

# Dharti Patel Atchison, LCSW

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## Education

### **Stephen F. Austin State University**

Master of Social Work- Honors, May 2016

- CSWE Accredited School of Social Work
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker, License number SW17939

B.S. Child Development and Family Living, December 2013

### **Northcentral University**

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology - Specialization in Social Policy and Behavioral health

Projected Dissertation Defense – December 2025

## Experience

### **Assistant Professor of Instruction- Visiting Instructor**

University of South Florida

August 2022 – Current

- Prepares course materials such as handouts and lecture materials for instruction
- Delivers lectures to undergraduate and graduate students on topics such as multiculturalism, diversity, and micro social work practices
- Evaluates and grades students' classwork, assignments, and papers
- Maintains regular scheduled office hours to advise and assist students

### **Director of Transitional Services**

Palm Garden of Largo – Largo, FL

June 2021- Current

- Engaged medical community in patient care coordination, assessment, review, and evaluation
- Provided strategic marketing approaches to facilitate business development
- Engaged guests and families to ensure needs are addressed and comfort is satisfied

### **Social Service Specialist II**

BayCare Health Systems – Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater, FL

May 2019- April 2022

- Engaged in collaborative efforts with multidisciplinary team to coordinate patient care
- Provided referrals and coordination with appropriate discharge services providers
- Addressed barriers with patient care and discharge associated with social and economic implications
- Engaged family members and patients experiencing acute crises and employ various brief interventions to stabilize and facilitate patient and family needs

### **Counselor**

June 2016- May 2019

Directions for Living, Clearwater, FL

- Employed motivational interviewing and CBT in therapy to address various mental health issues
- Conducted therapy with chronic and high-risk homeless population
- Utilized advanced assessment skills and tools to formulate appropriate treatment plans to address SPMI
- Collaborated with Department of Health and Baycare providers to link clients with mental health treatment
- Maintained weekly clinical supervision to discuss complex issues with complex cases and develop solution focused approaches to better treat each individual client
- broader organization

## **Achievements & Memberships**

National Association of Social Workers

- Committee member
- Active NASW member

Association of Graduate Student Social Workers

- President, May 2015- May 2016

Ima Hogg Foundation for Mental Health

- Scholarship recipient, 2015

Directions for Living Employee of the Month

- December 2018

Social Service Preceptor at Baycare

- February 2021 to current