

William Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C
President, Physician Assistant Education Association
Dean, Quinnipiac University School of Health Sciences and Professor, PA Studies

William Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C was appointed Dean of the Quinnipiac University School of Health Sciences in 2015. Dr. Kohlhepp has been involved in higher education leadership, beginning in the physician assistant program in 1996 as academic coordinator progressing through to become Associate Director of the graduate PA program in 2002 and then the Director of Undergraduate PA Education in 2007. He then joined the Dean's Office of the School of Health Sciences in 2010 where he served as Associate Dean for three years. Beginning in 2014, he served for a short time as Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs before becoming Dean. He is a tenured Professor of Physician Assistant Studies.

Dr. Kohlhepp has been a physician assistant for more than 30 years, having graduated in 1979 from UMDNJ/Rutgers PA Program in New Jersey. He holds a Doctorate in Health Sciences from Nova Southeastern University (2007) and a Masters in Health Administration from Quinnipiac University (1997). He also earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Connecticut (1974).

He has been active in the national professional organizations of the PA profession since serving as National Student Secretary in 1978. He currently serves as President of the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA). He is a Past President of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA), Past Speaker of the AAPA House of Delegates, and Past Chair of the AAPA Board. Dr. Kohlhepp has also served on NCCPA's Board of Directors including being Chair of the NCCPA Board.

Prior to entering academia, Dr. Kohlhepp was a clinically practicing PA. He was employed in the surgical section of the Yale-New Haven Hospital Emergency Room for four years. He then joined Community Health Care Plan, a pre-paid group practice in New Haven, where he worked full-time for two years in internal medicine. At CHCP, he later was promoted to Health Center Manager but also continued to work part-time as a family medicine PA. He then joined the Hospital of Saint Raphael and was instrumental in expanding their employee health service to a thriving hospital-based occupational medicine practice serving over 300 are companies. There he worked part-time clinically as an occupational medicine PA.

He has published numerous articles on clinical and professional topics in the leading journals of the PA profession. His chapters on "Professionalism" and "The Physician Assistant Relationship to Physicians" were included in the most recent edition of the text Physician Assistant: A Guide to Clinical Practice. In 2005, he testified before the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Workforce Protections on behalf of the AAPA regarding "Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act".

Dr. Kohlhepp received the National Student Academy President's Award in 2010. That same year, he was awarded the James Marshall Award for Outstanding Service to the University by the Quinnipiac University Faculty Senate. He was recognized as PA of the Year by the American Academy of PAs in Occupational Medicine in 2006. He is a past recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, School of Health-Related Professions, University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey.