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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic academic leader with nearly 18 years of cross-sector experience in public health education, nutrition, and leadership development. Currently serving as Director of a nationally recognized DrPH program, leading high-impact initiatives in curriculum innovation, team mobilization, and academic operations. Positioned at the intersection of innovation, leadership, and measurable impact.

LEADERSHIP PHILOSOPHY

I approach leadership with a strong commitment to people, purpose, and long-term systems-building. My priority is to ensure that individuals, students, faculty, and partners are equipped, supported, and empowered to lead well and thrive in complex environments. This means investing in team development, clarity of roles, and ensuring the right systems and automations are in place to support operational excellence.

My leadership style is future-focused and people-centered. I intentionally develop ecosystems that cultivate resilience, encourage innovation, and support both personal and institutional growth. I believe strong outcomes are only possible when people are well-supported, well-trained, and given space to grow.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE & PRACTICE-BASED SCHOLARLY FOCUS

- Public health leadership, workforce development, and systems-level capacity building
- Program design, curriculum innovation, and accreditation-aligned academic systems
- Public health entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystems
- FemTech and digital health innovation focused on women's health across the life course
- Women's health, midlife health, and menopause-informed public health strategies
- Nutrition, lifestyle medicine, and food-as-medicine interventions
- Community-engaged practice, equity-centered program design, and translational impact

CURRENT POSITION

Director, Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) Program & Advanced Leadership Concentration

University of South Florida | Associate Professor | Oct 2023–Present | Atlanta, GA
(Remote Appointment)

- Provide strategic oversight for the DrPH program, ensuring excellence in academic operations, team-based leadership, and national visibility.
- Lead transformational initiatives in curriculum redesign, including revised DrPH Project workflows, APE guidelines, and faculty mentor SOPs.
- Developed and implemented the Faculty Mentor Hub to strengthen faculty-student engagement and advising outcomes.
- Build cross-functional teams to enhance student and alumni engagement initiatives, including webinars, workshops, and peer-coaching pilots.
- Serve as lead for program expansion proposals including microcredentials and new concentrations aligned with workforce trends.
- Collaborate across teams (Admissions, APE Coordination, Program Admin, Faculty) to ensure a seamless student lifecycle from pre-admission to graduation and beyond.
- Navigate evolving state and institutional policies related to remote work mandates, ensuring continued program delivery and team excellence.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Designed and implemented the Faculty Mentor Hub to centralize mentoring tools, SOPs, and guidance for doctoral student success.
- Led the revision and relaunch of DrPH Project and APE student resources to improve clarity, structure, and completion rates.
- Drafted and advanced a strategic proposal for CatalystPH: a public health entrepreneurship and leadership incubator at USF.
- Led the development of a data-driven proposal to grow and scale the DrPH program in response to national public health workforce needs, emphasizing future-focused leadership preparation and long-term program infrastructure.

- Authored a strategic concept note advancing a future-facing framework to integrate applied leadership training, public health entrepreneurship, and women's health innovation within the DrPH program.
 - Proposed the development of a Public Health Entrepreneurship & Women's Health Futures Lab to support interdisciplinary partnerships, translational scholarship, and practice-based innovation across academic, public, and private sectors.
 - Identified aligned federal, philanthropic, and industry pathways to support student fellowships, applied research, and workforce-embedded doctoral training in women's midlife health, FemTech, and digital health innovation.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT, THOUGHT LEADERSHIP & INVITED TALKS

- FemTech Futures: Black Women, Innovation, and the \$1 Trillion Opportunity to Close the Health and Wealth Gap, 125th National Business League Conference, 2025
- FemTech Futures, USF, AI-Health Symposium, USF, 2025
- Integrating Social Sciences and Appreciative Inquiry to Tailor Nutrition Care for Black Women in Midlife, Georgia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (GAND), 2025
- Culinary Wellness & Menopause Nutrition Workshops, Professional Agricultural Workers Conference, Tuskegee University, 2021–2025
- DrPH Career Mapping & Public Health Entrepreneurship, USF DrPH Webinar Series, 2024–2025

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

District Dietitian, Aramark Collegiate Hospitality | Atlanta, GA | 2022–2023

- Provided strategic oversight for health and wellness programs across 12 university dining operations in Georgia.
- Collaborated with executive chefs, marketing leads, and regional managers to plan monthly wellness events and develop RFP content.
- Advised on special dietary accommodations, food labeling compliance, and student engagement.
- Contributed to regional strategy through innovation pilots and staff training programs.

Nutrition Associate Manager, University of Florida (Aramark) | Gainesville, FL | 2021–2022

- Served as the primary health and wellness lead for campus dining, supporting nutrition signage, food allergy protocols, and student consultations.
- Developed and executed campus tours, promotional events, and food demos with marketing and culinary teams.
- Supervised nutrition interns and collaborated cross-functionally with managers and directors.

Instructor, University of Mississippi Medical Center | Jackson, MS | 2018–2020

- Integrated the ACLM lifestyle medicine curriculum into residency training.
- Led community-based nutrition programming with MSU Extension and the EversCare Food Pantry.
- Mentored residents and supported the development of a lifestyle medicine clinic.

Director, DPD Program & Assistant Professor, Oakwood University | Huntsville, AL | 2014–2017

- Directed the accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics; led curriculum, accreditation reporting, and student advising.
- Taught multiple courses in nutrition and wellness, including Advanced Nutrition and Nutrition Assessment.
- Mentored undergraduate student research and strengthened professional networking pipelines.

Interim Director, MPH Program & Assistant Professor, Andrews University | Berrien Springs, MI | 2013–2014

- Provided academic and operational leadership for the Online MPH Program.
- Developed dual degree programs and updated the CEPH-aligned curriculum.
- Supervised adjuncts, launched new courses, and coordinated admissions and advising protocols.

Clinical Dietitian, White Plains Hospital (Sodexo) | White Plains, NY | 2007–2009

- Delivered inpatient medical nutrition therapy across various units.
- Collaborated with nursing staff and physicians on patient-centered care plans.

TEACHING & ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE (Highlights)

- PHC 7107: Introduction to Doctoral Public Practice (USF)
- PHC 7154: Doctoral Research Methods (USF)
- PHC 7934: Writing for Scholarly Publications (USF)
- Lifestyle Medicine Curriculum Integration (UMMC, ACLM Integration)
- Doctoral advising, Applied Practice Experience (APE) supervision, and doctoral project mentoring.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), Preventive Care — Loma Linda University, 2013

Master of Science (MS), Nutrition and Wellness — Andrews University, 2007

Bachelor of Science (BS), Fire Investigation — University of New Haven, 2000

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN), Credential #976899
- Certificate: Adult Weight Management, CDR
- Certificate: Childhood & Adolescent Weight Management, CDR
- Culinary Arts Training: Plant-Forward Professional Chef Program

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Member, Georgia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Co-Chair of Health & Wellness Committee & Member, Atlanta Black Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Atlanta Black Tech
- Member, FemTech Across Borders

HONORS & AWARDS

- Be Well, Do Well Award – Aramark Corporation (2022)

- Delta Omega Honor Society – Loma Linda University (2013)
- Multiple Academic and Community Service Scholarships (2011–2025)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Board Member, RIBHO (Resources for Improving Birth and Health Outcomes), USA & Uganda, 2025-Present
- Past Speaker, Healthy Heritage Movement
- Volunteer, Preventive Care Student Association, Loma Linda

References available upon request.