

# Jeffrey Ordner D.O., Public Health

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Jeffrey Ordner entered Stockton University as a first-generation college student with an interest in science. While immersed in biology and chemistry coursework, Jeff enrolled in *Contemporary Health Issues*, a public health course taught by Dr. Elizabeth Calamidas that covered various determinants of US health care disparities. The course helped him understand the field of public health as a unique and necessary fusion of the biological and social sciences—a lens through which he wanted to see the world. And so, Jeff declared a Public Health major. The experience motivated him to enroll in *Epidemiology* in which his final project tracked antibiotic resistance trends amongst the major malaria subtypes of Sub-Saharan Africa. The project further fueled his interests in blood-borne parasite identification on peripheral blood smears.

Intrigued by the opportunity to grasp basic microscopy, Jeff took an apprenticeship in a histology laboratory at Southern Ocean County Hospital in Manahawkin, NJ before securing a full-time position at Atlanticare Regional Medical Center in Atlantic City, NJ. He ultimately applied for and passed his histotechnician certification exam with the American Society for Clinical Pathology and later went on to work as a full-time histotechnician and manager of a gastrointestinal pathology laboratory in Egg Harbor

“Part of the attraction of NYU’s program for me was its mission and commitment serve NYC’s flagship hospital Bellevue, the oldest public hospital in the country,” said Jeff. “Many of these patients are uninsured and lack access to care. Many of them present with advanced disease and/or are homeless. I truly felt that I was making a difference...the entire pathology service was being run by residents.”

During his time at NYU, Jeff not only sharpened his diagnostic skills in pathology but also assumed the elected role of Chief Resident from 2023 to 2024. He was also

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