

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Education

- PhD Student in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences** 2022- present  
The University of Texas at El Paso, Department of IHS
- Master of Public Health** 2022  
The University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Public Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Science Health Promotion** 2018  
The University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Public Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Science Kinesiology** 2014  
The University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Kinesiology
- Associate of Arts** 2014  
El Paso Community College

## Research Experience

- Graduate Research Associate (Program Coordinator)** 2020- present  
The Diabetes Garage<sup>®</sup>, UTEP, Department of Public Health Sciences
- Kept up with monitoring and evaluation aspects of the program and participants
  - Prepared and organized the workshop series for the El Paso, Texas site
  - Coordinate across sites in Texas to ensure data was being collected
- Graduate Research Assistant (Outreach Coordinator)** 2019- 2020  
The Diabetes Garage<sup>®</sup>, UTEP, Department of Public Health Sciences
- Find events and organizations to recruit new participants
  - In charge of content on social media accounts
- Graduate Research Assistant (Project Coordinator)** 2019  
HEAL, Diabetes Assessment, UTEP, Department of Public Health Sciences
- Recruited, planned, and scheduled participants for interviews
  - Conducted quality checks of transcribed interviews and assisted in the writing of the report
- Undergraduate Research Assistant** 2018  
The Diabetes Garage<sup>®</sup>, UTEP, Department of Public Health Sciences
- Assisted with the transcription of focus groups

- Collaborated with practicum student to create brochure to assist with increasing The Diabetes Garage® participant enrollment
- Assisted with data collection and up keep of computers

### **Internship Experience**

**Intern** **2021**

Men's Sexual Reproductive Health Study & Staying PrEPared

- Assisted in creating survey tools, built them on RedCap, and QuestionPro
- Translated survey tools from English to Spanish

**Intern** **2018**

Mujer Saudable, Familia Feliz, UTEP, Department of Public Health Sciences

- Assisted with data collection and completion of GPRA surveys
- Assisted with follow-up phone calls, house visits, and discharge of clients
- Established two community partnerships to help host events to gain new client intakes for the program

### **Awards**

**Love of Learning Scholarship** **2023**

Phi Kappa Phi

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Student Scholarship** **2020**

Society for Public Health Education

**Outstanding Community Service Award** **2020**

UTEP Department of Public Health Sciences

**Eta Sigma Gamma National Chapter Recognition Award** **2020**

National Eta Sigma Gamma

**ESG NCHEC Outstanding Undergraduate of the Year for UTEP** **2019**

Eta Sigma Gamma & National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

**Eta Sigma Gamma National Chapter Recognition Award** **2019**

National Eta Sigma Gamma

**Student Organization of the Year** **2019**

UTEP Student Engagement & Leadership Center

**UTEP Gold Standard Organization** **2019 & 2018**

UTEP Student Engagement & Leadership Center

**Collegiate RSO of the Year- College of Health Science** **2019 & 2018**

UTEP Student Engagement & Leadership Center

**Category of the Year- Honor Society** **2019**

UTEP Student Engagement & Leadership Center

## Outstanding Community Service Award in Health Promotion

2018

UTEP Department of Public Health Sciences

### Accepted Abstracts

Concha, J.B., Schober, G., **Chacon-Portillo, D.N.**, Sanchez, T., Ruiz Reyes de Holguin, R., Romero, R. L., Villagomez, L., Winkler, P., Hernandez, L., Lopez, A., Escareno, J. The Diabetes Garage Improves Diabetes Stress and Psychological Well-Being among Mexican-American Men Living in Texas. *Accepted for ADCES 23.*

Concha, J.B., Schober, G., **Portillo, D.N.**, Sanchez, T., Romero, R., Ruiz Reyes de Holguin, R. An Online Intervention in The United States to Address Disparities in Latino Men's Participation in Diabetes Education. *Accepted for The IDF World Diabetes Congress 2022.*

**Portillo, D.N.**, Duarte-Gardea, M., Moya, E., & Concha, J.B. The Use of Person-First Language in Diabetes Care & Research. How Far Have We Come Since ADA & ADCES Recommendations?: A Systematic Review. *Accepted for APHA 2022.*

Bajpeyi, S., Concha, J.B., Duarte-Gardea, M.O., Moya, E.M., **Portillo, D.N.** (Accepted for ADA 2022). Diabetes Assessment in El Paso, Texas, Using ADA Chronic Care Model. *American Diabetes Association 82<sup>st</sup> Scientific Sessions.*

Concha, JB., Schober G., **Portillo, DN.**, Ruiz, RF., Ramos, R., Romero RL., Lopez, A., Winkler, P. (Accepted for ADA 2021). The Diabetes Garage: Using Automotive Maintenance Analogies To Engage Mexican-American Men To Participate In A Diabetes Self-management And Education Program. *American Diabetes Association 81<sup>st</sup> Scientific Sessions.*

**Portillo, D.N.**, Berger, J., & Mangadu, T.D. (Accepted for SOPHE 2019). Strategies for Eta Sigma Gamma members to engage in meaningful community engagement: Lessons from the U.S.-Mexico Border. *Society for Public Health Education Conference (SOPHE),*

### Professional Reports

Diabetes Assessment in the County of El Paso, Texas: Report for Phase 2-Focus Group discussions with Diabetes Care and Education Specialist and People with Diabetes (2021), Concha, J.B., Duarte, M.O., Moya, E., **Portillo, D.N.**

Diabetes Assessment in the County of El Paso Texas: Qualitative Report (2020). Concha, J.B., Duarte-Gardea, M.O., Moya, E.M., **Portillo, D.N.**, & Bajpeyi, S.

