife and mother of two (2 yr old and 4 yr old)
- Enjoy spending time outdoors in nature and staying physically fit
- Patiently awaiting being able to travel with my family!

Wisconsin Council on Immunization Practices (WCIP): Key Takeaways

Meeting Date: September 12, 2025
Reported by: Jennifer Bingen, PA-C (WAPA Representative)

Respiratory Trends

- Influenza: Less flu overall, but mostly Flu A; increasing deaths, primarily in unvaccinated children.
  - Complications: Influenza-related encephalitis and necrotizing encephalitis reported.
- COVID-19: Currently low but expected rise Sept–Oct and again in Jan/Feb. Infants <1 yr showing more severe disease.
- Surveillance: Wastewater monitoring (44 sites statewide) is showing early signals for flu and COVID.
- Other Viruses: Reports of MIS and acute flaccid myelitis tied to enterovirus circulation.

Policy & Vaccine Updates

- COVID-19 Vaccines:
  - 2025–2026 doses approved for 65+ and high-risk patients.
  - Efforts underway to expand access for ages 6 mo+ via state health department orders.
  - Coverage and cost remain confusing—risk of patients skipping vaccination.
- Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program: Cover ACIP recommendations for children who otherwise don't have access. Funding nearly exhausted; concerns for sustainability in WI.

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Wisconsin Council on Immunization Practices (WCIP): Key Takeaways Continued

- Pharmacy Access: Awaiting whether prescriptions will be required for patients for vaccinations. Currently, pharmacists can vaccinate per ACIP recommendations, standing orders, OR prescriptions.
- IDSA is preparing updated adult vaccine recommendations for easier reference.

Measles Update

- Oconto County: +11 new cases (school-aged, mostly unvaccinated).
- Action: Clinics should review infection prevention protocols.
- Hepatitis Elimination

Screening:

- Hep B: Universal screening for all adults once, and every pregnancy.
- Hep C: Universal screening for adults 18+, pregnant individuals, HIV+, and those with risk factors.
- Vaccination: Hep B vaccine for all adults 19–59.

Vaccine Manufacturer News

- Moderna: Two updated COVID-19 vaccines approved; Spikevax is only pediatric option.
- GSK: Shingrix moving to prefilled syringes; Arexvy (RSV) reduces hospitalizations in 65+ by 80%.
- Pfizer: Maternal RSV vaccine available.
- AstraZeneca: FluMist now offers out-of-pocket option if insurance denies.

PA Compact Quarterly Newsletter – September 2025

Chair Corner

Lao Tzu said, “The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” It is a sentiment that is appropriate to the PA Compact. There have been a multitude of single steps from the Compact’s conception in 2019, to its activation in May 2024, and the first official commission meeting in September 2024. Since that time, the Compact’s path seems to have moved at lightning speed, or painstakingly slow, depending on your perception. As we look forward, we also need to look back at the accomplishments. Since the inaugural commission meeting, with 9 voting delegates, there has been a great deal of work, much of it unseen, accomplished. In addition to the executive committee, the commission has three working committees that meet regularly and will provide… **READ FULL NEWSLETTER HERE.**



WAPA's Work in Wisconsin's Health Workforce Well-Being Initiative

The Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin (AHW) Endowment has announced a multi-year investment—more than $5.6 million statewide—to strengthen health-workforce well-being as an upstream strategy to improve population health.1 A portion of this funding supports the Wisconsin Healthcare Professional Services Program (WIHPSP), a new, confidential resource designed to help licensed health professionals—including PAs—address behavioral health concerns, substance use disorders, and related challenges that impact safe practice. WIHPSP will coordinate detection, prevention, evaluation, treatment, and monitoring services for participants. (1)
Recent awards include $2.5 million to the Wisconsin Medical Society (WisMed) to launch WIHPSP and $3.2 million to the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) as part of the broader AHW initiative. (2) WIHPSP is currently being developed; a program website is live and will post updates as implementation progresses. (3)

Why this matters for PAs: Confidential, evidence-informed support programs like WIHPSP have a strong track record nationally and can help clinicians recover, maintain licensure and safe practice, and remain in the workforce—benefiting patients and teams across Wisconsin. (4)

WAPA is actively engaged in this work and has representation on both WIHPSP and the WHA council, ensuring the PA perspective is at the table as programs and policies are shaped. WAPA leadership will share participation details as they become available. In the meantime, members can learn more about AHW's workforce well-being investments and WIHPSP's progress at the links below.

