

Curriculum Vitae

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General Information

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Professional Preparation

- 2004 Fellowship, Michigan State University Office of Medical Education Research and Development (2003 - 2004). Major: Primary Care Faculty Development Fellowship Program. Curriculum Design.
- 2003 Residency, Harrisburg Family Medicine Residency Program (2000 - 2003). Major: Family Medicine. Supervisor: Ellen Smith, MD.
- 2000 DO, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (1996 - 2000). Major: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.
- 1996 Bachelor of Science, The College of New Jersey (1992 - 1996). Major: Biology, Minors: Chemistry & Religion. Graduation Distinction: cum laude.

Nondegree Education and Training

- 2023–2024 Karl M. Altenburger, M.D. Physician Leadership Academy.
The Florida Medical Association Physician Leadership Academy is an intensive, 11-month program that helps emerging physician leaders develop specific non-clinical skills they need to be effective advocates for the medical profession and their patients.
- 2021–2022 Leading Physician Wellbeing Certificate Program.
The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Leading Physician Wellness Program is a nationally competitive fellowship delivered over 10 months that develops and expands family physicians' knowledge and skills in three foundational areas: leadership development, performance improvement and physician well-being.
- 2016–2017 Medical Student Educator Development Institute (MSEDI).
The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Medical Student Educator Development Institute is an 18-month national fellowship awarded through a rigorous selection process that offers training, tools, and support for faculty who educate medical students and is particularly suited to those who aspire to be clerkship directors or medical student education directors.

Professional Credential(s)

2004–present	Florida State Medical License.
2003–present	American Board of Family Medicine Certification. Participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC).
2003–present	American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians Certification. Participating in the four components of Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC).
2002–present	DEA License.
2001–2004	Pennsylvania State Medical License.

Professional Experience

2018–present	Regional Campus Dean, Sarasota Regional Campus, College of Medicine, Florida State University. Responsible for overseeing the clinical education of medical (MD) students and physician assistant (PA) students at the FSU Regional Medical School Campus in Sarasota. Collaborates with the Clerkship Directors for each specialty, the Sarasota medical community, and the campus administrative staff to ensure the highest quality of the clinical education program.
2018–present	Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Rural Health, College of Medicine, Florida State University.
2014–2018	Associate Professor (Community Clinical Faculty, Part-time), Department of Family Medicine and Rural Health, College of Medicine, Sarasota Regional Medical Campus, Florida State University.
2017–2018	Associate Program Director, Manatee Memorial Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program, Universal Health Services (UHS) Manatee Memorial Hospital. Spearheaded the transition of the traditional osteopathic Family Medicine residency program to meet ACGME accreditation standards. Overhauled curricula, evaluation forms, and resident education while also delivering faculty development training and academic support.
2016–2018	Core Faculty, Department of Graduate Medical Education (GME), UHS Manatee Memorial Hospital (MMH). Core faculty for the MMH Family Medicine Residency Program and Ambulatory Clinic Preceptor for the MMH Internal Medicine Residency Program.

- 2009–2018 Family Medicine Clerkship Director, Sarasota Regional Medical Campus, Florida State University College of Medicine. The Family Medicine Clerkship Director for the FSU College of Medicine Sarasota Regional Campus educates and mentors third- and fourth-year medical students, as well as PA students while shaping the curriculum and clinical training.
- 2006–2016 Family Physician, Intercoastal Medical Group. Private practice physician providing acute care, chronic disease management and preventive health services in the ambulatory and hospital setting. Part of a large, multispecialty, physician-owned medical group serving patients in Sarasota and Manatee counties.

Visiting Professorship(s)

- 2018 Peking Union Medical College, Beijing, China.
International Primary Care Educational Alliance (IPCEA) - This primary care educational alliance, basing its actions and goals around osteopathic philosophy and its principles seeks to bring together physicians, health care providers, health care foundations, governments, and industries to reach its goal of enriching global health through primary care education.

Honors, Awards, and Prizes

AMWA 2025 Exceptional Mentor Award, American Medical Women's Association (2025).

Established in September 2011, AMWA members may recognize a mentor who has helped develop a career, supported an interest, helped to develop or meet goals. This mentor may have been a colleague, advisor, friend, or boss and the relationship may have been formal or informal.

FSU College of Medicine (FSU COM) 2023 - 2024 Regional Outstanding Faculty Educator Award, Florida State University College of Medicine Faculty Council (2024).

This award recognizes the faculty member who demonstrates outstanding teaching as evidenced by any or all of the following: Consistent dedication to the six College of Medicine principles of the curriculum; Commitment to continuous quality improvement in a course and/or in his/her teaching; Consistent efforts to incorporate education innovation; Consistent dedication to identifying and meeting the educational needs of students; Consistent enthusiasm for teaching; Willingness to work collaboratively with other course directors/faculty in delivering the curriculum to students.

AMWA INSPIRE Award, American Medical Women's Association (2023).

