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EDUCATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg VA

Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine- Population Health Sciences

Master of Public Health, Public Health Education	May 2021
Graduate Certificate of Gerontology	
Certificate in Data Analytics	January 2022
Certified Health Education Specialist	April 2021
Certified in Public Health	January 2022

East Carolina University, Greenville NC

Bachelor of Science in Public Health Studies: Community Health Human Development and Family Sciences Minor	July 2018
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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg VA

Institute for Policy & Governance

Health Program and Policy Research Associate

October 2021- Present

- Conduct detailed quantitative and qualitative research, analyze data, and author comprehensive reports.
- Work with senior IPG researchers to identify community-based health-related research opportunities and support sponsored proposal development and submission.
- Develop detailed research protocols in alignment with evidence-based practices.
- Work with IPG Director and Associate Director and in collaboration with other faculty to provide community based experiential learning opportunities in health-related domains for graduate students and undergraduates as opportunities emerge.
- Serve as the Building Emergency Coordinator, to work with Emergency Management to disseminate pertinent emergency preparedness information and plans throughout the University building of work.

Center for Public Health Practice & Research

Graduate Research Assistant

January 2020- September 2021

- Conduct the process evaluation and logistics assessment of implementing a harm reduction project in Roanoke City.
- Conduct the process evaluation and community needs assessment of implementation of SAMHSA grant funded programs for community service boards in the local area.
- Contribute to submission of Institutional Review Board documentation and determination for research studies.
- Assist with the design, implementation and evaluation of other Center-led federal, state and local projects.
- Support the Center Association Director and Director by coordinating projects, analyzing data, attending community meetings, and writing reports.

COVID Companions

September 2020- August 2021

Program Coordinator, Lead Evaluator

- Create a senior outreach program for isolated older adults in the local New River Valley Community with the COVID Public Health Task Force.
- Manage a "Buddy" relationship between older adults and community members to increase social connectedness, provide technology assistance, and distribute community resources.

- Provide mentorship to undergraduate students on management of program activities including program implementation, program management, and program evaluation.
- Complete documentation and submission of Institutional Review board determination for non-research related studies.

Environmental Health & Safety

August 2019-December 2019

Special Projects Assistant/Federal Work Study Student

- Ensure OSHA requirements are being met by required staff departments and research laboratories.
- Perform FIT respirator testing for Virginia Tech staff with exposures.
- Assist Occupational Health Clinic with organizational tasks, clerical tasks, and chart filing/storage.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

The Oaks at Mayview- Pruitt Health, Raleigh NC

March 2019- July 2019

Activities Director

- Plan and implement recreational activities for residents based on needs.
- Improve quality of life of long-term residents.

Alzheimer's Association, Raleigh NC

May 2018- February 2019

Development Coordinator

- Assist with oversight, monitoring, and strengthening of engagement between the association and constituents.
- Coordinate duties/tasks between all Walk to End Alzheimer's Walk Chairs, administrative staff, interns, and volunteers.
- Run frequent registration reports to assess retention, recruitment, and fundraising

Intern/Community Educator

- Train to be a Community Education representative of the association Programs department to deliver association Common Program Plans and education models.
- Plan and facilitate Common Program Plan dementia education model with local home health agency office.
- Assist in development of community program events and organization of team efforts.

BAYADA Home Health Care, Raleigh NC

May 2017- October 2018

Certified Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide

- Deliver home care with compassion, excellence, and reliability to homebound older adults in the local service area.
- Help people have a safe home life with comfort, independence, and dignity.

East Carolina University, Greenville NC

East Carolina University HDFS 2001 Child Development II

January 2017- May 2018

Teaching Assistant

- Support lead professor in conducting increased learning experiences for students.
- Carry out clerical tasks.
- Assist in assessing students' progress and behavior.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg VA

COVID Crushers

January 2021-May 2021

Volunteer Assistant Coordinator

- Assist in training of COVID Crusher volunteers to participate at local COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

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- Individually participate at local COVID-19 vaccination clinics.
- Serve as a public health resource to community members on implementation of program planning and training of volunteers.

PUBLICATIONS

- Morshedzadeh, E., Dunkenberger, M.B., Nagle, L., Ghasemi, S., York, L., & Horn, K. (2022). Community Participation in the Design Process for Innovative Solutions: The Connection to Care (C2C) Project. *Policy Design and Practice*.

