

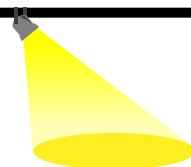


# CWRU PA Program

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## Alumni Spotlight



### **X. Katherine Feng (CWRU PA Class of 2021) :**

I'm working at University Hospitals Seidman Head and Neck Oncology. I collaborate with a medical oncologist. We're a small team... currently the only two providers specialized in head and neck oncology at UH. I'm a co-investigator on a Phase 2 clinical trial for patients with recurrent head and neck cancers who have progressed after platinum therapy and immunotherapy. I also staff the Acute Care Clinic at Seidman which is a service that provides same day urgent symptom management for all Solid Tumor patients undergoing treatment as well as patients with Sickle Cell pain crisis. Some days I cover infusion centers at UH's satellite locations where I also see patients with different oncologic diseases.

The CWRU PA program gave me the opportunity to expand my horizons and get involved in PA advocacy, leadership and interprofessional education. The endeavors I undertook as a student showed future employers my potential for growth as part of their team. The strong knowledge base I gained after PA school both in medical knowledge and clinical decision making helped pave a smoother transition from being a student to being a new provider.

My experience in interprofessional education and collaboration during PA school prepared me for my current position as I work very closely with ENT surgeons, radiation oncologists, infusion nurses, dietitians, and social workers on a daily basis for care coordination of cancer patients.

# SIM Center

The Mt. Sinai Skills and Simulation Center is housed in the Health Education Campus (also called Samson Pavilion) at Case Western Reserve University. Our expansive 15,000 square foot facility is equipped with multiple patient exam rooms, acute care suites, and conference rooms all equipped with the latest technology.

The SIM center has a wide range of simulation resources and technology available including standardized patients, human patient simulators, task trainers, virtual simulators, and moulage.



## Interested in Guest Instructing?

The PA program at CWRU loves to welcome guest lecturers. Please indicate [here](#) if you have desire to teach! We can provide learning objectives and guidelines and also compensate you for your lecture and prep time. This is an exciting time to get involved in PA education!

Teaching is a great way to share your expertise, pay it forward, raise up the next generation of healthcare professionals! Teaching brings high levels of joy to most instructors! Embrace the joy!

Contact Jennifer Capretta at [jennifer.capretta@case.edu](mailto:jennifer.capretta@case.edu) for more information or complete the google form with the link above.



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# Farewell PA Class of 2022

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Case Western Reserve University graduates our 5th cohort of students on August 21, 2022 and will celebrate with a ceremony in the Amasa Stone Chapel on campus. Dr. Charles Modlin will serve as our keynote speaker.

Our graduates will be working in a variety of disciplines ranging from Pediatrics to Trauma. Private practices, large hospitals, underserved communities...our grads will be everywhere! We can't wait to hear about all the plans and are so proud of each of them.

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## New Faculty

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Kate Kunstel, MMSc, PA-C joined us June 1st. Her focus is on student remediation. She spent 10 years working in PA education in New York City prior to returning to her hometown of Cleveland, Ohio and joining the faculty at CWRU in June of 2022.

Kate was trained at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. She has been working in malignant hematology since graduating in 2009. She has practiced clinically at Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, and New York-Presbyterian (NYP) Hospital at Columbia Medical Center in New York City. Kate worked on the front lines of the COVID-19 Pandemic in New York City and helped to establish the COVID-19 Palliative Care Unit at NYP. In addition to malignant hematology, Kate is passionate about palliative care, end of life care, navigating grief, and providing holistic, empathetic care for patients and their loved ones.

Kate is currently pursuing her Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Pace University's Lubin School of Business and is very interested in process analysis and process improvement, as well as leading teams. Kate anticipates applying this knowledge and skillset to her role on the CWRU faculty. In addition, as a member of the LGBTQI+ community, Kate has a specific interest in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in PA education and in the PA profession.

Kate spends her free time hiking and running outdoors with her rescued pit bull, Warren. She loves wildlife and enjoys wildlife photography. Kate is very interested in both animal rights and the environment. She loves to cook and try new vegan recipes and enjoys doing volunteer work at farm sanctuaries.

## New Staff

Richard Barigye, MSC, MBA, BSC joined us on June 1st as the Academic Affairs Manager. He relocated to Cleveland from Arlington, Virginia where he earned a MSC in Cybersecurity. He also holds a MBA and BSC in Statistics. Richard enjoys running, chess and rugby and is native to Uganda.



- Be Thankful
- Be Kind
- Serve Others
- Value People
- Work Hard



Please consider donating to the PA Student Emergency Fund. Thank you to our inaugural donor, Patricia Chambers Moore, treasured grandmother to Hollis Moore, CWRU PA Class of 2021. Through her kindness, we will be able to begin to support students who do not have additional financial support if an emergency arises. Please contact Jennifer Capretta at [jennifer.capretta@case.edu](mailto:jennifer.capretta@case.edu) if you are interested in making a donation.

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