

Darcy Vetro Ravndal MPH, APRN, CPNP-PC

Nurse Practitioner

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Passionate and dedicated Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with background in public health, infectious disease, and biodefense research. Skilled in primary and urgent care delivery, adept at fostering therapeutic relationships, and dedicated to improving health outcomes through community-based initiatives. Track record of leadership, serving on high-level committees, and consulting on health concerns in academic settings. Committed to advocating for vulnerable populations and promoting health equity in diverse healthcare environments. Brings deep understanding of health policy, emergency management, and public health initiatives, coupled with creating tailored training content to meet diverse audience needs, with flair for facilitating interactive and scenario-based learning experiences.

Areas of Expertise

- ◆ Clinical Competence
- ◆ Advanced Practice Nursing
- ◆ Hazardous Material Handling
- ◆ Team Training & Leadership
- ◆ Quality Improvement
- ◆ Relationship Building
- ◆ Ethical & Legal Practice
- ◆ Emergency Preparedness
- ◆ Healthcare Systems
- ◆ Therapeutic Communication
- ◆ Public Health Policy & Advocacy
- ◆ Healthcare Professional Development

Education

Master of Science in Nursing, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Master of Public Health, Community and Family Health, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Accelerated BSN, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Bachelor of Arts, Science/Social Science Education, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Professional Experience

University of South Florida College of Nursing

2019 – Present

Adjunct Faculty

Teach courses within College of Nursing advanced practice program curriculum, ensuring alignment with learning objectives, standards, and accreditation requirements. Develop course materials, including syllabi, lesson plans, assignments, and assessments, that foster student engagement, critical thinking, and skill development. Deliver lectures, facilitate discussions, and provide hands-on instruction in classroom, laboratory simulation, and clinical settings. Mentor students on academic/professional matters, including course selection, career pathways, and licensure requirements. Serve as Clinical Lead for Primary Care for Children and Adolescents I, II, and Special Topics in Pediatrics.

- Evaluated student performance through grading assignments, exams, projects, and clinical evaluations with constructive feedback.
- Enhanced nursing education quality and promoted academic excellence by collaborating with faculty, staff, and administrators.
- Participated in faculty meetings, committees, and professional development activities to contribute to governance and continuous improvement of College of Nursing.

Healthcare Providers of Florida, Inc. Edgewater High School Student Health Center

2010 – 2023

Vice President, Pediatric Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner

Provided high-quality, equitable care to vulnerable populations and connected families with community resources. Developed and staffed multiple school-based health centers throughout Orange County Public Schools in collaboration with Healthcare Providers of Florida, offering primary care health and wellness services to students throughout the school district. Conducted CPR training and other health-related training sessions for school personnel to respond effectively to medical emergencies and promote culture of health and safety within educational settings. Implemented health education programs and initiatives to promote wellness and prevent illness among students, families, and school staff.

Played key role in educating school community about health issues, such as COVID-19 prevention, vaccination, and mitigation strategies during pandemic. Selected to serve on Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) Medical Advisory Committee by providing expertise and guidance on health-related issues in academic settings. Acted as sole nurse practitioner and only school-based clinician on OCPS Medical Advisory Committee during COVID-19 pandemic, contributing valuable insights and recommendations for health protocols and safety measures.

- Secured grant funding via multiple public and private sources to include AdventHealth, the Florida Department of Health, the Winter Park Health Foundation, and Orange County Public Schools.
- Demonstrated ability to identify funding opportunities by developing grant proposals and managing grant budgets effectively.
- Advocated for underserved populations and promoted health equity as public health devotee and pediatric nurse practitioner.
- Contributed to development and implementation of school-based health initiatives by serving as resource for OCPS and other educational institutions on health-related issues.
- Provided care to 2K+ pediatric and adolescent patients annually by demonstrating expertise in primary care, urgent care, child abuse/mistreatment prevention, and health education.

Additional Experience

Instructor in Undergraduate (BSN) Program, University of Central Florida College of Nursing, FL

- Taught/served as clinical faculty for Public Health Nursing and Health Promotion across Lifespan.

Partner Success Manager, VaxCare Corporation, Orlando, FL

Director of Education and Training, University of South Florida Center for Biological Defense, FL

Program Coordinator, First Responder Biological Agent Sample Collection Program, Florida Department of Health Bureau of Public Health Laboratories, FL

- Developed and implemented statewide training program for Hazmat teams and law enforcement agencies. Collaborative program with FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, the American Public Health Laboratories, and Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Licenses & Certifications

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Florida Department of Health, FL APRN 9296513; NPI 1023319845

Registered Nurse, Florida Department of Health, FL RN 9296513

Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, 201100162

Media, Invited Presentations, and Scholarship

A Ukrainian mother flees the war, leaving part of her heart behind CNN, March 13, 2022

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/03/14/europe/ukrainian-mother-flees-war-florida/index.html>

In--school clinics help Orange County students. Fox 35 News, Good Day Extra, December 19, 2018.

<http://www.fox35orlando.com/good-day/379411012-video#/>

School-based health clinics serve communities as number of uninsured kids grow. Orlando Sentinel, December 13, 2018.

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/health/os-ne-school-health-centers-uninsured-kids-20181213-story.html>

Alumna Darcy Ravndal brings public health to nursing. College of Public Health News, February 1, 2017.

<https://hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/health/publichealth/news/alumna-darcy-ravndal-brings-public-health-nursing/>

Speaker, representing the American Public Health Laboratories. International Association of Fire Chiefs, Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference. Public Health Laboratory and First Responder Partnerships. Baltimore, MD.

Presenter. Florida Hazmat Training Symposium, Annual Conference. Topic: Responding to Suspected Biological Agents and Working with the Florida Department of Health Bureau of Public Health Laboratories. 2016 – 2023. Daytona, FL.

Instructor. Federal Bureau of Investigation Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Florida Department of Health. Topic: Responding to Suspected Biological Agents. 2011 – 2023, various locations throughout Florida.

Invited Civilian Participant. U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases/Chemical Defense training for chemical, biological, and nuclear warfare. Ft. Detrick, MD.

Key Affiliations

American Public Health Associations | Florida Public Health Associations | National Association of Nurse Practitioners

Key Projects

Pediatric Health/Community Assessment Consultant, Friends for Health in Haiti. Primary and preventive care, health education in outpatient, rural clinics. Jeremie, Haiti

Health Education Consultant, Project Harmony, U.S. Department of State. Technology training in health education. Yerevan, Armenia

Community Service

Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Board Member

2021 Volunteer of Year, Orange County Public Schools

The Children's Trust in Orange County Initiative: Invited speaker, Orange County Commission; Ongoing Volunteer

Smallpox Crisis Response Team, Florida Department of Health Bureau of Public Health Laboratories

Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families Community Leadership Council Member

RunDisney, Medical Volunteer/ICU Team Leader, Various Races

Volunteer with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida