

PA Spotlight:



ANDREW ZHANG

Andrew's journey in pathology has come full circle - starting as a student in Western University's PA program and now leading it, as Program Director, shaping its future with passion and dedication.

Andrew first earned his undergraduate degree at Western in Medical Science with a specialization in Pathology and Toxicology then went on to pursue his Masters in the Pathologists' Assistant (MCISc - PA) Program, graduating in 2015. Since then, his career has been defined by remarkable achievements, shaping the PA program and inspiring future generations of pathologists' assistants.

Right after graduation, Andrew joined the PaLM department at LHSC, where his expertise and leadership quickly set him apart. His passion for mentorship led him to become a PA preceptor at University Hospital (UH), a role he has embraced for nearly 8 years. Through his guidance, countless students have benefited from his supportive and engaging teaching style, making lasting impacts on the next generation of PAs.

Andrew's dedication to education was officially recognized in 2023 when he received the prestigious Schulich Excellence in Education Award for Graduate and Postgraduate Education. This honour highlights his ability to teach, inspire, and empower, all while creating an energetic and welcoming learning environment.

In 2024, Andrew stepped into an exciting new role as Chair of the Graduate Education Committee for the PA Program, taking the reins from Dr. José Gomez. Now, he's at the forefront of shaping both the academic and clinical aspects of PA training, ensuring the program continues to thrive. As Program Director, he also leads accreditation efforts, helping to elevate the profession and set new standards for excellence.

With his deep passion for pathology, education, and mentorship—paired with his fun and approachable personality—Andrew has become a key figure in the Pathologists' Assistant community. His dedication and vibrant spirit continue to inspire students and colleagues alike.

As the first certified PA to serve as Program Director at Western University while being a full-time PA, Andrew is making history while shaping the future of pathology education. We can't wait to see where he takes the program next!