

Meet our VA Leadership



Sandy Stenger MSN Chief Nurse of Professional Staff Development
14 years with the VA
Master of Science in Nursing University of Phoenix
Areas of interest: Human Resources, Nursing Recruitment and Retention, Nursing Administration, Staffing and Operations



Sara M. Krzywkowski-Mohn EdD, MSN, FNP-BC Director Primary care Nurse Practitioner Residency Program
15 years with the VA
Doctorate in Urban Educational Leadership University of Cincinnati College of Education
Areas of Interest: Health Disparities, Food Insecurity and Adult Learning



Angie Combs DNP, MSN-Ed Director Post Baccalaureate Nurse Residency Program
6 years with the VA
Doctor of Nursing Practice Capella University
Areas of interest: Evidence Based Practice, Critical Care and LGBTQ Issues

Meet our Faculty



Audricia Brooks MSN, FNP-BC Nurse Practitioner Primary Care
30 years with the VA
Master's in Nursing University of Cincinnati College of Nursing
Areas of interest: National Nurses Union, Women's Health and Education of future Nurse Practitioners



Michael Hoffman MD Physician Primary Care
10 + years with the VA
Doctor of Medicine University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Board Certified Internal Medicine
Areas of Interest: General Medicine and Medical Education



Sheela Kamath DO Physician Primary Care
20+ years with the VA
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth Board-Certified Internal Medicine
Areas of Interest: Alternative Medicine and Women's Health including Osteoporosis, Hormone Replacement Therapy and Contraception



Dawn Van Rafelghem MSN, FNP-BC

5 years with the VA

Master's in Nursing Xavier University

Areas of Interest: Cardiovascular Health, Primary Prevention, Bladder and Colon Health.

Women's Health Disparities

Meet our Primary Care Residents:



Laura Carlton MSN, FNP-BC Primary Care Resident

Hometown: St. Petersburg, Florida

Education: Family Nurse Practitioner from George Washington University Washington, D.C.

Why the Cincinnati VA? My grandfather, uncle, father and myself are all veterans and I grew up with hearing both good and bad stories of VA healthcare. I knew I wanted to be a part of the good stories; therefore, the VA was an easy choice. It was only after I started my VA career at Bay Pines VAMC in Florida, that I realized the multitude of healthcare services the VA provides to those "who borne the battle". I knew I was exactly where I was meant to be. In 2020, we moved to Cincinnati to be closer to family and I was overjoyed that Cincinnati VAMC embraced bringing me on board during a pandemic and then included me in the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Residency. The commitment to its veterans through continued and supported education of its healthcare professionals is the reason why I chose Cincinnati VA.

Areas of Interest: Primary Care, Women's Health, OEF/OIF/OND Post 9-11, Palliative Care



Retha Strickland MSN, GNP-BC Primary Care Resident

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Education: Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner. From the University of Cincinnati April 2020.

Why the Cincinnati VA? I have been a critical care nurse for the past eight years at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center practicing in the Medical Intensive Care Unit. I knew after a short period of time that I had found my clinical home taking care of our nations Veterans. My career has been rich and varied at Cincinnati. I was given the opportunity to display my leadership by mentoring valor students, precepting new hires, and supporting my co-workers. I remain dedicated to patient care and have expanded my knowledge through graduate Nursing Education to become a Gerontology Nurse Practitioner. I plan to stay at the Cincinnati VA and practice with the goal of improving patient outcomes. I am excited to be a part of the very first residency program here at the VA. I am an active member of the AANP and National Society of Leadership and Success Sigma Alpha Pi at the University of Cincinnati.

Areas of interest: Prevention, Health Disparities and Evidence Based Practice

