



**2023 GLACLP Student Symposium and Educator's Meeting  
Saturday, March 25th at Ohio University and Virtually with Microsoft Teams  
Attend In-Person or Virtually**

Registration Opens January 25th and closes February 25th  
Register [here](#) today!

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**ALL TIMES ARE IN EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST)**

Physical Location: E234 Grover Center, 53 Richland Ave, Athens, OH 45701

5 PDUs available for professionals

Meet, Greet, and Visualize hands on activity for in-person attendees only the night before this event (March 24th 6pm-8:30pm EST). Info listed at the end of this brochure.

Please note: Educators/professionals and students will attend the same sessions until the 3pm hour. At that time, in-person students will go to the simulation lab and educators/professionals will have an educator breakout session/educator meeting. Virtual attendees will also breakout in students and professionals for separate discussions.

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2023**

**8am:** Check-In (in-person and Microsoft Teams)

**8:30am:** Keynote - *“Beyond Stereotypes: Developing Cultural Context, Competence, and Humility”* (1PDU - Ethics)



Dr. Tiffany Arnold, Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of Social and Public Health, College of Health Sciences and Professions, Ohio University

In this presentation participants will develop an understanding of the barriers that Appalachian people face when confronted with the need for social services or health care. You will gain knowledge about the Appalachian culture and how stereotypes can inhibit access to care and cultural issues may create barriers to better health outcomes for Appalachian residents. Additionally, you will learn about the importance of cultural competence and humility in working with a population that you may not be familiar with.

Dr. Tiffany Arnold is an assistant professor of instruction in the Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions, Department of Social and Public Health. She coordinates the Appalachian Studies certificate program as well as teaches many classes in Appalachian Studies, Rural Health, and Environmental Health. Tiffany is a three-time alumna from Ohio University and has worked at Ohio University and lived in Athens on and off for the last 20 years. She previously worked in federally funded Trio programs assisting low-income, first-generation Appalachian students in getting into and graduating from college. Tiffany is originally from Morgan County, Ohio and spends her time reading and camping with her two sons and husband.

**9:30am:** Break

**9:45am:** *“Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Practices- Creating Intentional Programming and Resources for the Care of our Healthcare Community”* (1PDU Intervention)

Mallory Gutchall, B.S, CCLS & Karen McHugh-Fornadel, MS, CCLS

Students will learn about the purpose and importance of creating resources and programming that embrace and amplify diversity and inclusion within their own practices. The speakers will

share their rationale and connection to Nationwide Children's health equity, diversity, and inclusion position statement that demonstrates best outcomes for patients and families.

**10:45am:** Break

**11:00am:** *"Internship Readiness Application-Knowledge, Skills and Abilities"*

Victoria Isaacson, MA, CCLS

On November 1st, 2022 ACLP hosted a town hall to review the new internship readiness application, defining the competencies within the knowledge, skills, and abilities of internship ready candidates. ACLP will sunset the common internship application with the new rollout of the internship application for the Fall 2023 internship cycle. While this process is new for the ACLP community, we would like to extend an opportunity to ask questions about this new process from a task member on the internship readiness task committee.

Internship Readiness Application Launch:

<https://www.childlife.org/certification/becoming-certified/internship-readiness-common-application-preview>

**11:45pm:** Lunch - Welcome from Dr. John McCarthy - Dean, Health Sciences and Professions of Ohio University

**12:45pm:** *"Child Life Specialist and Facility Dog Interventions: Furthering the Psychosocial Care of Diverse Patient Populations" (1PDU Intervention)*

Rachel Dawson, MS, CCLS; Camille Vereschagin, M.A, CCLS, PhD Candidate; Kara Stroll, BS, CCLS; Mollie Gross, MS, CCLS

Students will learn about the role of facility dogs in the practice of child life specialists. The presenters will highlight how facility dog interventions can support patients in meeting specific goals. With a focus on interventions with diverse populations, students will understand better why and how facility dogs can be used to extend the scope of child life interventions.

**1:45pm:** *"Embracing Small Steps" (1PDU Professional Responsibility)*

Amber Pierson, BS

Amber Pierson is a mom from Columbus, OH who is a serial entrepreneur advocating for neurodivergent children, promoting inclusivity and sharing her son's story of medical complexities. Her son was born with a condition called Hydrocephalus and has spent countless hours in the hospital, therapies, specialists' appointments, and more. She runs her business, Better Together Playnasium, an indoor adaptive kids play gym that was inspired by her son all while raising Kai and her year-old daughter. She shares her story through her blog and is

passionate about spreading awareness and cultivating a kind and inclusive world.  
Blog: <https://embracingsmallsteps.wordpress.com/>

**2:45pm:** Break

**3:00pm:** Simulation Lab (Facility Dog and Traditional Interventions for In-Person Student Attendees ONLY)

*“Child Life Specialist and Facility Dog Interventions: Furthering the Psychosocial Care of Diverse Patient Populations Part II.” (1PDU Assessment)*

Rachel Dawson, MS, CCLS; Camille Vereschagin, M.A, CCLS, PhD Candidate; Kara Stroll, BS, CCLS; Mollie Gross, MS, CCLS

Students will have the opportunity to engage in a hands-on demonstration inside the College of Health Sciences and Professions simulation lab with certified child life specialists and their facility dogs. The simulation lab is representative of a hospital environment to create an immersive learning experience to prepare future health care and allied professionals. Students will learn techniques necessary to create therapeutic interventions with patients and families in the healthcare setting.

**3:00pm:** Open Discussion and Questions for Virtual Student Attendees ONLY

**3:00pm:** Educator & Professional Breakout Session / Educator Meeting for In-Person Professional Attendees ONLY

**3:00pm:** Educator & Professional Breakout Session / Educator Meeting for Virtual Professional Attendees ONLY

**4:00pm:** Closing (Raffle winner - In-Person Attendees ONLY)

**4:15pm:** Drive Safe!



**Please Join Us for MEET, GREET, AND VISUALIZE! ... a Student Symposium BONUS!**

**Date:** Friday, March 24th

**Time:** 6 – 8:30 p.m. EST, Complimentary Appetizers Provided

**Place:** E234 Grover Center, 53 Richland Ave, Athens, OH 45701

**Who:** Students and Educators who are able to join and be physically present

When it comes to your future, you might just need to see it to believe it. At least that's the thinking behind creating your own personalized vision board. Vision boards, sometimes also referred to as dream boards, are a visualization tool that can help you construct and clarify a view of your future—your hopes, goals, and aspirations—and help spur you to action. Whether for your professional or personal life, a vision board can be a productive mental exercise that not only helps you think creatively about your life's possibilities but also provide you with direction and ideas to help manifest those possibilities you most desire! There will be examples to get you thinking about your goals, your state of mind, perfect places, buzzwords, and favorite quotes. Your "vision boarding" will capture what matters most to you in whatever way that takes shape and however you see fit. Pretty paper in colors and textures, sparkles, ribbon, stamps, buttons, and all sorts of loose ends will be provided to create your masterpiece. Please consider joining us! (Pinterest has lots of great examples....bring your own photos and magazine cut-outs if you like!)