

# 2024 Advanced Practice Provider Academy

## Conference Agenda



**Friday, October 18 to Saturday, October 19, 2024**

**Cumberland Woods Village**

*Presented by the UPMC Passavant Advanced Practice Provider Council*

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## **Introduction:**

This course is intended for physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and nurse anesthetists clinically practicing in both inpatient and outpatient medicine. This two-day multidisciplinary, interactive event aims to educate APPs on up-to-date treatments and best practice guidelines for a variety of topics, as well as improve interdisciplinary relationships between APPs across local hospitals in order to better serve their patients. The course will aim to enhance both clinical and procedural skills by offering a combination of didactic lectures and hands-on workshops.

## **Learning Objectives:**

- Expand clinical knowledge and technical skills for the most common diagnoses that result in patient hospitalization.
- Engage in professional development through networking opportunities and effective communication.
- Gain insight into both evidence-based best practices and local system's experience with APP leadership structures and APP career growth opportunities.
- Opportunity for direct demonstration, personalized instruction, and extensive hands-on practice in fundamental skills for the APP through half-day of simulation labs.

## **Parking:**

Parking at Cumberland Woods Village is free. There are more than 200 parking spots on site. When entering Cumberland Woods Drive, the parking lot is on the right. As you continue up the drive, the building to the right is the conference area, the building on the left is an independent living facility for seniors.

## **Registration Fee Includes:**

- **AAPA, AANA, and ANCC credit**
- **Breakfast and Lunch on Friday and Saturday for In-Person Course Days**
- **APP Academy Gift**
- **Networking Opportunities**

## **Continuing Medical Education Credit:**

In support of improving patient care, the University of Pittsburgh is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

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### **Nursing (CNE)**

The maximum number of hours awarded for this Continuing Nursing Education activity is 12.75 contact hour.



Other health care professionals will receive a certificate of attendance confirming the number of contact hours commensurate with the extent of participation in this activity.

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## Friday, October 18, 2024

- 7:00 a.m.     **Registration, Breakfast, Networking**
- 8 a.m.        **Welcome and Introduction**  
*Wende Goncz, DO*
- 8:30 a.m.     **Stigma in Healthcare**  
*Ashley Reasey, PA-C*
- 9 a.m.        **Approach to Inpatient Management of Seizures**  
*Anneline Centofanti, PA-C*
- 10 a.m.       **Break**
- 10:15 a.m.    **Coronary Artery Disease**  
*Robert Baumgartner, MD*
- 10:45 a.m.    **Passavant Center for Perioperative Care**  
*Megan Tomaino, PA-C, and Hayley Quigley, PA-C*
- 11:15 a.m.    **SI Joint as a Pain Generator**  
*Jeffrey Cameron, PA-C*
- 11:45 a.m.    **Lunch/Networking**
- 1 p.m.        **Antibiotics for MRSA and Other ID Tidbits**  
*Nicole Wheeler, MD*
- 1:30 p.m.     **Pearls and Pitfalls of Inpatient Alcohol Withdrawal Management**  
*Simon Ostrowski, MD*
- 2 p.m.        **Updates to Preventative Medicine Recommendations in Primary Care**  
*Chase Smith, PA-C, and Jody Alexander, CRNP*
- 2:30 p.m.     **Management of Diabetes**  
*Paige Thompson, PA-C*
- 3:00 p.m.     **Break**



## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- 3:15 p.m. **Evaluating Value: Assessing and Demonstrating APP Value**  
*Sondra M. DePalma, DHSc, PA-C, DFAAPA*
- 4:45 p.m. **Conclusion**  
*Theresa Celender, PA-C*
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## Saturday, October 19, 2024

- 7 a.m. **Registration, Breakfast, Networking**
- 7:30 a.m. **Introduction**  
*Lindsay Busch, PA-C*
- 8 a.m. **Post Cardiac Arrest Syndrome (PCAS)**  
*Patrick Coppler, PA-C, and Cecilia Ratay, CRNP*
- 9 a.m. **Total Telemedicine Pathway**  
*Brittany Morocco, PA-C*
- 9:30 a.m. **Professional Advancement**  
*Julie Dubis, MPAS, PA-C*
- 10 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Health Care in the Austere Environment**  
*Francis Feld, DNP, CRNA, LAT, NRP*
- 11:15 a.m. **Lunch**
- 12 p.m. **Review of Station Groups and Rotations**  
*Brittney Laskey, PA-C*
- 12:15 p.m. **Hands On Station Rotations – Moderated by Brittney Laskey, PA-C**
- *EKG Interpretation – Tim Lowe, PA-C*
  - *Airway Management – Allison Courtney, CRNA*
  - *POCUS Series, Echocardiogram – Kristen Rahall, CRNP*
  - *Arterial Line Placement – Mandy Crankovic, CRNA and Jessica Voights, CRNA*
  - *Pulmonary Function Testing and Interpretation – Matthew Gingo, MD*
  - *Joint Injections & Aspirations – Robyn Glass, PA-C and Jonathan Burns, PA-C*
  - *Suturing and Knot Tying – Amy Haller, PA-C*
  - *Primary Care Series, Neuro Exam and Assessment – Julie Dubis, PA-C, Toni Wilson, PA-C, and Rosa Fannie, PA-C*



- 1:15 p.m.     **Break**
- 1:30 p.m.     **Continuation of Hands On Station Rotations**  
*Moderated by Brittney Laskey, PA-C*
- 2:30 p.m.     **Conclusion**  
*Theresa Celender, PA-C*
- 2:45 p.m.     **Adjournment**

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