Resources:

1. https://www.mcw.edu/newsroom/news-articles/advancing-a-healthier-wisconsin-endowment-invests-5-point-6-million-in-wisconsin-health-workforce-well-being
2. https://www.wha.org/quality/quality-advisor/quality-advisor-06-04-2025
3. https://wihpsp.org/
4. https://wismed.org/wismed/wismed/News/medigram/2025-medigram/may-1-2025.aspx
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What the APRN Modernization Act Means for PAs in Wisconsin

Eric Elliot, LGA Committee Co-Chair



"Nurses play a critical role in our healthcare workforce, and I'm proud of our work to expand opportunities for nurses to not only grow their career but create a system that allows for more advanced practitioners here in Wisconsin."
— Gov. Tony Evers on signing AB 257 into law (Gunn, 2025)

Overview of the Legislation

On August 8, 2025, Governor Tony Evers signed Assembly Bill 257, now Wisconsin Act 17 (the APRN Modernization Act). This law establishes a pathway for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to practice independently once they meet specific training and experience standards—without a required collaborative agreement with a physician or dentist. (Gunn, 2025; Lehr, 2025)

Key Requirements for APRNs to Practice Independently

- Complete 3,840 clinical hours under a physician or dentist who is immediately available for consultation and has accepted responsibility during those hours. (Gunn, 2025)
- Have practiced for at least 24 months in their recognized APRN role. (Hall Render, 2025)
- Hold national certification in one of the four APRN roles: NP, certified nurse-midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or clinical nurse specialist. (Hall Render, 2025)

**"While physician-led team-based care is the gold standard for quality care and this bill moves away from that, the compromise helps with some of our concerns regarding experience, pain management, and Truth in Advertising protections."
— Wisconsin Medical Society, commenting on AB 257 (Lehr, 2025)**

Impacts & Considerations for PAs

- **Erosion of functional parity with APRNs / independent practice**
  - While 2021's Act 23 advanced PA practice by eliminating the draconian physician supervision model, and creating sought-after functional parity between PAs and NPs, the passing of Act 17 introduces independent practice for certain APRNs after meeting defined training and experience thresholds. This shift raises concern that this represents a profound setback in functional parity under Act 23: APRNs may gain levels of autonomy or authority that significantly diverge from those available to PAs, diminishing the versatility of the PA role.
- **Financial and operational disadvantage for PAs wishing to open practices, particularly in underserved areas**
  - PAs who want to start independent-oriented practices (e.g., in rural or underserved communities) may face higher costs: paying for collaborating physician agreements or stipends, procuring oversight, fulfilling administrative burdens, etc. In contrast, independent APRNs may avoid or reduce these costs, which could make PAs less competitive or limit the viability of PA-led practice models....*Cont'd on page 10*

What the APRN Modernization Act Means for PAs in Wisconsin Continued

- **Challenges in ordering supplies, pharmaceuticals, or prescribing authority**
  - While Act 23 explicitly allows PAs to order, prescribe, procure, dispense, and administer prescription drugs, medical devices, supplies, etc., this is within the framework of collaboration with physicians and subject to scope limits based on education/training/experience.
    - However, stakeholders are concerned that self-employed PAs will still encounter institutional or payer barriers (formularies, credentialing, supply ordering contracts, etc.) that independent APRNs might not face.
- **Employer hiring preferences may shift toward APRNs**
  - Employers may prefer to hire APRNs over PAs in roles where independent practice is now possible, in order to reduce costs associated with collaboration/supervision agreements, fees, and administrative overhead. This could result in fewer PA roles, or PAs being limited to positions with greater oversight or fewer leadership opportunities. Many PAs would likely seek employment in PA-friendly neighboring states -further exacerbating the provider crisis in Wisconsin.
- **Access and equity implications**
  - If PAs are at a financial or regulatory disadvantage, this may reduce the number of new PA-led practices or discourage PAs from locating in underserved areas. That could impact patient access, particularly in urban and rural or shortage areas where PAs have been important providers. Also, patients may have fewer provider options or face higher costs if practice ownership/operation is shifted more toward APRNs or physician-led systems.

What You Can Do: Join the Movement & Support Your Colleagues

- **Congratulate Wisconsin APRNs** on their hard-won success under the APRN Modernization Act. Their achievement reflects years of advocacy, training, and persistence — recognizing this strengthens interprofessional respect and unity.
- Get involved with WAPA's legislative campaign via AccessToCareWI.org. This is the platform through which Wisconsin PAs can stay informed about LRB-509 (the PA Modernization / Access to Care Act), share feedback, and mobilize with colleagues.
- Donate to the WAPA Political Action Committee (PAC). Even small contributions help our profession have a louder voice in policy debates. The PAC supports candidates and legislative efforts that align with expanding PA practice and improving access to care.
- Visit the AccessToCareWI.org website to educate yourself on current bills, requirements, and how independent practice pathways are evolving. Knowledge is power: understanding the issues means you can engage more effectively and make your voice heard.

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A Day in the Life of a PA

Ever wonder what a typical day looks like for a PA? Each PA's schedule is a little different, depending on their specialty and setting, but one thing they all share is dedication to their patients. We asked Amanda Luna, PA-C, to give us a peek into her daily routine, the parts she loves the most, and the small moments that make the job meaningful.

