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EDUCATION

Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (APA approved)

Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida

Admitted to Doctoral Candidacy: January 2000
Comprehensive Exam Passed: December 1999
Doctoral Degree Awarded: September 2003

Internship: Riverbend Community Mental Health Center, Inc, Concord, NH (9/02-08/03)

Postdoctoral Fellowship: Center for Neuropsychology, Learning and Behavioral Medicine

St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua, NH (07/03-08/05)

Master of Science in Psychology (APA approved)

Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida

Degree conferred: May, 2001
Thesis: Personality and Behavioral Correlates of the Devereux Scales of Mental Disorders

Master of Social Work in Clinical Social Work

Tulane University: School of Social Work

Degree conferred: December 1997

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

University of New Orleans

Degree conferred: May 1993

INTERNSHIP

September 2002 – Aug 2003

Riverbend Community Mental Health Center, Inc.

Sites: Community Support Program (CSP), Concord, NH & Twin Rivers Counseling Associates (TRCA), Franklin, NH. The former services adults with severe and persistent mental illness. The latter services adults, adolescents, and children mental illnesses of varying degrees of severity.

As an intern at Riverbend, I provide individual therapy to both men and women at CSP and at TRCA I provide individual and family therapy to adults, adolescents, and children. At both sites, I also provide psychological assessment and memory assessments. Further, I interact with a multidisciplinary staff who may or may not be directly involved in the treatment of my clients. In addition, I am responsible for doing crisis assessments of my clients and, if need be, of other clients at CSP.

POSTDOC

August 2003 –
August 2005

Center for Neuropsychology, Learning, and Behavioral Medicine

Site: St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, NH

I was responsible for administering neuropsychological assessments, as well as LD and dementia assessments. In addition, I attended consults on the rehab unit of the hospital. These consults are related to the neuropsychological impact of strokes, TBI, heart attacks, and other head injuries. Consults may also be conducted on the Senior Adult Mental Health Unit related to competency, dementia, and or memory deficits. Since there is also a behavioral medicine component to this practice, my duties also included assessments in that area (e.g., bariatric surgery evaluations, bariatric support groups, relaxation training classes, etc.)..

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST

Comprehensive MedPsych Systems

Neuropsychologist (Adult and Child). Primarily, rehabilitation hospital based as a neuropsychologist consultant and leader of a Pulmonary Illness Support and Education Group. In addition, I perform neuropsychological assessment and brief therapy on an outpatient basis.

PSYCHOLOGIST

Sept 2005 – July 2007

Center for Neuropsychology, Learning, and Behavioral Medicine

Site: St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, NH

I am responsible for administering neuropsychological assessments, as well as LD and dementia assessments. In addition, I consult on the rehab unit of the hospital. These consults are related to the neuropsychological impact of strokes, TBI, heart attacks, and other head injuries. Consults may also be conducted on the Senior Adult Mental Health Unit related to competency, dementia, and or memory deficits. Since there is also a behavioral medicine component to this practice, my duties have also included assessments in that area (e.g., bariatric surgery evaluations, bariatric support groups, relaxation training classes, etc.).

January 2006 – July 2007

Institutional Review Board Member

St. Joseph Hospital.
Nashua NH 03061

January 2002 – Aug 12,
2002

Psychometrist

Patrick Gorman, Psy.D., PA
Winter Park, Florida
Supervisor: Patrick W. Gorman, Psy.D., ABPP

Outpatient assessment and counseling center for Winter Park community. Administered, scored and composed reports integrating neuropsychological, personality, achievement and intelligence assessments. Neuropsychological assessments administered included: portions of the Halstead-Reitan, WMS-R, RAVLT, SDLT, Trails A and B, Purdue Pegboard, VSAT, New York Cancellation Test, the NEPSY, and Rey-Osterrieth Complex Figure Test. Conducted batteries for the juvenile justice system, vocational rehabilitation, forensic cases and basic neuropsychological assessment. Performed Learning Disability evaluations for students in the Orange County School System. Administered the WISC-III, WIAT, CPT, Conners' Parent and Teacher Checklist, CDI, VMI, BASC (Parent, Teacher, and Self-report), Oral Written Language Scales, the Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing, and the Adaptive Behavior Assessment Scale.

May 2002 – Aug 12, 2002

WISC-IV Examiner

Psychological Corporation
Supervised by Dr. Patrick Gorman

Administered the WISC-IV Process Instrument, WISC-IV, NEPSY, and DKEFS to 6-16 year old clients with documented traumatic brain injuries. The purpose of these administrations was to help standardize the WISC-IV for TBI patients. Generally, this entailed 7.5 hours of face to face testing with the subjects over 1-2 sessions.

