

PA Students Named EAC Officers

Marlee Knuth, PA-S2



I had the privilege of serving as a site officer at Eastside Equal Access Clinic in 2017, the first year the position was open to PA students. Originally established as a single primary care clinic by the College of Medicine, Equal Access Clinic has become an outstanding network of free services available to our community, incorporating students from all over campus. Since joining EAC I've worked hard to get our PA students and the program itself even more involved. I've been thrilled to see my fellow PA students volunteering, committing to leadership roles and encouraging their friends to the same. I look forward to seeing what an impact the upcoming officers will make on EAC, the College of Medicine and their future practices. Go Gators!

- Eastside Clinic

Vanessa White, PA-S1



The short time that I have been an officer has opened my eyes to the benefits of what EAC offers to patients and the barriers to their care. My role as an EAC officer is not only to ensure that the clinic has an attending present to not only provide care to the patients, which is the priority, but to also serve as a teacher and role model for the student volunteers. We hope that each student volunteering, whether medical student, PA, PT, or undergraduate, is able to serve environment that not only fosters learning but encourages self-less dedication to all patients. Throughout the night, we are responsible for ensuring the clinic runs smoothly from patient intake to discharge, assisting student volunteers with history taking, writing SOAP notes, ordering labs and diagnostic testing and scheduling follow-ups with patients.

- Bartley Temple Clinic

Donna Berezowski, PA-S1



As an undergrad that went to UF I have a lot of experience in EAC from many different points of view. Being an officer at EAC has really opened up my eyes to the executive side of things when running a clinic. I never realized how much effort was involved to get all of these resources to patients with financial needs. It made me appreciate and think a little more about how to tailor and customize treatment plans. In a specialty clinic it is more difficult because we do not always have the solution to simple things like getting a patient glasses. It has made me more savvy of community resources available. It has been also been a great experience working with medical students and practicing how to establish my role on a healthcare team.

- Ophthalmology Clinic

Farah Hadjimiry, PA-S1



As an Eastside officer, I help the clinic run smoothly by assisting both medical and PA students while they volunteer at our clinic. Specifically, I help revise student's clinic notes and I keep in contact with our attending to ensure that all notes are adequate and representative of our clinic. As the year progresses, our clinic hopes to find an outlet for patients who do not meet the requirements for We Care [Physician Referral Network] to receive further care at no cost. We believe that every patient deserves the right to healthcare despite race, sexuality, or documentation status.

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