Name: Amanda Luna, PA-C
Position/Practice Specialty: Family Medicine Float Provider
PA Program/School Name: UW-Madison
Graduation Year: 2016

What does a typical day look like for you in your current role? I have been in this float position for about 1 year now. My role is to provide extra coverage for other providers' leaves and vacations. I cover 6 different clinics in the Milwaukee area. I typically have a good mix of acute and chronic type visits.

What's the first thing you usually do when you start your day at work? Currently I am without my own MA so first thing I usually do is figure out who I will be working with that day and what rooms I will be using to see patients. Although it has been a little more difficult to work with different support staff on a regular basis, I really enjoy the opportunity to get to know so many different people and providers.

Do you have any little routines or habits that help you get through a busy day? Recently the organization I work for has implemented the use of AI Dax Copilot. This listens to the visit and writes up a rough note for me. This has been very helpful on a busy day as I am able to focus more on what the patient is saying and place orders and such without having to worry about taking notes. The notes do typically need some revision, but overall, I spend less time on notes with this tool.

If you had to describe your workday in a couple words, what would it be? In this role I have had to be very flexible, luckily, I am usually a pretty "go with the flow" type of person.

What is the best thing about being a PA? One of the best things about being a PA is the ability to connect with so many different people and try to help them in a time of need. Although I no longer have my own panel of patients, I feel gratified when patients ask if they can see me again in the future if needed.

If you could give one piece of advice to a student or new grad considering this career, what would it be? For a new graduate, I would advise you to take any opportunity presented to you. I think the first few years of practice are crucial for continuing learning and to really set you up for a good career. Additionally, don't be afraid of change. The flexibility of changing specialties or even just seeking new opportunities at a different location is one of the benefits of being a PA.

What do you do for fun/unwind after work? After work, I typically spend time with my kids. There is nothing like hearing an excited "mommy!" after a long day at work. I also really enjoy cooking and trying new recipes. Most recently I made a "one pan lemon gnocchi." Even the picky toddlers had second helpings!



Student Update from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse

While Autumn sets in and the temperature winds down, the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse PA Program Class of 2026 keeps going strong through their clinical year! Reaching completion of nearly one-third of their clinical rotations, they continue to apply their knowledge in a variety of clinical settings and establish meaningful professional relationships with their preceptors throughout the Emplify Health by Gundersen, Mayo Clinic, and Marshfield Clinic health systems. As they continue to prepare for their end-of-rotation exams, they will also be preparing to apply the skills they've learned so far to their first clinical year OSCE. Exciting! They are motivated, curious, and excited to improve their skills over the remainder of the clinical year as they inch closer and closer to professional practice.

The UWL PA Class of 2027 completed their first semester this summer and has now hit the ground running with fall coursework. Students are currently enrolled in clinical medicine courses and preparing for their first OSCEs! Our first-year cohort is also beginning to explore specialty areas of interest as they look ahead to clinical rotations. Outside of the classroom, they are assisting with mock interviews, engaging with UWL's undergraduate Pre-PA Club, and will be welcoming prospective students during interview days for the Class of 2028. The Class of 2027 is excited about the journey ahead and looks forward to both their continued education and their future contributions to the PA profession.

Don't Forget to Update Your WAPA Profile!

Attention WAPA Members – please take a moment to review and update your member profile to ensure all your information is accurate, including the county in which you currently reside. Keeping your details up to date helps us make sure you're receiving the correct WAPA Region News, updates, and event invitations!

UPDATE YOUR PROFILE



Save the Date - Spring CME Conference

Save the Date for the WAPA 2026 CME Conference, which will be held from April 14-17, 2026, at the beautiful Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

This will be the ONLY WAPA Conference in 2026, so be sure to mark your calendars and join us for this exciting event!



Hands-On Learning at the WAPA 2025 CME Conference: *POCUS Workshops with Amie Billstrom, MMS, PA-C*

Enhance your diagnostic and procedural skills with two immersive, hands-on Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) workshops led by expert instructor Amie Billstrom, MMS, PA-C at the WAPA 2025 CME Conference!

Session 1: POCUS for the Critically Ill
Thursday, November 6 | 1:30–5:30 PM
Focus on EFAST, bedside echo, lung, and aorta ultrasound techniques to evaluate critically ill patients.

Session 2: POCUS for Everyday Practice
Friday, November 7 | 8:00 AM–12:00 PM
Learn renal/bladder, soft tissue/MSK, and ultrasound-guided peripheral access applications for daily clinical use.

Whether you're managing acute emergencies or enhancing routine care, these sessions will help you apply ultrasound with confidence and precision.

REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE AND SECURE YOUR SPOT!

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