

Faculty and Staff Profiles



Sandy Stenger MSN, RN

Chief Nurse of Professional Staff Development

Master of Science in Nursing, University of Phoenix

Areas of interest: Human Resources, Nursing Recruitment, Retention, Administration, Staffing and Operations



Sara M. Krzywkowski-Mohn EdD, MSN, FNP-BC

Director of the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

Doctorate in Urban Educational Leadership, UC College of Education

Areas of Interest: Health Disparities, Food Insecurity, and Adult Learning



Rosalind Moore, DNP, MSNEd, APRN, PMHNP-BC, LSN

Director of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

Doctor of Nursing Practice, Xavier University, College of Nursing/Post-Master's PMHNP

Certification, University of Cincinnati College of Nursing

Areas of Interest: Population Leadership, Public Health, and Social Drivers of Health



Michelle Brownfield DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Director Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

1 year with the VA (13 years practicing as a Family Nurse Practitioner)

Degree: Doctor of Nursing Practice from Indiana Wesleyan University

Areas of Interest: Mentorship – educating and elevating fellow nurse practitioners to practice at the top of their license, family medicine, geriatric, and palliative care.



Angela Combs, DNP, RN

Nursing Excellence Coordinator

Degree Doctorate in Nursing Practice Chamberland College

Areas of Interest: Evidence Based Practice, Shared Governance and Nurse Residency Programs



Cindy Childress MS, MSN, RN

Post Baccalaureate Nurse Residency Program

Degree Master of Science Nutritional Immunity and Master of Education Xavier

University College of Nursing

Areas of Interest: Microbiology, Infection Control, Childhood Burns and Immunity and Adult Education



Brian Thesing MSN, RN

Nurse Residency Coordinator

Master of Science in Nursing, Mount St. Joseph University

Areas of Interest: Health & Wellness, and Pharmacology



Jeanne Burns BSN, RN

Transition to Practice Program Coordinator

Degree BSN Indiana Wesleyan University

Areas of Interest: Clinical staff Development and Education; Cardiology; Health and Wellness and Health Promotion.

Academic Affiliation Deans



Nezam Al-Nsair, PhD, RN

Dean- Xavier University College of Nursing



Alicia Ribar, PhD, APRN

Dean- University of Cincinnati College of Nursing

Mental Health Care Leadership



Wes Houston, PhD

Chief of the Mental Health Care Line

PhD Neuropsychologist, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Areas of Interest: Leadership Administration, Geriatrics, and Neuropsychology



Ashley Spille MSN, RN

Chief Nurse of the Mental Health Care Line

Master of Science in Nursing, Northern Kentucky University

Areas of Interest: Nursing Administration and Nurse Executive Leadership



Muhammad Aslam, MD

Medical Director of the Mental Health Care Line

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

Areas of Interest: Geriatric Psychiatry, Education, and Research



Anna Daily, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC

Mental Health Care Line, NP Lead, Mental Health Residency Faculty

Doctorate of Nursing Practice: Indiana University

Areas of Interest: Women's Mental Health, Telehealth and Nurse Practitioners as medical community leaders.

Current Residents:



John Purvis, MSN, PMHNP-BC

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Education: MSN - University of Cincinnati

Why the Cincinnati VA? "Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening my axe." - Abraham Lincoln (Founder of the VA).

My path to become a Mental Health NP was unique. I started my career as a firefighter paramedic where I strived to provide calmness to people in stressful environments. Taking those experiences, I became a Cardiac ICU and then Cardiac Cath Lab nurse. While I loved everything related to cardiac care, nothing meant more to me than speaking with patients and comforting them. I knew that I needed to pursue mental health as a career. When I started PMHNP school, I already had this VA residency in mind because I saw how much time and effort they poured into each resident. I feel so blessed to be given the opportunity to work here, grow my skills, and to 'sharpen my axe.' Most of all, I walk into the VA humbled that I get to learn by helping the most deserving of us, our Veterans.

Areas of Interest: Outpatient Mental Health, Esketamine Clinic, PTSD Clinic,

Psychiatric Emergency Room



Name: Lydia Williamson MSN, PMHNP-BC

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Education: Master of Science in Nursing from Northern Kentucky University

Why the Cincinnati VA? Mental health is not linear, rather it is a fluctuating continuum depending on the needs of the individual. I believe that quality mental healthcare is treatment that flows with these patient needs rather than care that remains stagnant.

Personal and professional experiences drew me to a career in mental health. The need for quality psychiatric services will continue to rise and I want to help bridge the healthcare gaps that currently exist in our society. Most importantly, I want to reach underserved populations of individuals who are more frequently in acute need of these services.

To me, some of the best providers are those that stay vigilant with their personal education and have a passion for continuing their own learning. The Cincinnati VA Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency Program allows me the ability to do just this while being mentored by experienced providers within the field. Above all else. It allows me to care for an honorable group of individuals, Our United States Veterans.

Areas of Interests: Psychiatric research, CPTSD, and addiction treatment.

Graduated and employed full time at Cincinnati VA Medical Center as Nurse Practitioners.



Jonathan Beauchamp

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner-BC

VA Cincinnati Medical Center



Terri Winoker

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner-BC

VA Cincinnati Medical Center