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12:00 p.m.
Schools of Health Professions/Nursing Building, Quad 1.304
1100 Mechanic Street • Galveston, TX 77550

Space is limited Please RSVP by June 25th to shpevents@UTMB.EDU
A light lunch will be provided

Frank Ambriz, MPAS, PA-C, is Chair of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV). Mr. Ambriz received his bachelor’s degree in biology from Pan American University in 1977. He completed another bachelor’s degree in Health Care Sciences (PA) from UTMB in 1979. He went on to complete his Master’s degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Family Medicine and Urgent Care.

Mr. Ambriz has been very active in the education and training of physician assistants in Texas during the past 40 years. Among his accomplishments are Director of Su Clinica Community Health Clinic from 1981 to 1989. In this role, he managed over 125 employees and a 4.6 million dollar budget. In 1986, he formed and became president of MD System that provided a turnkey electronic medical billing system. The company, later sold to WebMD, received national recognition for pioneering electronic billing and encryption. He was honored in 1994 to be appointed by Governor Ann Richards to the Texas State Board of Medical Examiner Physician Assistant Board. During his six-year term, he was chair of the licensing committee for physician assistants. He is a current member of the Stakeholders Committee with the Texas Medical Board and a past member of the Regional Medicaid Review Committee.

Mr. Ambriz was appointed as a clinical faculty member in the UTMB PA Program from 1985 to 1999. During this period, UTMB partnered with UTRGV (formerly UT Pan American) to establish a satellite training program for physician assistants in Edinburg, Texas. One of Mr. Ambriz’ responsibilities, during the period 1994-1998, was to direct the instruction and administration of the satellite program. In 1999, the program transitioned to UTRGV, and he was appointed as Chair and Program Director. Mr. Ambriz has received state recognition twice as the TAPA Educator of the Year. He has served as principal investigator of 11 HRSA grants, and his grant writing has delivered over 6 million dollars in grant money to the UTRGV PA Program. In addition to his educational and administrative responsibilities, Mr. Ambriz maintains his clinical skills by working in orthopedic medicine and urgent care.