



# EMPA FELLOWSHIP

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW 2018

PROGRAM DATES: NOV 1, 2018-NOV 15, 2019

The RUHS PA fellowship is a 12.5 month program designed to train through didactic and clinical experience Physician Assistant's to gain clinical and procedural excellence in the practice of Emergency Medicine. This education will occur under the direct supervision of Board Certified Emergency Medicine Physicians and highly experienced Advanced Providers.

Our graduates will become highly skilled, highly competent, compassionate and efficient emergency medicine providers.

### **RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY – Excellence in Medical Training**

- Our site is a family. Our physicians and advanced providers are committed to our patients, to one another and our teaching. There is no other program in the country as committed to teaching the next generation of medical care providers than we are. When you join us, we give you 100 percent and we expect 100 percent in return.
- Riverside University is County owned and operated caring for a large urban and indigent patient population. The facility is a 439 Bed hospital offering comprehensive specialty services that cares for 85,000 patients per year offering exceptional training in critical care, trauma, advanced practice procedures, and resuscitation.
- Level II Trauma Center, Primary Stroke Center, Fully Operating Paramedic Base Station and Anticipated STEMI Center in 2021
- Emergency Room with operational excellence (nation leading performance in quality programs and efficiency) with a Rapid Medical Examination (RME) process for rapid assessment (patients are seen within 15 minutes of arrival), a robust internal waiting room (no patients return to the lobby), and a rapid treatment area (RTA) for lower acuity patients.
- Affiliations with Loma Linda University, U.C. Riverside, Western University of Health Sciences, California Baptist University
- We have a collegial culture where advanced providers are valued and respected by nursing and have ample opportunity to perform procedures and care for critical patients under physician supervision.
- Visit [www.ruem.org](http://www.ruem.org) to learn more about our site and our team.



## Curriculum Overview

The RUHS PA Fellowship curriculum is structured on:

- American College of Emergency Physicians' (ACEP) Model of Clinical Practice
- Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) Standards for Clinical Postgraduate PA Programs
  - *Fellows will complete approximate 2,100 hours of care for acutely ill patients and advanced procedural experience and capability*
  - *Weekly didactic lecture content provided by the EM physicians and advanced provider group for elevated clinical confidence and ability in differential diagnosis, case scenarios, treatment plans, radiology and EKG review*
  - *Quarterly Journal Club/Dinner at one of our physician's homes*
  - *Fellows will attend the Advanced Trauma and Life Support Course (ATLS) at RUHS.*
  - *In addition to core EM content, focused training will include clinical efficiency, documentation, billing, scribe utilization, and patient throughput*
  - *Focused training in malpractice risk reduction, charting for maximum reimbursement (RVU), and legal issues (EMTALA, UC to ED transfer).*
  - *List of targeted procedures and guided competency*
    - *e.g. lumbar puncture, central line, intubation, orthopedic reductions, complex laceration repair, ACLS management*
  - *Pre-rotation Orientation*

## Proposed Clinical Schedule Overview

- *Core Emergency Department Time Spent: 10 months (40 weeks)*
- *Off Service Rotations:*
  - *Internal Medicine (2 weeks)*
  - *Intensive Care Unit (2 weeks)*
  - *Bedside POCUS Ultrasound Course (2.5 weeks), learn ocular, cardiac, soft tissue and abdominal ultrasound*
  - *Potential Specialty Rotation Tracks include (one 2 week block):*
    - *Trauma, Anesthesia, PICU, or EMS*
- *Scheduling to include overnight and weekends*

**Total 12 months, 2100 clinical hours in acute EM care, plus lecture time**

## COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

EMPA fellows at Riverside University are paid an hourly rate and that adds up to approximately \$45,000 annually. We offer comprehensive benefits, including:

- Three weeks of paid time off per year
- 401(k) with 7.2 percent employer match and no vesting period
- Health insurance with vision, life insurance, and optional dental
  - Pre-tax savings with a Health Savings Account (HSA) or Medical Flexible Spending Account (MFSA) for out-of-pocket costs
  - A declination stipend (paid monthly) for not selecting a health insurance option
- Annual CME/CEU conference and online education options, plus a professional expense reimbursement benefit
- Paid malpractice insurance
- There is no fee or tuition for participating in the program. However, housing is not provided.
- Educational materials provided:
  - Tintinalli's Emergency Medicine: A Comprehensive Study Guide (current edition)
  - EMRAP subscription (thousands of hours of streaming podcast education)

## PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP TEAM

### **DEPARTMENT MEDICAL DIRECTOR: DR. MICHAEL MESISCA**

- *ED Department Chair, RUHS & Vice Chair Kaiser Moreno Valley Medical Center.*
- *Former Chief Academic Resident, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.*
- *Masters Degree in Health Professions Education.*
- *Base station Medical Director, RUHS*
- *EM CME Representative for Vituity*
- *Mentor for Vituity PA Rookie of the year, 2016. Proven track record for developing lead and assistant lead advanced providers and developing PA New hire programs that have served as a training model throughout the Vituity partnership.*

### **PA FELLOWSHIP MEDICAL DIRECTOR: DR. THOMAS MINAHAN**

- *Former and inaugural program director, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Emergency Medicine Physician Residency, 2003-2017. Joined RUHS to develop new academic and didactic programs.*
- *Tremendous experience in education and training physician leaders; has mentored 10+ medical, residency, and assistant program directors.*
- *Over 20 yrs experience in medical curriculum design, lecturing nationally at medical societies, state congress, and charitable events.*

## ADVANCED PROVIDER LEADERSHIP TEAM

### **PA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTOR: GISELLE LUDI, P.A.C.**

- *RUHS Advanced Provider Site Lead (2016–Present)*
- *7.5 yrs experience as an emergency medicine advanced provider.*
- *B.S. Nutrition Science (Cal State San Bernardino); M.S. Physician Assistant Studies, Western University of Health Sciences.*
- *Department leader in patient satisfaction, patients per hour, and billing.*
- *Loved and respected by nursing, physicians and the entire advanced provider team.*
- *Dedicated hard working mom; passionate about service to all patients but particularly to the medically underserved and impoverished communities.*
- *Provider co-lead for RUHS Emergency Department Operations Committee (monthly meeting with physicians, RNs, EM techs, lab, radiology, and registration that facilitates operational change and excellence in the department workflows).*

### **PA FELLOWSHIP ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR: ALYSSA WEINER, P.A.C.**

- *RUHS Advanced Provider Assistant Site Lead*
- *3 years experience as an emergency medicine advanced provider.*
- *B.S. Kinesiology (San Diego State); M.S. Physician Assistant Studies, Western University of Health Sciences*
- *Guest lecturer Western University Health Sciences Internal & Emergency Medicine Courses*
- *Pre-PA student mentor.*
- *Known for building fair and equitable schedules and treating everyone she meets with tremendous respect.*
- *Dedicated hard-working mom; passionate about medical missions (prior trips to Central America).*
- *Provider co-lead for RUHS Emergency Department Operations Committee (monthly meeting with physicians, RNs, EM techs, lab, radiology, and registration that facilitates operational change and excellence in the department workflows).*

For more information about our team please visit: <https://www.ruem.org/the-team-1>