

Echo Kopplin, DMSc, PA-C

Graduating from the Union College PA Program in May 2017, Dr. Kopplin's first role as a PA was in Emergency Medicine at a Critical Access Hospital in rural Nebraska. After two years, she transitioned into primary care and found it wasn't the adrenaline rush she had been accustomed to in EM. Seeking the perfect combination, Dr. Kopplin began working at the Urgent Care Clinic of Lincoln, serving birth to grave acute, primary, and emergent needs of her community. In 2020, Dr. Kopplin completed her Doctor of Medical Science degree from the University of Lynchburg while continuing to practice clinically full-time. Then, in 2023, Dr. Kopplin's family returned to South Dakota, where she began a primary care role, serving in geriatrics part-time while teaching PA students virtually with Blueprint Prep and coaching PA students with the Dr. Scott Massey Student Success Series.

Alongside clinical practice and teaching engagements, Dr. Kopplin served as co-chair of the legislative affairs committee of the Nebraska Academy of PAs for four years and is now VP/President-Elect of the South Dakota Academy of PAs (SDAPA). Dr. Kopplin also serves on various SDAPA committees, including legislative, CME, and communications. She also serves as Secretary to the Board of Directors for Good Shepherd Clinic in Spearfish, SD. She enjoys looking for new challenges and spending time with her family in her free time.