



# The Pulse: Elon CLT PA Program

## Charlotte PA Studies Launches Community Advisory Committee

Elon University's Physician Assistant Studies Program in Charlotte is proud to announce the successful launch of its Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The committee convened on November 6, 2025, bringing together a dedicated group of health care leaders and community partners who will play a vital role in shaping the development of the new program.

The CAC serves as an essential connector between the Elon University Charlotte PA program and the region's health care community. Members were selected for their commitment to clinical education, their professional insight and their ability to help build strong partnerships across the region. The committee will advise on clinical training needs, support the expansion of preceptorship opportunities, and help ensure that the Charlotte PA program prepares graduates who are ready to serve our local community.



During its inaugural meeting, members received updates on the program's progress toward ARC-PA accreditation, including key timeline milestones and plans for welcoming the first cohort of students in January 2027. The program outlined its commitment to inclusive excellence, rigorous preparation, and community-engaged learning.

The committee also discussed current clinical education needs, including the immediate priority of securing additional preceptor sites, particularly women's health and pediatrics. Community partners interested in precepting PA students are offered compensation and welcomed into an expanding network of clinical educators.

Committee members contributed valuable insights on program development, including recommendations to broaden, rotation opportunities, integrate content related to health care business practices, and better prepare graduates to navigate employment and professional transitions.

The CAC will meet quarterly, to support ongoing planning and program growth. Elon University Charlotte PA Studies is deeply grateful for the committee's leadership and partnership as the Charlotte program continues its path toward accreditation and student recruitment. Pictured above are committee members Emily Adams, Veronica Marciano, Tabitha Dabkowski, Marc Katz, Robyn Wolkofsky, Jim Hill co-Chair, and Tim Lietz co-Chair.

For more information on how to partner with the Charlotte PA program or to inquire about preceptorship opportunities, please contact the program team. - Tim Lietz MD

## Meet our Charlotte PA Team



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## Greetings from the Program Director

Our PA program reached an exciting milestone this November with full university approval of our curriculum; this is an important step forward as we continue building this mission-driven program! With this approval, university marketing communications will soon begin sharing details about our admissions launch. Our program plans to open its CASPA application cycle in Spring 2026, inviting prospective students to apply to our inaugural cohort! For prospective applicants seeking more information, please visit [gradadm@elon.edu](mailto:gradadm@elon.edu).

We are also actively recruiting full-time faculty to join our team in 2026. Interested individuals can view our current faculty position posting on the Elon Job Site: Principal Faculty Member Department of Physician Assistant Studies - Charlotte - Off-Campus, North Carolina, United States.



**Dr. Veronica Marciano**  
Associate Professor, Chair & Program Director of Physician Assistant Studies Charlotte



# Breast Cancer Awareness



## Pink Tuesday: Our First Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Event

On October 21st, our campus hosted its first annual **Pink Tuesday** to raise breast cancer awareness. Students, faculty, and staff visited a station to pick up positive affirmation stickers, breast cancer ribbons, and information on prevention, early detection, and how to become a breast cancer advocate. Attendees could personalize ribbons and place them on a tribute board to honor loved ones. We look forward to making this an annual event and hope to partner with community organizations next year to make it even more impactful.

## Women's Coat & Toiletries Drive for the Unhoused



We are collecting new or gently used coats and essential toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, etc. to support unhoused individuals in Charlotte. In partnership with the Women's Health and Resilience Foundation. Community members can drop off donations on December 12th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Elon University community members can use on-campus donation boxes available from mid-November through December 13th. Your generosity will help bring warmth and care to those in need this winter. Learn more here: [whrfoundation.org](http://whrfoundation.org)

Other ways to give  
CASHAPP: \$whrfoundation24 #GiveBackTogether  
ZELLE: whr.lavette@gmail.com [WHRFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WHRFOUNDATION.ORG)

## Gratitude for Our Future Preceptors

We are incredibly thankful for the outstanding medical providers in Charlotte and beyond who are stepping up to become preceptors for our developing Physician Assistant program starting in 2028. Your commitment to mentoring the next generation of health care professionals is vital to strengthening our workforce and improving community health. If you have never precepted before, we've got you covered! Our program offers comprehensive support, a structured framework, and a stipend to recognize the time and expertise you share. The value of your wisdom, clinical knowledge, and professional, personalized approach to patient care cannot be overstated. By partnering with us, you are shaping future clinicians and ensuring high-quality, compassionate care for years to come. Thank you for investing in education and excellence—together, we are building something extraordinary.

## Food Drive - Support Care Ring & Nourish Up

Care Ring and Nourish Up partner to address food insecurity in our community by maintaining a pantry of essential food items that are distributed directly to patients and families in need. Together, they work to ensure that every person has consistent access to nutritious food, supporting overall health and well-being.

To donate to Nourish Up and their network of food pantries, please deliver to their warehouse located at:  
901 Carrier Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28216  
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

If you'd like to donate your time, you can learn more about volunteering at the Care Ring Food Pantry here:  
<https://caringnc.org/food-pantry/>

