

CHRISTINA BUSH

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OBJECTIVE

Detailed-oriented, Physician Assistant with a strong background in orthopedic surgery, seeking to contribute exceptional clinical and surgical skills to a dynamic healthcare team.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Since the completion of PA school in May 2023, I have completed a doctorate degree in medical science bolstering my capabilities in leadership roles, medical research, and teaching. Shortly thereafter, I completed an intensive 6-month internship in Emergency Medicine with focus in Orthopedics. For the past two years, I have worked in Orthopedic Surgery with focus in adult reconstruction, total joints, foot and ankle, and hand, wrist. During this time, I was responsible for managing patients care in a clinical setting and assisting in the operating room.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Ocean Orthopedics, Ventura, CA

2023 – May 2025

Physician Assistant, Orthopedic Surgery

Assess, diagnose, plan, and implement the medical care of orthopedic patients in collaboration with a physician. Run a clinic schedule independently with 20-30 patient appointments per day. Examine and treat emergency follow-ups, post-op, pre-op, and new patient consults with orthopedic ailments. First assist orthopedic surgical cases of hip, knee, ankle, and foot. Proficiency in MAKO and ROSA robotic surgeries, Persona IQ smart stem for TKA. Familiar with Zimmer, Arthrex, and Stryker products and implants. Provide medical consultation including the performance of therapeutic procedures such as large to small joint or trigger finger injections. Assist with various procedures, provide patient education, treatment follow-up, daily rounds and as needed using an organized multi-disciplinary team approach to provide continuity of care.

Exer Urgent Care, Ventura, CA

2023 – May 2025

Physician Assistant, Urgent Care

Provide immediate medical care by diagnosing and treating a wide range of non-life-threatening conditions in a fast-paced, high-volume environment. Conducting patient assessments, taking medical histories, performing physical examinations, ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests, prescribing medications, and providing treatment plans for common illnesses and injuries. Recognition of acuity of patient presentation to determine appropriate level of care and possible emergency referral.

Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, Mission Hills, CA

2023

Physician Assistant, Emergency Department

Completed an emergency medicine internship training program. Deliver vital care to seriously ill or injured patients in the emergency department as a Physician Assistant. Take patient history, examine patients, preform medical decision making to order and interpret diagnostics, and formulate a treatment plan. Manage critical patients in cardiac arrest, fatal arrhythmias, sepsis, septic shock, DKA, etc. Preform advanced procedures to include intubation, central line placement, synchronized cardioversion, fracture care and reduction, laceration repair, abscess incision and drainage. Examine and complete medical documentation on approximately 30 patients per 10-hour shift.

UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA

2020

Registered Nurse, Emergency Department, ICU Float

Delivered vital care to seriously ill or injured patients on cardiac, trauma, trauma-neuro, burn, and medical units. Evaluated and monitored patients progress, identified sudden or subtle changes in a patient's medical status, deliver regular updates to doctors, advanced practice providers, patients, and their family members, initiated treatments and monitored doses, responded to medical emergencies, maintain patient medical records.

California Health Corps, Sleep Train Arena Alternate Care Facility

2020

Training Officer, Education Team Lead, Registered Nurse

Initiated a 400-bed field hospital from ground to fully operational in seven days. Executed high-quality and safe patient care and clinical activities as part of an interdisciplinary patient care team. Responsible for the creation of course curriculum, skills verification documentation, and training all staff in facility specific patient care. Demonstrated knowledge of hospital policy, procedure to implement standard operating procedures COVID-19 field hospital specific. Performed medication distribution, medical charting, and nursing tasks including activities of daily living (ADLs) for COVID-19 positive patients subject to strict isolation. Maintained strict adherence to safety practices for patient, team, and self-minimizing exposure risk. Actively monitored and assessed patient status to determine if condition required escalation to higher care level.

Granite Bay Dermatology and Laser Center, Roseville, CA

2019 – 2020

Registered Nurse, Medical Assistant, Scribe

Roomed patients, assisted providers with exams, surgeries, and cosmetic procedures, assisted in procedures such as shave and punch skin biopsy, excisions, cryosurgery, wound culturing, topical chemotherapy, electrodesiccation and curettage, incision and drainage, cosmetic filler, Botox injections, various laser treatments, and other cosmetic procedures, documented exam notes and visit findings for providers, provided meticulous charting/scribing in Nextech EMR system, processed clinical patient phone calls including providing pathology results, process prescriptions, adhere to all requirements of a medical office including HIPAA, OSHA and client confidentiality.

Aviate Enterprises Inc., McClellan, CA

2015 – 2023

Medical Sales Representative

Responsible for selling medical products and services to federal hospitals and clinics. Demonstrated medical equipment in the operating room setting. Implemented CT and MRI equipment with radiology technician team at multiple VA hospitals throughout the country. Trained through Reptrax University for Health Care Surgical Representatives Computer experience, Microsoft and Google platforms.

