

Center for Prehospital Care

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Background Information

UCLA Center for Prehospital Care

I serve as the EMT Program Director at the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care. Our team provides education for 1,500 EMTs each year, helping to prepare compassionate, competent clinicians to serve the citizens of Southern California. It is a great privilege to help provide education to a diverse group of students who continue their healthcare careers as EMTs, paramedics, nurses, doctors, and law enforcement officers. In my five years at UCLA, I have had the opportunity to train initial education students, experienced providers seeking continuing education, and the NAEMT Courses.

In addition to being an instructor in the NAEMT Courses, I also serve as an affiliate faculty and have led the development of training centers around the globe, including Singapore, Australia, and Kazakhstan. I am incredibly proud these three training centers were the first in their respective country to deliver NAEMT Courses and are still active today. I am a strong believer in the content of NAEMT Courses and serve as the Education Coordinator for Southern California.

The University of Iowa EMS Learning Resources Center

Prior to joining UCLA, I was an educator at the University of Iowa's EMS Learning Resources Center from 2015 – 2017. The program provided education to EMTs and paramedics and had the highest NREMT pass rates in the State of Iowa. We also helped instruct BLS, ACLS, and PALS to hospital providers and medical clinicians.

The City of Urbandale, Iowa

Prior to working at the University of Iowa, I was a Firefighter Paramedic for the Urbandale Fire Department from 2011 – 2015 in Urbandale, Iowa. It is this real-world experience that I fell in love with being a paramedic. The situations where life-or-death decisions had to be made in seconds, showed me the value of high-quality EMS and paramedic education. I had the privilege of working alongside dedicated, compassionate care providers who, in addition to providing live-saving care, modeled care and respect for patients.

Education

I completed my initial EMT Training at Mercy College of Health Sciences in 2006 while attending Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I graduated from Mount Mercy University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. In 2011, I completed paramedic training at Mercy College of Health Science. In 2016, I completed a Master's in Professional Studies in homeland security from Pennsylvania State University. I am a proud Mount Mercy Mustang and Penn State Nittany Lion.





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Publications

Beyond teaching, I have been a contributing author for the *AMLS* and *EMS Safety* textbooks and the *NAEMT Instructor Course*, 2nd edition. Authoring textbooks gives me the opportunity to share evidence-based content that ensures our students become critical thinkers. I have found developing content to be incredibly rewarding and have authored the latest edition of *Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured*, 12th edition and *Nancy Caroline's Emergency Care in the Streets* 9th edition.

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