

### **Norma Alicia Pérez, MD, DrPH**



Norma Alicia Pérez, MD, DrPH, a Houston native, earned her MD from the Universidad de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico, and completed her residency training in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City, Mexico. She was a licensed psychiatrist in Mexico before returning to Houston where she completed her doctorate in Public Health in International and Family Health at the University of Texas – Houston, Health Science Center School of Public Health.

She serves as Executive Director of the now institutionalized Hispanic Center of Excellence (HCOE) and Special Programs, in the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions, School of Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. She has faculty appointments with Internal Medicine-Geriatrics, and Preventive Medicine and Community Health. Dr. Pérez is a member of the University of Texas System Women’s Senior Leaders Network and is now President of the Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools, a group of 30+ academic institutions.

Since 2000 she has directed large field epidemiological studies throughout southeast Texas and recently developed and copyrighted the first online course for the School of Medicine, Clinical Conversational Spanish for English and Spanish Healthcare Professionals©. Dr. Pérez’s online course highlighted in the recent AAMC webinar titled Teaching Medical Spanish to Improve Population Health Webinar along with other leading professors in medical Spanish in the medical school curriculum.

She provides training opportunities for students, educators, and professionals, academic and career development opportunities, and resources for research initiatives. Dr. Pérez addressed the CDC at the 2016 Public Health Ethics Forum on Making Latino/Hispanic Health Count: Advancing a Public Health Ethics Framework on Data Collection for Social Justice.