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## EDUCATION

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- 2025 (Expected)     **Doctor of Philosophy, Public Health**  
 Health Behavior Research – School of Public Health  
 University of North Texas Health Science Center – Fort Worth, TX
- 2020                 **Certified in Public Health**  
 National Board of Public Health Examiners
- 2020                 **Master of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health Concentration**  
 Department of Health Behavior and Health Systems, School of Public Health  
 University of North Texas Health Science Center – Fort Worth, TX
- 2012                 **Bachelor of Pharmacy**  
 University of Nigeria, Nsukka

## PROFESSIONAL/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2021 – Present     **Graduate Research Assistant**  
 School of Public Health  
 University of North Texas Health Science Center – Fort Worth, TX  
 Supervisor: Erika Thompson, PhD  
 Project: *Increasing HPV vaccination in Tarrant County in clinic and community settings*. Funded by M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.
- 2020 – 2021       **Epidemiologist**  
 Tarrant County Public Health – Fort Worth, TX
- 2019 – 2020       **Graduate Research Assistant**  
 Building Bridges Initiative  
 University of North Texas Health Science Center – Fort Worth, TX  
 Supervisor: Amy Raines-Milenkov, DrPH
- 2016 – 2018       **Community Pharmacist**  
 Remedia Pharmaceuticals Limited, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Medmart Pharmaceuticals Limited, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Rockaid Pharmacy, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Chard Pharmacy, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2014 – 2015       **Hospital Pharmacist**  
 Jahun General Hospital, Jigawa, Nigeria
- 2015                 **Pharmacology Instructor**  
 School of Health Technology, Jagun, Jigawa, Nigeria
- 2013 – 2014       **Intern**  
 National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC),  
 Nigeria

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. Raines-Milenkov, A., Felini, M., Baker, E., Acharya, R., Longanga Diese, E., **Akpan, I.**, Hussain, A., & Wagner, T. (2021). Hepatitis B Virus Awareness, Infection, and Screening Multiethnic Community Intervention for Foreign-Born Populations. *Journal of community health*, 46(5), 967–974. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10900-021-00982-5>

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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1. Longanga Diese, E., **Akpan, I.**, Acharya, R., Raines-Milenkov, A., Felini, M., Baker, E., & Hussain, A. Health Information Seeking Behavior Among the Congolese Refugees.
2. Longanga Diese, E., Raines-Milenkov, A., Felini, M., Baker, E., **Akpan, I.**, & Hussain, A. Alcohol use among Congolese Babembe refugees in Tarrant County: A qualitative study.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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1. Garg, A., Galvin, A. M., **Akpan, I.**, Agovi, A. M. A., Nguyen, U., & Thompson, E. L. Knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about the prevention of HPV-related cancers in persons living with HIV: A systematic review.
2. Garg A., Galvin A., Diehl A., Griner S., **Akpan, I.** & Thompson E. L. “I don't even understand how they function, it's like magic to me!” - A Qualitative Analysis of Information, Motivation, and Behavioral Skills for Contraception Use among Women Experiencing Homelessness.
3. Griner, S.B., Aiken, J., Johnson, K., Garg, A., Galvin, A. M., **Akpan, I.**, & Thompson, E.L. The role of patient-provider communication in prenatal COVID-19 vaccine uptake.

## ORAL PRESENTATION

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1. Raines-Milenkov, A. & **Akpan, I.** (2019, October). *Self-managed Abortions*. Department of Pediatrics and Women's Health, University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, Texas.
2. Raines-Milenkov, A., Felini, M., Baker, E., Acharya, R., & **Akpan, I., N.** (2020, March). *The Impact of the Lay Health Educator (LHE) Model on Hepatitis B Screening among the Refugee Population*. Research Appreciation Day (RAD), University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, TX (Not presented due to COVID-19).

## AWARDS/HONORS

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2021 – 2025	Doctoral Fellowship Award University of North Texas Health Science Center – Fort Worth, TX
2020	Honors, MPH
2020	Delta Omega Public Health Honorary Society

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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2020	Secretary International Student Organization University of North Texas Health Science Center – Fort Worth, TX
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2020	2020 Point-in-Time Homeless Count Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, Fort Worth, TX
2019	Store Mapping Project Healthy Tarrant County Collaboration, Fort Worth, TX
2019	Fall Festival 2019 Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, Fort Worth, TX
2019	ABC Christian Learning Center Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, Fort Worth, TX
2019	Habitat for Humanity, Fort Worth, TX
2018 – 2019	Tarrant County Food Bank, Fort Worth, TX
2015	Rural Community Medical Outreach Jigawa, Nigeria

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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2020 – Present	American Public Health Association (APHA)
2020 – Present	Texas Public Health Association (TPHA)
2020 – Present	Delta Omega Public Health Honorary Society