The INSPIRE Awards, given by the AMWA Leadership Council, recognize women physicians who personally and/or professionally provide inspiration to other physicians or students through expert and compassionate patient-oriented medical care, or through mentorship, or service to the community.

Exemplary Part-Time Educator, Florida Academy of Family Physicians (2011).

In recognition of dedication, expertise and ability to provide the highest quality instruction to physicians in all phases of their medical training and practice in a part-time/volunteer capacity.

Elected Fellow Status

Elected as a Fellow of American Medical Women's Association (2022).

Elected as a Fellow of American Academy of Family Physicians (2014).

New Course Development

Special Topics in Medical Humanities & Social Sciences [MDT 7055], Developed a distance-learning elective for 4th year medical students at the Sarasota Regional Medical Campus focused on professional identity & wellness (2024)

Presentations

Cosgrove, L., Bentze, N., Norton, V., & Padmabaran, A. (presented 2025, May). *Panel Discussion: "Women Physicians and Leadership"*. Presentation at South Florida Women Physicians Retreat: Nurturing Wellness for Women Physicians, Florida Medical Association, Naples, FL.

Perez-Oliveras, G., Nickel, K., Bentze, N. G., Bonamer, J., Engel, D., & Pierre, M. (presented 2025, May). Arts & Healthcare: The Value of Community Partnerships. In *2025 WONDER: Art + Healing Symposium*. Presentation at the meeting of The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL.

Flowers, K., & Bentze, N. (presented 2025, February). *Reducing bias in assessment and evaluation: Criterion-referenced assessment in competency based medical education*. Presentation at STFM 2025 Conference on Medical Student Education, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, San Antonio, TX.

Bentze, N., Vasilescu, R., & Nickel, K. (presented 2025, February). *Visual Arts & Medicine: Using a Museum/School/Hospital Model to Develop Professional Identity Among Medical Students*. Presentation at STFM 2025 Conference on Medical Student Education, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, San Antonio, TX.

Verdoni, M., & Bentze, N. (presented 2024, October). *Effective Strategies for Retaining Faculty Using Gratitude Culture*. Presentation at PAEA Education Forum and Fall Workshops, Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA), Washington, DC.

Nickel EdD, K., Bentze DO, N., & Vasilescu PhD, R. (presented 2024, June). *Belonging: From "in the moment" to "in the community" using a museum/school/hospital model*. Presentation at AAMG 2024 Annual Conference, Association of Academic Museums and Galleries (AAMG), Virtual.

Bentze, N., Long, B., Dudek, A., Piascik, P., Tympanick, Z., & Menezes, A. (presented 2024, May). *Quantifying Patient Interest in Plant-Centric Diets*. Poster presentation at 2024 Interprofessional Research Conference, Sarasota Memorial Health Care Systems and Florida State University College of Medicine, Sarasota, Florida.

- Arza, S., Sanchez, C., Klejc, K., Porter, C., Taylor, N., Bentze, N. G., Pickett, S., & Brown Speights, J. (presented 2024, April). *A Review of a Multi-Level Peer-Led Wellness Program*. Presentation at AAMC Group on Student Affairs – Careers in Medicine – Organization of Student Representatives conference, Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), San Francisco, CA
- Bentze, N. (presented 2024, March). *Enhancing Medical Student Well-being Using Art Guided Mindfulness*. Poster presentation at AMWA 109th Annual Meeting: Securing Your Future in the Changing Landscape of Medicine, American Medical Women's Association, Virtual Conference
- Bentze, N. (presented 2023, March). *SHINE Like A STAR: Mastering Behavioral & Situational Interview Questions*. Presentation at 2023 AMWA Annual Conference, American Medical Women's Association Medical Student and Pre-Medical Divisions, Philadelphia, PA.
- Bentze, N. (presented 2022, October). *Stress Management in Medicine*. Presentation at 2022 AMWA Region 4 Conference, American Medical Women's Association Medical Student and Pre-Medical Divisions, Tallahassee, FL
- Bentze, N., Gupta, A., & Vermeulen, M. (presented 2020, August). *Primary Care Promotion in China: How the "Family Practitioner Training Program" is improving medical care and health outcomes*. Presentation at STFM Annual Conference, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Virtual.

Digital Projects

- Bentze, N., & Nickel, K. (Invited Guest Speaker). (2024, November). *Visual Thinking Strategy in Medical Education* [Faculty Forward Podcast]. Florida State University College of Medicine, Department of Faculty Development. Retrieved from <https://med.fsu.edu/facultydevelopment/faculty-forward-podcast>
- Florida State University College of Medicine's official faculty development podcast.

Service

Service to Professional Associations

- Member, Finance Committee, American Medical Women's Association (2025–present).
- President Elect, Sarasota County Medical Society (2025–present).
- Board of Governors, American Medical Women's Association (2024–present).
- Regional Governor, Region 4 - American Medical Women's Association (2017–2022).