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Education

University of Florida, Gainesville, Fl.

PhD in Rehabilitation Science

May 2011

Dissertation: "Exploring the Applicability of Life Care Plans to Address Barriers within the State Adoption System"

University of Florida, Gainesville, Fl.

Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling

May 2004

University of Florida, Gainesville, Fl.

Bachelor's Degree in Health Science

May 2002

Professional Non-Academic Employment

February 2012 – January 2017: Clinical Director/ Putnam Operations, **Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare**, Palatka, Fl.

Oversee the day to day operations of the outpatient clinic as well as program development at the Palatka outpatient clinic. Coordinate, hire, and supervise 13 different outpatient programs including mental health/substance abuse counseling and physician service programs among others. Supervise a staff of 20 therapist and clinicians providing guidance on therapeutic techniques and assuring fidelity of evidence based practices. Review charts and assure they meet Medicaid and 65-D30 standards, as well as holding clinicians responsible for meeting these standards. Practice in grant writing to receive additional funding to develop new programs. Participate in community meetings to build collaborative relationships with the agency. Develop and provide staff trainings.

January 2011 to January 2012: Clinical Director/ Mental Health Counselor; **Putnam Behavior Healthcare**, Palatka Fl.

Supervisor of the agency clinical programs, therapist, and outpatient services. Provided theory based counseling services to children with a variety of diagnoses. Maintained a caseload of approximately 30 children, performed biopsychosocial evaluations, administered depression scales, performed in-depth clinical interviews and maintained patient files.

April 2008 – December 2010: Children's Mental Health Counselor; **Putnam Behavior Healthcare**, Palatka Fl.

Provided theory based counseling services to children with a variety of diagnoses. Maintained a caseload of approximately 30 children, performed biopsychosocial evaluations, administered depression scales, performed in-depth clinical interviews and maintained patient files.

October 2006 – Present Children's Mental Health Counselor; **North Florida Psychological Services**

Provided theory based counseling services to children with a variety of diagnoses. Maintained a caseload of approximately 10 children, performed biopsychosocial evaluations, complete treatment plans and maintain patient files. Administered intelligence, achievement, and ADHD testing as well as completed psychological reports for disability determination.

July 2004 – October 2006 Children's Mental Health Counselor; **Putnam Behavior Healthcare**, Palatka Fl.

Provided theory based counseling services to children with a variety of diagnoses. Maintained a caseload of approximately 30 children, performed biopsychosocial evaluations, administered depression scales, performed in-depth clinical interviews and maintained patient files.

Professional Academic Employment

January 2017 – Current **Director Substance Abuse Certificate, University of South Florida, Tampa, Fl.**

- Instructor within the Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program. Facilitating three courses a semester both in class and online instruction. Develop, direct, and oversee the operations of the Graduate Certificate in Substance Abuse.

- August 2011 – December 2011 **Adjunct Faculty, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**
- Taught “Therapeutic Communication Skills”. Developed syllabus, overall course structure, assignments, test, and administered all grades. Utilized Blackboard to review assignments, communicate with students, and track grades. Organized and supervised 6 teaching assistant and an addition 12 lab sections.
- August 2011 – December 2011 **Adjunct Faculty, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**
- Taught Psychosocial Aspects of Rehabilitation. Developed syllabus, overall course structure, assignments, test and administered all grades. Utilized Blackboard to review assignments, communicate with students, and track grades
- August 2010 – December 2010 **Instructor, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**
- Taught “Therapeutic Communication Skills”. Developed syllabus, overall course structure, assignments, test, and administered all grades. Utilized Blackboard to review assignments, communicate with students, and track grades Organized and supervised 4 teaching assistant and an addition 12 lab sections.
- August 2010 – December 2010 **Instructor, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**
- Taught Psychosocial Aspects of Rehabilitation. Developed syllabus, overall course structure, assignments, test and administered all grades. Utilized Blackboard to review assignments, communicate with students, and track grades
- August 2009 – December 2009 **Adjunct Instructor, St. Johns Community College, Palatka, FL.**
- Medical Terminology in-class section
Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades
 - Medical Terminology on-line section
Developed syllabus, overall course structure, and administered all grades. Also responsible for managing all internet based activities for the course. The online course was taught utilizing blackboard platform for assignments, test administration, grading, discussion boards, and overall course structure.
- August 2009 – December 2009 **Instructor, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**
- Taught Psychosocial Aspects of Rehabilitation. Developed syllabus, overall course structure, assignments, tests, and administered all grades. Utilized Blackboard to review assignments, communicate with students, and track grades
- June 2009 – August 2009 **Adjunct Instructor, St. Johns Community College, Palatka, FL.**
- Medical Terminology in-class section
Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades
- January 2009 – May 2009 **Adjunct Instructor, St. Johns Community College, Palatka, FL.**
- Medical Terminology in-class section
Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades
- January 2009 – May 2009 **Instructor, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**
- Taught “Therapeutic Communication Skills”. Developed syllabus, overall course structure, assignments, test, and administered all grades. Organized and supervised 4 teaching assistant and an addition 12 lab sections.
- August 2008 – December 2008 **Instructor, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**
- Taught Psychosocial Aspects of Rehabilitation. Developed syllabus, overall course structure, assignments, tests, and administered all grades
- August 2009 – December 2009 **Graduate Teaching Associate, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**
- Teaching assistant for Survey of Disease and Disability: Collaborated on curriculum and exam development, met with students upon request, and graded all written work as well as exams.
 - Teaching assistant for Critical Thinking: facilitated lab sessions, promoted student learning, graded all written assignments, and manage class grades.
- January 2009 – May 2009 **Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**

