

Get to Know NYCPM Staff:
Judith Quintana, BS, MPA
Assistant Dean of Clinical Clerkships and Affiliations



Assistant Dean Judith Quintana is totally invested in ensuring that NYCPM's students succeed. It's not just her job, it's her passion.

Her evolution began with a BS in biology/premed at Fordham University, which launched her into a career in the field of healthcare administration for the next 20 years. After working at Columbia-Presbyterian and Weill Cornell Medical Center, she joined Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, and there worked under Mark Swartz, MD (NYCPM's Medical Director), helping to create the infrastructure for a new two-year course, "The Art and Science of Medicine," which when combined with physical diagnosis training, introduced medical students to patients in their first and second years of medical school.

At Mt. Sinai for 11 years, Ms. Quintana became the Administrative Director of the Clinical Curriculum, where she oversaw clerkships, credentialing the students for their hospitals. She was also the administrator for affiliations as well as Disability Officer (for the medical and graduate students).

After 11 years at Mt. Sinai, she completed her MPA at the Baruch School of Public Administration; she wanted the degree because of her interest in higher education administration. She joined Northwell Health as Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Health Literacy (DI&HL), becoming part of a team charged with creating, implementing and tracking DI&HL initiatives throughout the Northwell system, which included 17 hospitals in the New York area. Her team launched a national campaign on D&I, conducted presentations and teaching sessions for faculty and staff, helping them to understand the importance of DI&HL in patient care.

Leaving Northwell, a long commute, Ms. Quintana became Associate Dean for Weill Cornell Medical College. Learning about international medical education there led her to the Sackler School of Medicine New York State/American Program, an American medical school in Tel Aviv, Israel. As Director of Academic and Alumni Affairs in New York, she was responsible for credentialing, affiliations, fundraising and alumni events and established an Alumni Mentors Program.

Ms. Quintana left Sackler because there was little actual contact with the medical students, her focus, and

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she became Assistant Dean for Clinical Clerkships and Affiliations at NYCPM in 2017. Here, she has administrative oversight of the clinical clerkships and externships, managing clinical schedules, credentials for clinical rotations and externships for our students and international students. She also establishes and manages affiliation agreements with hospitals throughout the U.S.

Ms. Quintana has been successful in helping to create a more uniform process for credentialing our students with New York City's Health and Hospital Corporation and is currently overseeing the centralization of the clinical curriculum schedule. She works closely with the Administrators of the preclinical, clinical and academic affairs to create a supportive environment for our students and is always looking at the "big picture" and a better way to do things to help our students.

Her passion for 39 years has been to apply her knowledge, skills and experience in healthcare and the field of medicine, while helping to mold future physicians to provide excellent patient care. Why? Because she wants them to succeed.