

George Bottomley DVM, PA-C, is the founding Director of the Johnson & Wales University Physician Assistant Studies Program and Founding Dean of the JWU College of the Health and Wellness.

Dr. Bottomley is a native Rhode Islander. He earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Rhode Island and a doctoral degree in veterinary medicine at Michigan State University, completed residencies in comparative medicine and pathology at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, veterinary pathology at Cornell University and the San Diego Zoo and a NASA funded fellowship in pathology at Kansas State University.

At the University of Chicago, he was a member of an atherosclerosis research team studying the influences of dietary fats, estrogen, HDL and LDL on arterial disease. At Kansas State University, he focused on sequencing the gene responsible for the corneal extracellular matrix keratan sulfate proteoglycans and studied changes induced by space travel in the cornea.

As a National Health Service Corps Scholarship recipient, he attended the Yale School of Medicine Physician Associate Program and became a primary care PA in an inner city New Haven, CT community health center. His practice background is with the underserved and the homeless.

He was a member of the team that developed the Physician Assistant Program at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science (MCPHS) where he served as their first Academic Coordinator and Department Vice Chair. He went on to become the Associate Director of Research and Interim Program Director at the Yale School of Medicine Physician Associate Program. He was Program Director of the Central Michigan University Physician Assistant Program, the Founding Director at Salus University in Philadelphia, PA and most recently the Program Director at the University of New England. At UNE, he was part of the team that created their InterProfessional Education Collaborative (IPEC).

He has been co-principal investigator or principal investigator on federal grants totaling approximately \$2 million. Grant funds have supported a variety of projects that have included a service- learning program that paired Boston inner city at- risk teens in need of after school academic mentoring with PA students, a partnership between Yale and an inner city charter high school in New Haven, CT to recruit students to the medical professions, creation of an Office of Geriatric Assessment at an inner city community health center in New Haven, CT, and a "Primary Care Scholars" program that provided tuition support for students planning on entering the Maine primary care workforce.

On a national level, he was appointed by the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) to Chair the committee that created the first national honor society for the physician assistant profession, Pi Alpha. He has been the PAEA Regional Consortium Chair for the Northeast which he currently co-Chairs. He served two terms as a committee member responsible for writing the Pathway II Examination, the recertification examination for physician assistants developed by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and the National Board of Medical Examiners.

He has published and presented both regionally and nationally. His academic interests include curriculum design, assessment and community-campus partnerships. He is a former marathoner and

semi-professional triathlete who now enjoys recreational running, biking, swimming, hiking and kayaking.