

2025 Distinguished NP/PA Teaching Awards

i The intent of the Distinguished NP/PA Teaching Award is to recognize a distinguished nurse practitioner or physician assistant who has shown long-standing contributions to educating and mentoring NPs/PAs in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology (GIH). The candidate has made meaningful contributions in teaching by demonstrating mentorship, preceptorship, curricula development, and/or other activities that have an impact in educating and developing future NPs/PAs in the field of GIH.



Victoria S. Louwagie, DMSc, PA-C

Victoria S. Louwagie, DMSc, PA-C, is a passionate clinician, medical educator, leader, and researcher. She has been a clinically practicing Physician Associate in gastroenterology and hepatology since 2011. She earned her undergraduate degree in biology, holds a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies and completed a Doctorate in Medical Science with a concentration in healthcare administration and management.

She is an Assistant Professor at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science. She is a member of the Mayo Clinic Academy of Education Excellence, where she holds the rank of *Excellence in Teaching* at the Associate level and *Excellence in Education Administration and Leadership* at the Senior Fellow level. She served as Clinical Co-Director and Faculty member with the Mayo Clinic PA Program from 2021-2023.

Presently, she serves as the principal educator of the Adult and Pediatric Medicine Gastroenterology Unit within the Mayo Clinic PA Program. She has proudly and intentionally curated, crafted, and maintains a digestive disease curriculum that ensures learners progress beyond passive knowledge to true clinical competence. By aligning content with key concepts in memory retention, application, and analysis, she supports long-term learning and decision-making. Her ultimate goal is to prepare learners who are not only knowledgeable but also entrustable to deliver safe and thoughtful individualized care in digestive disease medicine.

She is deeply passionate about medical education and education research. Her educational leadership and innovative work in mentoring have earned her invitations to speak at local, regional, and national conferences. Internationally, she has presented on modern Physician Associate digestive disease education to audiences at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. She is a renowned author with her body of work published in the *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Associates*, *Journal of Physician Assistant Education*, *The Journal of Nurse Practitioners*, *Journal of Allied Health*, and *American Journal of Transplantation*.

A dedicated preceptor, she has had the privilege of mentoring numerous students and early career professionals who have gone on to become successful and compassionate nurses and clinicians. Her research in education continues to pioneer modern mentoring models for health profession students and practicing clinicians alike, helping to shape the future of clinical education across healthcare fields.

She is deeply grateful to those who invested in her—those who taught her the art of clinical medicine with a patient-centered focus, those who modeled excellence in medical education, and the mentors who have guided and continue to advise her. She meaningfully acknowledges her family for their unwavering support of her time, effort, and passion to digestive health and medicine.