## **Presentations**

Concha, J.B., Schober, G., **Chacon-Portillo, D.N.**, Sanchez, T., Ruiz Reyes de Holguin, R., Romero, R. L., Villagomez, L., Winkler, P., Hernandez, L., Lopez, A., Escareno, J. The Diabetes Garage Improves Diabetes Stress and Psychological Well-Being among Mexican-American Men Living in Texas. Accepted for ADCES 23, August 4-7, 2023. Houston, TX. [Poster]

Concha, J.B., Schober, G., **Portillo, D.N.**, Sanchez, T., Romero, R., Ruiz Reyes de Holguin, R. An Online Intervention in The United States to Address Disparities in Latino Men's Participation in Diabetes Education. *Accepted for The IDF World Diabetes Congress 2022, December 5-8, 2022.* Lisbon, Portugal. [Poster]

**Portillo, D.N.**, Duarte-Gardea, M., Moya, E., & Concha, J.B. (November 2022). The Use of Person-First Language in Diabetes Care & Research. How Far Have We Come Since ADA & ADCES Recommendations?: A Systematic Review. *2022 APHA Annual Meeting & Expo, November 6-9, 2022.* Boston, MA. [Poster]

Bajpeyi, S., Concha, J.B., Duarte-Gardea, M.O., Moya, E.M., **Portillo, D.N.** Diabetes Assessment in El Paso, Texas, Using ADA Chronic Care Model. *American Diabetes Association 82<sup>st</sup> Scientific Sessions, June 3-7, 2022.* New Orleans, LA. [Poster]

Concha, JB., Schober G., **Portillo, DN.**, Ruiz, RF., Ramos, R., Romero RL., Lopez, A., Winkler, P. (Accepted for ADA 2021). The Diabetes Garage: Using Automotive Maintenance Analogies To Engage Mexican-American Men To Participate In A Diabetes Self-management And Education Program. *American Diabetes Association 81<sup>st</sup> Scientific Sessions, Virtual, June 25-29, 2021.* [Talk]

**Portillo, D.N.**, Berger, J., & Mangadu, T.D. (March 2019). Strategies for Eta Sigma Gamma members to engage in meaningful community engagement: Lessons from the U.S.-Mexico Border. *SOPHE 2019 Annual Conference, March 27-29, 2019.* Salt Lake City, UT. [Poster]

**Portillo, D.N.**, Gallegos, R., & Mangadu, T.D. (December 2018). *Increasing networking approach to assist in combating HIV and co-occurring disorders for El Paso women.* HSCI 4600 Practicum in Community Health Poster Exhibit, UTEP, El Paso, TX. [Poster]

## **Teaching Experience**

**Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) Study Sessions** Spring 2023-present  
The University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Public Health Science

### **Preceptor**

**ASPHN Health Equity Internship Preceptor** Fall 2023

**Students:** Mariah Alvarez & Jackeline Flores Moreno  
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists

**ASPHN Health Equity Internship Preceptor, Student-** Desiree Rangel Spring 2023  
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists

**ASPHN Health Equity Internship Preceptor, Student-** Adren Warling **Fall 2022**  
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists

**Certifications**

**Seizure Recognition and First Aid Certification** **2023-present**  
Epilepsy Foundation

**Responsible Conduct of Research** **2019-present**  
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)

**Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)** **2018- present**  
National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

**Human Subjects Research** **2018-present**  
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)

**Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)** **2002-2004**  
Nurse Aide Testing Credential Management System

**Student & Professional Organizations**

**American Public Health Association** **2022-present**  
Member

**Phi Kappa Phi** **2020-present**  
Member

**UTEP Graduate Student Assembly** **2020-2022**  
Master of Public Health Representative

**Society for Public Health Education** **2019-present**  
Member of the House of Delegates **2020-present**

**Paso del Norte SOPHE** **2019-present**  
President **2022-present**  
President-Elect **2020-2021**

**Eta Sigma Gamma** **2017-2018**  
President **Fall 2018**

- Managed five ESG officers and oversaw 36 members
- Focused on recruitment of new members and increased membership by 56%
- Lead members to completing 512.5 volunteer hours
- Organization named Collegiate RSO of the Year- College of Health Science, Category of the Year- Honor Society, and Gold Standard Organization

Vice President

Spring 2018

- Kept track and updated 22 members on what ESG was doing
- Lead organization to complete 411 volunteer hours
- Organization named Collegiate RSO of the Year- College of Health Science and Gold Standard Organization
- Organization received Eta Sigma Gamma National Chapter Recognition Award