Sutter Roseville Medical Center, Emergency Department, Roseville, CA

2015 – 2017

Registered Nurse, Emergency Medicine

Provided clinical and basic life support to Emergency Room patients, patient charting through EPIC, assisted physicians with emergency procedures, wound care, splinting, orthopedic care, EKGs, cardiac monitoring, CPR, phlebotomy techniques, triaged patients, assisted in traumas, stroke, STEMI, and code critical, sepsis patients. Often picked up shifts as USNA; skills include administrative duties, answering phones, paging physicians, trauma alerts, and codes, scanning patient charts, requesting medical records, liaison between patients and medical staff.

EDUCATION

Butler University, Indianapolis, IN Doctor of Medical Sciences	2023
Canisius College, Buffalo, NY Master of Physician Assistant Studies	2023
San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA Master of Science, Biological Sciences Emphasis in Neurophysiology	2018
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA Master of Public Health	2015
University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA Bachelor of Science, General Biology Minor in Human Biology, Neurophysiology Bachelor of Arts, Theatre and Dance	2013

ADDITIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

January 2022 – May 2023

Family Medicine , Limestone Primary Care	Williamsville, NY
Internal Medicine Outpatient , ST. Vincent's Health Center	Buffalo, NY
Pediatrics , Forestream Pediatrics	Depew, NY
Behavioral Medicine , BryLin Hospital, Endeavor Health	Buffalo, NY
Obstetrics and Gynecology , Trinity Medical OBGYN	Buffalo, NY
Cardiology Intensive Critical Care , Buffalo General Medical Center	Buffalo, NY
Emergency Medicine , Mercy Hospital of Buffalo	Buffalo, NY
General Surgery , Trinity Medical Surgical Associates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observed and assisted in multiple surgeries – laparoscopic and open • Bariatric surgery – Roux en Y, Gastric Bypass, Sleeve Gastrectomy • Observed and assisted in robotic assisted surgeries – Da Vinci robot • Learned and practiced suture and knot techniques on over 60 cases 	Buffalo, NY
Orthopedic Surgery , Excelsior Orthopedics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in arthroscopic, ligament reconstruction, and joint replacement • Performed corticosteroid and viscous gel joint injections • Utilized ultrasound for diagnostic and procedural purposes • Specialized in sports medicine, adult reconstruction 	Amherst, NY
Trauma Surgery , Erie County Medical Center, Level 1 Trauma Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observed and assisted in trauma surgeries – laparoscopic and open • Surgical practice in burn, skin grafting, vascular, GI trauma cases • Assisted in the Emergency Department with incoming traumas • Monitored patients in the Trauma Intensive Care Unit, Burn Unit 	Buffalo, NY

INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

University of Buffalo Health Interprofessional Collaborative Practice 2022

Micro-credential Program – Three digital badges

Digital badges to include Interprofessional Collaborative Practice in Foundations, Communication, and Healthcare Practice. Learned the foundational knowledge of interprofessional collaborative practice for improving health outcomes and strengthening our healthcare system. Developed interprofessional communication and teamwork skills using community-based learning experiences collaborating with other health professions students to provide effective person-centered and population-based care. Engaged in collaborative practice in healthcare settings, collaborating with patients and healthcare providers to deliver high quality, ethical healthcare services to patients and populations.

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

NCCPA Board Certification	Current
California State Physician Assistant License	Current
DEA License	Current
Medications for Addiction Treatment Waiver (MAT)	Current
Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)	Current
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)	Current
Basic Life Support (BLS)	Current
NYS Infection Control	Current
NYS HIPAA	Current
NYS Child Abuse Mandated Reporter	Current
Registered Nurse	Expired
Licensed Vocational Nurse	Expired
Paramedic	Expired
Registered Behavioral Technician	Expired

MEMBERSHIPS

California Academy of Physician Assistants (CAPA)	2021-Present
American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)	2021-Present
Physician Assistants in Orthopedic Surgery (PAOS)	2021-Present
American Association of Surgical PAs (AASPA)	2021-Present
New York State Society of PAs (NYSSPA)	2021-2023
Western New York PA Association (WNYPA)	2021-2023

AFFILIATIONS

American Heart Association
 Emergency Medical Services Authority
 Delta Gamma Fraternity, Epsilon Iota, UCSD Chapter
 Phi Delta Epsilon Pre-Health Fraternity, UCSD Chapter

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California Department of Public Health Field Hospital Nursing Instructor	2020
American Heart Association CPR, BLS, First Aid Instructor	2013-Present
American Heart Association ACLS, PALS Instructor	2013-Present
Emergency Medical Technician, Combitube, KING Airway Instructor	2013-Present

