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Objective

- Doctoral trainee seeking field placement opportunities in order to fulfil community practicum externship requirements for Denver University's APA accredited Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology program
- Pursuing the necessary experience, supervision and training required to develop my skills as a student extern and professional psychotherapist

Summary of Qualifications

- Counseling experience: Accumulated over 1,500 hours of clinical experience and concomitant supervision throughout CACREP accredited graduate program – NCC and LPC-intern eligible
- Leadership and management skills: Over 7 years of experience and honorable recognition from multiple institutions
- Responsible and hard working: Graduated top of the class with honors from a CACREP accredited graduate program
- Excellent communication skills: Awards for writing/leadership from two academic institutions and honorary societies
- Interpersonal skills: Over 8 years experience and training working with multiculturally diverse individuals of all ages from a range of backgrounds both socioeconomic and along the disability spectrum.
- Trained in multiple cognitive and personality test administrations, including the WAIS, WISC, MMPI and CWS.
- Trust Sponsored Professional Liability Insurance via the American Psychological Association: Policy # 48G26139752

Work Experience

Center for Recovery Denver (Externship)

September 2015 – Present

- Co-facilitate 3-hour Intensive Outpatient Recovery groups 3 times a week
- Co-facilitate 3 process groups containing between 4 and 10 civilians and military personnel across a spectrum of diversity and individual backgrounds recovering from debilitating and often lifelong addictions
- Work with both Non-Commissioned and Commissioned officers in the military often struggling with co-morbid disorders, including: Post-Traumatic Stress, Blast Trauma, Traumatic Brain Injury, Depression and Anxiety
- Writing and updating evidence-based, personalized treatment plans under supervision from an LPC-S & LAC
- Procuring re-authorizations for clients through their insurance companies
- Tracking group member progress through individual process notes

Playworks Child Development Center

September 2014 – May 2015

- Assistant teacher for between 18 – 24 at-risk children ages 3 to 6
- Head teacher for approximately 10 – 18 at-risk afterschool children ages 7 – 12
- Created and facilitated weekly lesson plans to foster educational and emotional development in young children
- Implemented an evidence-based program to nurture healthy emotional, psychological and social maturation in children from at-risk families and/or backgrounds
- Provided low-cost childcare for dozens of families of typically lower socioeconomic status from higher risk environments

Family Violence Prevention Services: Counselor Intern

September 2013 – August 2014

- Counseled over 40 adult survivors of intimate partner and domestic violence whose experiences included prolific child abuse; sexual assault and trauma; verbal, emotional, and psychological abuse; financial abuse; confinement; and incest
- Observed and co-facilitated over 25 group therapy sessions; specifically, the Middle Way Parenting Program, designed to provide caregivers with the education and tools necessary to raise healthy, resilient children – graduated 2 groups
- Responsible for conducting intake interviews, individual and group therapy with adults and adolescents, designing and implementing evidenced-based treatment plans, and assessing progress toward established individual or group goals
- Amassed over 800 hours of clinical experience and attended weekly supervision with both an LPC-S and Doctoral Advisor in individual, triadic and group contexts
- Familiar with administering intake, progress and suicide assessments and trained in crisis management, as well as monitoring the crisis hotline provided

Morgan's Wonderland: Volunteer**March 2013 – August 2015**

- Supervised rides at the only theme park in the world designed specifically for special needs adults and children
- Maintained a necessary level of education and training in order to better empathize with and supervise children and adults from a range of cultural backgrounds and varying degrees of intellectual, physical and/or social disability

Gold's Gym, Int.: Nationally Certified Personal Trainer**November 2010 – April 2012**

- Empowered clients ages 7 to 95 to meet or exceed personal fitness/nutrition goals in group and individual training environments, including the instillation of hope and the development of empirically supported individual fitness plans
- Team leader of 8-15 fellow trainers, which included meeting departmental revenue goals, motivating team member progress toward that goal, evaluating trainers' skill effectiveness and development with, on average, 100 - 200 clientele
- Consistently met or surpassed department goals, both personal and team, by 10% or more

YMCA of Greater Houston Area: Afternoon Counselor**August 2008 – September 2010**

- Managed child care and the facilitation of afternoon activities for up to 54 kindergarten through fourth graders
- Fostered healthy disciplinary recourse and proactive rewards for 5-10 year olds, and occasionally 10-15 year olds
- Promoted healthy executive functioning, interpersonal and self-regulatory skills for kindergarten through 10th graders

Education

The University of Denver**Present**

- Pursuing Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in Clinical Psychology
- Prospective Graduation Date: Summer 2018
- Specialization in Trauma, Recovery and Family Systems
- Advised by Dr. Julie Cornish, PhD, ABPP in the Graduate School of Professional Psychology

The University of Texas at San Antonio**August 2014**

- Master of Arts (MA) in Mental Health Counseling
- Specializations in Trauma, Human Development and Family Systems

Sam Houston State University**December 2010**

- Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Specializations in Biology and Counseling

Activities, Honors and Professional Organizations

- Summa Cum Laude Masters Level Graduate with Honors from The University of Texas at San Antonio
- Honorable Inductee of Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) International Counseling Honor Society: Sigma Alpha Chi Chapter
- Honorable Inductee of The National Scholars Honor Society
- Awards for both Excellence in Leadership and Excellence in Writing from Sam Houston State University
- Awarded Denver University's Annual Graduate Student Scholarship for Demonstrated Excellence in Academic Achievement
- American Psychological Association (APA) – Membership ID: 00740747
- American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS)
- American Counseling Association (ACA) – Membership ID: 6383172