

Chloe N. Smith, PA-C is a Physician Assistant specializing in foot and ankle orthopedic surgery. She earned her Master of Physician Assistant Studies from Valparaiso University, graduating with highest distinction after completing the university's direct-admit program. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Science, graduating summa cum laude.

Chloe has comprehensive clinical training across multiple specialties, with focused experience in orthopedic surgery. Her background includes assisting in operative and non-operative management of musculoskeletal injuries, wound closure techniques, joint injections, postoperative care, and educating patients on injury prevention and recovery. Her additional training in emergency medicine and trauma surgery strengthens her ability to assess acute foot and ankle injuries and guide appropriate treatment plans.

Outside of the clinic, Chloe enjoys spending time outdoors through travel, hiking, and exploring new places. She remains actively engaged in sports and fitness and has volunteered as a youth running coach with Girls on the Run, helping young athletes build confidence and lifelong healthy habits. A proud Hoosier, Chloe represented Indiana through the 500 Festival Princess Program, participating in statewide service initiatives and community outreach events for the 107th running of the Indianapolis 500. During her senior year at Valparaiso University, she also proudly served as the school's mascot, "Blaze", bringing energy and school spirit to athletic events across campus.

Away from the outdoors, she enjoys lighter moments as well, never turning down a good *Star Wars* reference. Chloe has a strong appreciation for adventure and believes that understanding risk, planning carefully, and respecting limits—whether she is on a hiking trail or jumping out of an airplane—are essential to staying safe and performing at a high level. She brings that same enthusiasm and team-first mindset into her approach to foot and ankle care, with a focus on helping patients return safely to the activities and lifestyles they love.

CHLOE N. SMITH

EDUCATION

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN August 2025
Master of Physician Assistant Studies - Direct Admit
Graduated with highest distinction May 2025

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN August 2020 – May 2023
Bachelor of Science in Health Science
GPA: 3.9/4.0 - Summa Cum Laude

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Hughston Clinic November 2025 – Current
A. Gianni Ricci, DO | Columbus, GA

- Diagnose and treat acute and chronic foot and ankle pathologies with specialty in postoperative care
- First assist in all surgical procedures with specialty in closure and splinting
- Perform intraarticular injections

LISCENCE & CERTIFICATION

Board Certified, National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants August 19, 2025
Medications for Opioid Use Disorders Certification, American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
ACLS Certification, American Heart Association
BLS Certification, American Heart Association

CLINICAL ROTATIONS

Women's Health June – July 2025
Kurt Wiese, MD | Northwest Health, Porter, IN

- First assist in cesarean sections
- Performed pelvic, bimanual, and breast exams
- Conducted doppler ultrasounds for obstetric visits

Trauma Neurosurgery April – May 2025
Joni Reynolds, NP | Goodman Campbell Brain and Spine, Carmel, IN

- First assist in an emergency brain and spine surgeries
- Conducted thorough neurology exams for consults on potential surgical candidates for brain and spine pathologies

Family Medicine March – April 2025
Abhigyan Banka, MD | Franciscan Health, Beech Groove, IN

- Provided suggestions for management of patient's multiple chronic conditions
- Conducted annual physical and Medicare wellness exams while providing appropriate patient education
- Obtained necessary history and physical to formulate a diagnosis and treatment plan for acute conditions

Orthopedic Surgery February – March 2025
Natalie Fox, PA | Lakeshore Bone and Joint Institute, Porter and Chesterton, IN

- Assisted in surgeries ranging from total joint arthroplasty, joint arthroscopy, and soft tissue repairs
- Independently closed operative wounds with the figure 8 and simple suture techniques
- Performed intra-articular injections in the knee joint

General Surgery January – February 2025
Reuben Rutland, MD | Methodist, Gary and Merrillville, IN

- First assist in a trauma surgery and performed CPR intraoperatively
- Assisted in surgeries ranging from inguinal hernia repairs, AKAs, SBOs, appendectomies, and cholecystectomies

Emergency Medicine December 2024 – January 2025
Carrie Klingman, PA | Franciscan Health, Indianapolis, IN