MAJOR RESEARCH, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & REPORTS

Research Projects/Technical Assistance

- Dunkenberger, MB. (PI), York, L. (Co-PI), Allen, E. (Co-PI). ***Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion: Mount Rogers Community Services***. Funded by SAMSHA. October, 2018 – September, 2026. (Co-Investigator – Program Evaluator – Data Manager)
- Dunkenberger, MB. (PI), York, L. (Co-PI), Allen, E. (Co-PI). ***Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion: New River Valley Community Services***. Funded by SAMSHA. October, 2018 – September, 2026. (Co-Investigator – Program Evaluator – Data Manager)
- Dunkenberger, MB. (PI), York, L. (Co-PI), Allen, E. (Co-PI). ***Community Mental Health Center***. Funded by SAMSHA. October, 2021 – September, 2023. (Co-Investigator – Program Evaluator – Data Manager)
- Nagle, L. (PI), York, L. (Co-PI), Dunkenberger, MB. (Co-PI). ***Roanoke City Alleghany Health District: Impactful Community Engagement Planning***. Funded by ARPA. (July, 2023 – December, 2026)
- Dunkenberger, MB. (PI), Nagle, L. (Co-PI), York, L. (Co-PI). ***Mount Rogers Community Services Smyth County Campus Expansion***. Funded by USDA. (January, 2024 – December, 2026). (Co-Investigator – Program Evaluator)
- Dunkenberger, MB. (PI), York, L. (Co-PI), Nagle, L. (Co-PI). ***Connection to Care: Combating Opioid Overdose Through Community-level Intervention***. Funded by the Office of National Control Policy. December, 2019 – December, 2023). (Co-Investigator – Program Evaluator)
- York, L. (PI). ***COVID Companions***. Funded by the Town of Blacksburg COVID Public Health Task Force. May, 2020 – May, 2021. (Primary Investigator - Program Evaluator)

Reports

- York, L. January 2024. ***Roanoke City Alleghany Health District: Impactful Community Engagement Planning – Harm Reduction Providers for PWUD Listening Session, PWUD Listening Session, & Survey of PWUD Analysis & Report***. (Co-Investigator – Program Evaluator)
- York, L., Dunkenberger, MB., and Hartwick, C. March 2023 ***CCBHC-E Mount Rogers Community Services SAMSHA Community Needs Assessment Report***. (Co-Investigator – Program Evaluator)
- York, L., Dunkenberger, MB., and Hartwick, C. May 2023 ***CCBHC-E New River Valley Community Services SAMSHA Community Needs Assessment Report***. (Co-Investigator – Program Evaluator)

- York, L., Allen, E., Dunkenberger, MB. December 2022. ***New River Valley Community Services CCBHC-E Final National Outcome Measures Data Summary.*** (Co-Investigator – Program Evaluator – Data Manager)
- York, L., Allen, E., Dunkenberger, MB. December 2022. ***Mount Rogers Community Services CCBHC-E Final National Outcome Measures Data Summary.*** (Co-Investigator – Program Evaluator – Data Manager)
- York, L. May 2021. ***COVID Companions Process and Outcome Evaluation.*** (Primary Investigator – Project Lead – Program Evaluator)
- Wenzel, S. and York, L. September 2020. ***Connection to Care Grant Program – Process Evaluation.*** (Graduate Research Assistant – Program Evaluator)

MAJOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- York, L., Nagle, L., Flora, M. ***Peer Empowered Addiction Recovery Living (PEARL) for Pregnant and Postpartum Women.*** National Alliance of Recovery Residences 2023 Best Practices Summit, Dearborn, MI. October 2023.
- York, L., Dunkenberger, MB. ***Building a Connection to Care. Community-Engaged Evaluation for Policy and Product Development.*** American Evaluation Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. November 2022.

TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

- REVIVE Overdose Reversal Training. Fall 2019.
- Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research (CITI). Completed December, 2019. Expires December, 2027.
- Conflict of Interest and Commitment Training (CITI). Completed December, 2019. Expires December, 2027.
- Trauma Informed Care Training for Research. Conducted through the Trauma-Informed Care Implementation Resource Center as well as through the Center for Health Care Strategies. January, 2020.