SKILLS PROFILE

PA-C, RN, LVN, Paramedic, EMT-A
 Proficient in EMR systems Epic, Cerner, Modmed, Patient Keeper, Medent
 Combitube/ KING Airway Certified and Instructor
 AHA BLS, ACLS, PALS Certified and Instructor
 NREMT Skills Instructor
 N95 Fit Tester
 Excellent communication skills
 Works well in a team environment
 Leadership experience
 Teaching experience

AWARDS

Certificate in Specialized Patient Care Training	2020
Recognition of COVID19 Response	2020
Patient Care Excellence Award, Sutter Roseville Medical Center, CA	2016
Merlin Magic Wand Excellence Award in Health Services, Legoland, CA	2013 – 2014
Philanthropic Service Award, Delta Gamma, UCSD	2010 – 2013
Los Angeles Fire Department, Merit Scholarship	2009 – 2013

LEADERSHIP/ VOLUNTEER

* Canisius Student Physician Assistant Association, Committee Chair; 2021-2023: Committee Chair for health equity week with emphasis on the unhoused, refugees, domestic violence victims, persons with mental health crises, and early childhood development and education. Arranged multiple fundraising events for various organizations to include St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, Buffalo Girls and Boys Club, Jericho Road Community Health Center, Empower Group Homes, Family Justice Center, Delavan-Grider Community Center, Journey's End Refugees Center. Held a group art class for those with cerebral palsy, down syndrome and intellectual disabilities. Walked to support domestic violence at stop the violence walk. Participated in after school activities at the Boys and Girls club of Buffalo.

* Therapeutic Pathways, Registered Behavioral Tech; 2019: Volunteered as a Registered Behavioral Technician to assist in the learning and development of children and adolescents with autism and other developmental delays. Used evidence-based treatment programs and applied behavioral analysis to implement individualized programs for each client. Programs were comprehensive and included language, behavior, play, self-help, self-awareness, social skills, and cognition.

* Merlin Magic Wand Fundraiser, Participant; 2013-2015: Arranged fundraisers through Legoland CA Health Services to support, "putting the magic back into the lives of seriously ill, disabled and disadvantaged children." Fundraisers included charity walks, silent auctions, golf tournaments, fitness competitions, etc.

* Pre-Medical Association of Students for Service, Vice President; 2009-2013: Pre-medical association for health career focused students. Created volunteering opportunities with various health care organizations for UCSD students. Conducted blood drives, volunteered within the community, reached out to charities to assist in fundraising, held information sessions with medical school admission representatives.

* Health Medical Professionals, Volunteering Liaison; 2009-2013: Organized and recruited pre-health students for Red Cross blood drives and various philanthropic health related endeavors.

* Military Medicine, Volunteer; 2009-2013: Outreach program to incorporate the military members stationed in San Diego to volunteer and create volunteering opportunities in the healthcare field. Encouraged the military community to share experiences and health care knowledge to underserved clinics in the San Diego area.

* Relay for Life and Making Strides, Breast Cancer Walk, Fundraiser, Participant; 2009-2013: Participated as a team captain for the Relay for Life events held at UCSD. Fundraised via obtaining sponsorships from local community business and personal donations and walking miles for a cause. The money raised through Relay For Life events helps realize the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives, celebrate life, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. Donations are used to fund life-saving cancer research, patient support services, prevention and education information, and detection and treatment programs.

* San Diego Braille Institution, Volunteer; 2009-2013: Worked closely with and taught classes to the visually impaired at the San Diego Braille Institute. Classes taught: art, cooking, daily living skills, braille reading and writing, sensory awareness, music appreciation. Assisted in daily living tasks of visually impaired individuals. Facilitated outings and experiences in the community for the visually impaired to become more independent in everyday living.

* Autism Society of San Diego, Volunteer, Fundraiser; 2010-2015: Worked closely with and taught classes to children with all forms of autism. Set up community awareness events to support autism; i.e. swim classes, art classes, film nights, and family support group meetings.

* San Diego Food Bank, Volunteer, Fundraiser; 2009-2014: Collection of canned and dry foods around the community to then redistribute to locals in need. Prepared and distributed fresh, warm meals from a catholic church community center to the individuals in need.

* Delta Gamma Fraternity, Vice President of Philanthropy; 2009-2013: Active member for four years; Philanthropy liaison between UCSD and other Greek chapters to organize fundraising for various organizations. Actively created fundraising events throughout campus to incorporate campus participation and awareness. Raised money for Service for Sight, Vitamin Angles, St Jukes Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Sharsheret and Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA), Alzheimer's Research, Arthritis Research Foundation, Domestic Violence Awareness, Autism Speaks, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, etc.

SKILLS/ INTERESTS

Professional dance - contemporary, modern, ballet, tap, jazz, musical theatre; cooking, communication, management, traveling, family togetherness