- Independently obtained a history and physical to formulate a differential diagnosis and treatment plan for acute conditions
- Collaborated with multiple providers to review lab work, EKGs, and imaging
- Became proficient in suturing, casting, and incision and drainages

Behavioral Health October – December 2024
Gerald Lewis, NP | Gerald Lewis & Associates, Valparaiso, IN

- Followed up on patients' mental and behavioral health conditions and made medication changes as necessary
- Obtained a detailed past medical, family, and social history on new patients
- Supervised patients during intranasal ketamine treatments

Pediatrics September – October 2024
Eugene Lin, MD | Franciscan Health & Northwest Health, Porter, Valparaiso, IN

- Became proficient in conducting well child visits and providing patient education from 3 days to 18 years old
- Identified and treated various acute conditions such as otitis media, acute sinusitis, pneumonia, URIs, and various rashes
- Independently performed 2 circumcisions on newborn males

Internal Medicine

August – September 2024

Eric Tuchscherer, MD | Ascension St. Vincent, Kokomo, IN

- Independently performed over 5 circumcisions on newborn males
- Assisted in paracenteses, chest tube thoracostomies, synchronized cardioversion, and TEE procedures
- Managed the care of hospitalized patients acute on chronic medical conditions and consulted appropriate care teams

SHADOWING EXPERIENCE

Emergency Medicine | Taryn Papandria, DO | Greenfield, IN

June – July 2023

Cardiology | Jaclyn Flinchum, NP | Carmel, IN

June – July 2022

Occupational Therapy | Teresa Smith, OTR | Fishers, IN

June – July 2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Valparaiso University Fitness Center, Valparaiso, IN

August 2020 – Present

Building Manager

- Supervised the facility, overseeing 2 student employees and monitoring patrons utilizing the fitness center
- Ensured patrons follow fitness center guidelines and remain safe
- Managed problems that arise to ensure customer satisfaction and functionality of the fitness center

Valparaiso University's Mascot "Blaze," Valparaiso, IN

November 2022 – May 2023

Valparaiso Athletics Mascot

- Brought school spirit to sports games and events on campus through awesome dance moves

Valparaiso University Academic Department, Valparaiso, IN

August 2021 – May 2022

Anatomy and Physiology Lab Aide

- Answered questions regarding lab assignments and educational material
- Administered and graded lab quizzes
- Assisted with the set up and clean-up of the lab including the cadaver lab

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

500 Festival Princess, Indianapolis, IN

February 2023 – May 2023

Princess Program

- Created, organized and executed service projects around the state to promote the spirit and legacy of the Indianapolis 500
- Participated in leadership development, mentorship, and networking opportunities

Central Elementary Girls on the Run Coach, Valparaiso, IN

August 2022 – November 2022

Volunteer

- Trained girls in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade to run a 5K
- Instilled girls with confidence and life skill development at a crucial stage

Spring Break Service Trip, Valparaiso University

February 2022 – March 2022

Student Leader

- Lead a team in hurricane relief in New Orleans, Louisiana
- Salvaged and rehabbed a water damaged home
- Made care packages of food and household items to distribute to community members in need

Valparaiso University Dance Marathon, Valparaiso University

August 2020 – May 2023

Morale Leadership Team Member

- Raised money for Lurie Children's hospital in Chicago, Illinois
- Participated in leadership activities and team meetings to create a dance performed at the main event
- Energetically motivated participants at the main event

Gamma Phi Beta, Valparaiso University

January 2021 – May 2023

Member

- Served on the public relations committee aiding in shirt designs and social media posts
- Represented the sorority in community philanthropy programs to raise money for philanthropic causes

Intramural Sports, Valparaiso University, *Participant*

August 2020 – July 2025

HONORS AND AWARDS

Carlene Bartelt Award – Above 3.8 GPA in College of Nursing and Health Professions

May 2023

Outstanding Academic Performance – 4.0 Cumulative GPA for 2 consecutive semesters

November 2021

Dean's List – 6 out of 6 semesters

December 2020 – May 2023