



Lauren G. Dobbs, MMS, PA-C
Director-at-Large



Lauren G. Dobbs has experienced a broad spectrum of AAPA leadership opportunities including the AAPA House of Delegates, constituency organizations and the Student Academy Assembly of Representatives prior to her election to the AAPA Board of Directors in 2014.

Based in Fort Worth, Texas, Dobbs is a PA and associate professor at the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) Department of Pediatrics and Department of PA Studies. During her tenure, she has helped establish and currently staffs a clinic designed specifically for adolescent patients. In addition to her clinical and academic responsibilities, she serves as the director of the Pediatric Department's Children's Literacy Program, where she has forged partnerships with the Reach Out and Read program and the Red Oak Foundation to provide books and literacy education to patients as part of the pediatric clinic's well-child checks. She has also worked in family medicine.

Dobbs' commitment to childhood and professional education is reflective of her start in the profession. As a college student, she knew she wanted a career in healthcare, but wasn't sure which path to pursue until she shadowed a PA in a rural Kansas clinic and emergency room. She credits her success to family, friends, teachers and patients who encourage and challenge her to keep learning and explore new ideas. Dobbs hopes to offer that same opportunity to others. She has been honored with the UNTHSC Outstanding Preceptor Award three times.

Dobbs believes strongly in the potential for PAs to improve the state of healthcare and has been a dynamic advocate for legislative change in both Texas and Oklahoma, where she practiced family medicine. During her term as president of the Texas Academy of PAs (TAPA), the organization was able to work with lawmakers to eliminate practice barriers for PAs and increase the number of AAPA-recognized key elements of PA Practice. She was awarded the TAPA Legislative Advocate Award in 2014.

Dobbs received a Bachelor of Science degree in health and exercise science at the Wake Forest University and her Master of Medical Science degree from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine Department of PA Studies.