- Teaching assistant for Therapeutic Communication Skills: facilitated lab sessions, promoted student learning, graded all written assignments, and manage class grades.
- Teaching assistant for Disability Management: Collaborated on curriculum and exam development, met with students upon request, and graded all written work as well as exams.

August 2008 – December 2008 **Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**

- Teaching assistant for Leadership Skills: facilitated lab sessions, promoted student learning, graded all written assignments, and manage class grades.
- Teaching assistant for Survey of Disease and Disability: Collaborated on curriculum and exam development, met with students upon request, and graded all written work as well as exams.

January 2008 – May 2008 **Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**

- Teaching assistant for Therapeutic Communication Skills: facilitated lab sessions, promoted student learning, graded all written assignments, and manage class grades.

August 2007 – December 2007 **Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**

- Teaching assistant for Critical Thinking: facilitated lab sessions, promoted student learning, graded all written assignments, and manage class grades.

January 2007 – May 2007 **Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**

- Teaching assistant for Therapeutic Communication Skills: facilitated lab sessions, promoted student learning, graded all written assignments, and manage class grades.

August 2006 – December 2006 **Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**

- Teaching assistant for Leadership Skills: facilitated lab sessions, promoted student learning, graded all written assignments, and manage class grades.

January 2006 – May 2006 **Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**

- Teaching assistant for Therapeutic Communication Skills: facilitated lab sessions, promoted student learning, graded all written assignments, and manage class grades.

Peer Reviewed Publications

Buckles, V., Pomeranz, J.L., & Young, M.E. (2009). The applicability of the life care plan for adopted children with disabilities. What will Medicaid pay? *The Journal of Life Care Planning*, 7, 107-122.

Presentations

Buckles, V., Pomeranz, J.L., & Young, M.E. (2009). The applicability of the life care plan for adopted children with disabilities. Break out session at the International Symposium on Life Care Planning. Scottsdale, AZ September 2011.

Buckles, V., Pomeranz, J.L., & Young, M.E. (2009). The applicability of the life care plan for adopted children with disabilities. Poster presentation at the International Symposium on Life Care Planning. Scottsdale, AZ September 18-19, 2008.

Buckles, V., Pomeranz, J.L., & Young, M.E. (2009). The Applicability of the Life Care Plan for Adopted Children with Disabilities: What will Medicaid Cover? Poster presentation at the University of Florida 2008 PPHP Research Day, Gainesville, FL. April 2008

Buckles, V., & Pye, A. (2016). Domestic Violence and Substance Misuse: A Guide to Treating Survivors. FADAA Behavioral Health Conference, Orlando, FL. August 2016.

Awards

2008 Foundation of Life Care Planning Student Paper Award Winner

2009 John Muthard Research Award, University of Florida

2010 Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, University of Florida

Certifications

Certified Clay Therapist

Licensed Mental Health Counselor
MH 11456 Expiration March 2017

Qualified Supervisor for LMHC

Certified Adoption Competent Counselor

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor 2004 – 2013. **Note: will be taking the CRC exam in 10/2017 to renew CRC credential.**