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Education

University of South Florida
Doctorate of Behavior Analysis

expected May 2025

University of Houston- Clear Lake
Master of Arts in Behavior Analysis

May 2022

Thesis: Telehealth Training of Caregivers to Increase Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) Machine Use in Adults with Down Syndrome and Sleep Apnea

University of Kansas
Bachelor of General Science in Applied Behavioral Science
Emphasis: Early Childhood Education and Intervention

May 2019

Teaching Experience

Co-Instructor

2022

University of South Florida
Undergraduate Course: MHS 3204 Fundamentals of ABA
Professor: Dr. Bryon Miller

Teaching Assistant

2022

University of South Florida
Graduate Course: MHS 6708 ABA Basic Principles
Professor: Dr. Raymond Miltenberger

Research in Progress

Primary Researcher

Telehealth Training of Caregivers to Increase PAP Machine Use in Individuals with Down Syndrome and Sleep Apnea

Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Dorothea Lerman, BCBA-D

Secondary Researcher

Evaluation of Generalization Effects from Home to Clinic Environments When Examining Compliance with Dental Exams in Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Primary Researcher: Loukia Tsami, M.A., BCBA

Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Dorothea Lerman, BCBA-D

Presentations

2nd Annual “Getting the Most out of a Healthcare Visit” Webinar; *June 2022*

- Presented thesis project to an interdisciplinary audience of medical, dental, and behavior analysis students and professionals

“Demystifying Program Development;” *April-May 2022*

- Created and conducted a three-part training series on verbal behavior program development to therapist assistants in the Verbal Behavior Clinic

“Serving Others with Compassion and Cultural Responsiveness: Tips for therapists, educators, and other service providers;” *January 2022*

- University of Houston – Clear Lake Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Speaker Series Presentation

“Getting the Most out of a Healthcare Visit;” *May 2021*

- Created, planned, and led a webinar about behavior management strategies and research in medical and dental environments for medical, dental and behavior analysis students and professionals

University of Houston - Clear Lake BADIE Lab Workshop; *April 2021*

- Assisted with creating a training workshop for behavioral specialists in the Laredo, TX school district targeting:
 - Building rapport with teachers and students
 - Conducting preference assessments
 - Implementing reinforcement-based strategies in the classroom
 - Operationally defining target behaviors
 - Basic data collection strategies

“Understanding and Managing Problem Behavior;” *December 2020*

- Proyecto La Frontera (Borderlands Project) Presentation Series

“Creating and Following a Daily Schedule;” *July 2020*

- University of Houston- Clear Lake Applied Behavior Analysis- Skill Intervention Program Presentation Series

Clinical Experience

Graduate Therapist (August 2021-Present)

University of Houston-Clear Lake Verbal Behavior Clinic

Supervisor: Sarah Lechago, Ph. D., BCBA-D

Responsibilities include:

- Conducting intakes with families
- Conducting assessments related to verbal behavior
- Developing and implementing behavioral programs targeting verbal behavior
- Training caregivers to implement behavioral programs
- Summarizing and graphing data

Graduate Research Assistant (August 2020-August 2021)

University of Houston-Clear Lake and Baylor College of Medicine’s Dental Project

Supervisor: Dorothea Lerma, Ph. D., BCBA-D and Loukia Tsami, M.A., BCBA

Responsibilities included:

- Conducting assessments related to behavioral interventions
- Developing and implementing programs for skill acquisition and behavior reduction
- Training caregivers to implement programs
- Summarizing and graphing data
- Creating, planning, and leading an interdisciplinary webinar on healthcare compliance

Graduate Therapist (August 2019-August 2020)

University of Houston- Clear Lake Applied Behavior Analysis- Skill Intervention Program

Supervisor: Dorothea Lerman, Ph.D., BCBA-D and Kally Luck, M.A., BCBA

Responsibilities included:

- Conducting assessments related to the need for behavioral interventions
- Designing, implementing, and monitoring behavior analysis programs
- Overseeing the implementation of behavior analysis programs by RBTs
- Training and designing behavioral programs
- Summarizing and graphing data

Teacher in an EIBI Classroom (August 2018-December 2018)

University of Kansas Edna A. Hill Child Development Center

Supervisor: Abigail Blackman, Ph.D., BCBA-D

Responsibilities included:

- Teaching receptive identification, academic tasks, and other verbal behavior targets using a discrete trial training a child with autism
- Teaching self-help skills using natural environment training to a child with autism
- Implementing function-based behavioral management interventions

Teacher in an Inclusive Preschool Education and Intervention Classroom

(February 2018-May 2019)

University of Kansas Edna A. Hill Child Development Center

Supervisor: Sara Diaz de Villegas, M.A., BCBA and Joshua Harsin, M.A., BCBA

Responsibilities included:

- Implementing general classroom management techniques to increase compliance and decrease problem behavior in a classroom of 10-20 preschool aged children
- Implementing discrete trial training using three-step prompting and differential reinforcement to teach school-aged children academic skills and preschool life skills

Professional Memberships

- Member, Florida Association for Behavior Analysis 2022-Present
- Member, Texas Association for Behavior Analysis Health, Sports, and Fitness Special Interest Group 2021-Present
- Member, Texas Association for Behavior Analysis 2019-Present
- Member, University of Houston-Clear Lake Applied Behavior Analysis Student Organization 2019-2022
- Member, Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysts 2018-2019
- Member, Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis 2018-2019