

Norma Alicea-Alvarez, DNP, PNP-BC

Dr. Alicea-Alvarez is a board-certified pediatric nurse practitioner with a demonstrated history of work in clinical and academic settings for the past almost 40 years. As a result, Dr. Alicea-Alvarez possesses a broad knowledge base of health promotion, disease prevention, medicine, and health policy. She has been instrumental in creating awareness to increase screening of adolescents for sexually transmitted infections and appeared before the Pennsylvania House of Representatives who unanimously voted to create 'Chlamydia Awareness Day.' Her original research and capstone project, *Evidence-Based Measures Designed to Advocate Increased Chlamydia Screening in the at risk 15 to 21-year-old Medicaid Female Population in Pennsylvania*, was published in The Journal for Nurse Practitioners.

As an assistant professor, Dr. Alicea-Alvarez developed the first study abroad course in the Family Nurse Practitioner program at Carlow University School of Nursing. Students traveled to Mayaguez, Puerto Rico to gain insight of disparate care in minority populations. She also held a faculty position at Lewis Katz School of Medicine as Director of Community Engagement. In this role, she created two Community Engagement courses which provided medical/graduate students with knowledge and tools to work with dense diverse urban communities to implement interventions to address and mitigate social determinants of health.

Dr. Alicea-Alvarez has published clinical research in *Clinical Pediatrics*, *The Journal for Nurse Practitioners*, *Hispanic Health Care International*, *Journal of Urban Health* and was a contributing author of a chapter, *Taking Action: The Journey into the Hallowed Halls of Politics: How Nurse Practitioners Changed Pennsylvania Policy* in the textbook, *Policy and Politics in Nursing and Healthcare*.

She has held positions on the Editorial Review Boards of The Journal for Nurse Practitioners and Journal of Asthma editing and reviewing manuscripts submitted for publications. In addition, Dr. Alicea-Alvarez is fluent in Spanish and wrote a monthly column in *Impacto Latin Newspaper*, addressing healthcare issues impacting Latino communities.

Dr. Alicea-Alvarez earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Villanova University School of Nursing, a Master of Science Degree in Nursing/Pediatric Nurse Practitioner training from The University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree from Waynesburg University.

“There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things.”

—Niccolo Machiavelli