

## Veronica Padilla, PA-C



Veronica Padilla is a physician assistant at Sutter Delta Medical Center in Antioch. She attended Touro University in nearby Vallejo, where she earned a master's of public health and a master's of science in physician assistant studies. She also completed a health policy and advocacy fellowship through the Physician Assistant Education Association. She studied psychology in college at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.

As a child of immigrants, Veronica is passionate about working with the Latinx population in and around the Bay Area, including patients whose first language is Spanish. "A Latina medical provider isn't something that a lot of people see," she says.

Each day is a new opportunity for Veronica to connect with patients. "I love my job. I love what I do. I love where I work. I love the team that I work with."

Veronica grew up in Chicago the youngest of three children. She studied dance and performed professionally before pursuing medicine.

In her spare time now, she enjoys hiking and exploring trails in California. She loves the weather on the West Coast. "PA school brought me here and after one winter without snow, I realized that I never have to go back," she says.

She also loves the great food in the Bay Area. "My favorite food is things wrapped in dough, across all cultures," she says. "Give me tamales and empanadas and gyoza. I'm here for it all. Ravioli, bao. If it's wrapped in dough, I want it."

Veronica has traveled to many places through volunteer work, including to Honduras, Ghana and southern India.

Back at home, she's been watching *Scrubs* and she loves true crime series and dating shows. She also stays creative in her spare time by painting.