

Brian A. Breckley, MS, PA-C

Physician Associate | Clinician-Educator | Emerging Scholar in Philosophy of Medicine

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Physician Associate, clinician-educator, and former U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman with more than 21 years in healthcare and 8+ years of PA practice. Experience spans military medicine, deployed trauma care, surgical services, orthopedic trauma, high-volume urgent care, clinical operations, and student precepting. This breadth of practice now provides the experiential foundation for doctoral work focused on rigorous inquiry, writing, and teaching in philosophy of medicine and related fields.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Philosophy of medicine
- Phenomenology of illness, pain, and care
- Institutional ethics, moral injury, and professional integrity
- Clinician-patient relationships and intersubjectivity
- Professional formation, altruism, and medical vocation
- Bioethics, neurophenomenology, and health humanities

EDUCATION

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

2018

Master of Science, Physician Assistant Practice

North Chicago, IL

Edgewood College

2013

Bachelor of Science, Counseling Psychology, Cum Laude

Madison, WI

Graduate Research

Master's Thesis, 2018 | *Increased Risk of Cardiovascular Disease in Combat-Related Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder*

Selected Academic Preparation

Logic | Bioethics | Neuroscience | Cognition, Memory, and Perception

WORKS IN PROGRESS

When Altruism Becomes Coercion: Professional Virtue and Institutional Exploitation in Medicine

Article manuscript in preparation

Research question: Under what conditions does institutional reliance on clinical altruism cease to be a legitimate part of medical professionalism and become a form of exploitation or coercion?

Martyr for Hire: Weaponized Altruism and the Hidden Costs of Caring in Modern Medicine

Book manuscript in development

Book-length project in philosophy of medicine examining how institutional structures can capitalize on clinician altruism, reshape professional duty, and transmit harm into the experience of caring and the patient-clinician relationship.

CLINICAL TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Physicians Immediate Care & Providence Urgent Care

2019-Present

Physician Associate, Clinical Preceptor & Mentor

Chicago, IL / Portland, OR

- Precept and mentor PA students, pre-PA learners, and clinical shadowers in urgent-care practice, with continuous teaching experience beginning in 2019.
- Teach clinical reasoning, history and physical examination, diagnostic interpretation, differential diagnosis, procedural skills, patient communication, and appropriate escalation of care.
- Model decision-making under diagnostic uncertainty while maintaining active clinical practice and integrating evidence, patient values, clinical judgment, and interprofessional consultation.

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Providence Urgent Care

Feb 2022-Present

Physician Associate, Urgent Care

Portland, OR

- Provide acute-care evaluation and treatment across the lifespan in a high-volume ambulatory setting, integrating history, examination, diagnostic testing, imaging, treatment planning, patient counseling, referral, and escalation of care.
- Maintain substantial procedural practice including fracture and dislocation reduction, casting and splinting, incision and drainage, joint aspiration and injection, laceration repair, local anesthesia, and foreign-body removal.
- Serve as clinical preceptor for PA and pre-PA learners.

Physicians Immediate Care

Jul 2019-Feb 2022

Physician Associate, Urgent/Immediate Care

Chicago, IL

- Evaluated and treated acute illness and injury using physical examination, laboratory testing, and diagnostic imaging including radiography, ultrasound, CT, MRI, MRA, and EMG.
- Provided pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment, preventive counseling, patient and family education, specialty referral, and transfer to higher levels of care when indicated.
- Participated in frontline COVID-19 care, including diagnostic testing, treatment initiation, and telemedicine follow-up for patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection.

UChicago AdventHealth - Bolingbrook & Hinsdale

Aug 2018-Jul 2019

Physician Associate, Orthopedic Trauma

Illinois

- Managed outpatient, inpatient, postoperative, and perioperative orthopedic patients with traumatic, musculoskeletal, and rheumatologic conditions.
- Performed hospital rounds and consultations, wound care, diagnostic interpretation, fracture management, casting and splinting, intra-articular procedures, medication management, and interdisciplinary coordination.
- First-assisted in orthopedic surgery, including positioning, preparation and draping, exposure, instrumentation, closure, and perioperative care.

MILITARY MEDICAL EXPERIENCE

United States Navy, Active Duty

2004-2012

Hospital Corpsman

Eight years of active-duty military medical service encompassing deployed trauma care, orthopedic medicine, surgery, clinical operations, and healthcare administration.

Naval Hospital Rota

Jun 2007-Jul 2010

Surgical Clinic Manager

Rota, Spain

- Managed operations across three surgical clinics, including clinical and operative scheduling, space and resource allocation, supply accountability, patient-flow coordination, and process-improvement initiatives.
- Worked in an international military healthcare environment serving active-duty personnel and their families.

National Naval Medical Center

Apr 2005-May 2007

Orthopedic Technician

Bethesda, MD

- Provided orthopedic care to military personnel, veterans, and families in collaboration with orthopedic surgeons and Physician Associates.
- Performed and assisted with fracture and dislocation reductions, casting and splinting, emergent musculoskeletal care, open reduction and internal fixation, and arthroscopic procedures.

Expeditionary Medical Facility

Oct 2005-Mar 2006

Hospital Corpsman - Deployed Medical Operations

Kuwait City, Kuwait

- Provided acute stabilization and treatment of military casualties with penetrating and blunt traumatic injuries in a deployed medical environment.
- Participated in casualty stabilization, preparation for transport, and movement of critically injured patients to higher echelons of care.

HONORS & AWARDS

- College of Health Professions Diversity Scholarship, Rosalind Franklin University - 2016
- Cum Laude, Edgewood College - 2013
- International Honor Society in Psychology - 2011
- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Rota, Spain - 2010
- Dean's List, University of Maryland - 2009
- Distinguished Honor Graduate, Naval School of Health Science - 2007
- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Kuwait City, Kuwait - 2006

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- FAWM Candidate, Wilderness Medical Society - 2025-Present
- Orthopedic Technician Education, Naval School of Health Science - 2007
- Naval Hospital Corpsman School, Great Lakes Naval Station - 2004-2005
- Basic Military Instruction, Great Lakes Naval Station - 2004

CERTIFICATION, LICENSURE & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants - PA-C
- Oregon Physician Assistant/Associate License
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support, American Heart Association
- Basic Life Support
- Physician Assistants in Orthopedic Surgery

ADDITIONAL COMPETENCIES

- Conversational and written Spanish
- Clinical information systems: Epic, ASAP, Centricity, Experity, and Athena
- Evidence appraisal, scientific literature interpretation, interdisciplinary clinical reasoning, patient and family education, and procedural medicine