November 1998-
May 2001

Devereux Florida Treatment Network

Rockledge Outpatient Office

Supervisor: Anne Lechner & Lisa Kroger

Served as a fee for service therapist. Responsibilities included: Performing biopsychosocial assessments, treatment planning, providing on site therapy (home, school, or clinic), and attending treatment team. Audited charts for medicaid compliance, which entailed monitoring progress notes, treatment plans, conducting treatment plan reviews, completing CFARS assessments, and biopsychosocials.

January 2000-
August 2001

Devereux Florida Treatment Network

Rockledge Outpatient Office

Supervisor: Anne Lechner & Lisa Kroger

Duties included: Generating payroll for the outpatient offices which was also entailed auditing the billing submitted by the therapists, and reconciling the billing to the documentation in their charts. If there was a discrepancy between the two, the billing was returned or withheld until the discrepancy was resolved. The billing and payroll position required knowledge of and facility with CMHC billing system software, Excel, Medicaid, Medicare, and Insurance billing rules.

July 2000-
August 2000

Certified Specialist

Cultural Council Summer Camp in Vero, Florida

Responsibilities included: supervising 12 group leaders and overseeing the well-being of approximately 140 at risk campers who were 6-12 years of age. Conducted crisis intervention, behavior modification, and instructed the supervisors on how to manage the behavior of children who were prone to acting out and experiencing emotional difficulties. Monitored the safety of the campers (emotionally and physically) during field trips. Reported incidents and concerns to the camp director.

January 2006 – present

Institutional Review Board Member

St. Joseph Hospital.

Nashua NH 03061

January 2000-
November 2001

Psychology Intern

Burnham Woods Psychological Services, Inc.

Cocoa Beach, Florida

Supervisor: Warner Connick, Psy.D.

Psychometrist: Performed disability evaluations and learning disability evaluations. Administered intelligence tests, achievement tests, MMPI-2, PIC, Conners' Behavior Rating Scale, and the MMPI-A. Compiled integrative reports based on the tests administered.

January 1998-
June 1998

Resident Care Director

Malta Park Assisted Living Residence

New Orleans, Louisiana

An assisted living facility run by a non profit foundation. Served as the manager of all care and services for residents. Responsibilities included: job assignments, overseeing the quality of care provided to residents, providing psycho-social services to the residents, performed ongoing reviews, managed all resident information, facilitated care conferences with family members of the residents, planned discharges, conducted and scored assessments, and monitored/facilitated provision of services to

residents.

November 1997-
June 1998

Crisis Specialist
Jefferson Parish Mobile Crisis Team
New Orleans, Louisiana

Assisted the Crisis Evaluation Expert during crisis evaluations. Monitored clients in crisis, helped to de-escalate the client, helped restrain clients when necessary, and transported clients to mental health appointments or hospitals.

August 1994-
October 1994

Intern and Psychiatric Counselor
River Oaks Psychiatric Hospital
Harrahan, Louisiana

Monitored patients in their milieu. Charted each patient's activities/progress, checked patients in and out of the unit, and conducted one-on-one short term counseling with one patient.

TEACHING, SUPERVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

May 2001-
May 2002

Family Learning Program
Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida
Supervisor: Juanita N. Baker, Ph.D.

Associate Director: Outpatient sexual abuse treatment program serving children, adolescents, non-offending caretakers, siblings, and offenders. Duties included: Screening and scheduling intake assessments for referrals to the program, referring inappropriate referrals to other agencies, generating monthly reports (number of clients served, type of clients served, treatment modalities, provided the number of hours of service administered, and the number of intakes offered and completed). Monitored compliance with the guidelines of our funding agency, set the agenda for and led weekly team meetings, and provided peer supervision for the 12 therapists working for the program.

May 2000-
May 2001

Family Learning Program
Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida.
Supervisor: Juanita Baker, Ph.D. & Nancy Wenk Psy.D.

North County Coordinator: Supervised six therapists, submitted billing to the Children's Home Society for the clients who have therapy subsidized by that agency, submitted requests for FSPT subsidized funding for clients who meet the criteria, attended quarterly FSPT staffings, served as a liaison between the building manager and FLP, served as a liaison between the therapists and Dr. Nancy Wenk, the North County Supervisor for FLP.

October 1999-
December 1999

Devereux Florida Treatment Network
Rockledge Outpatient Office
Supervisor: Anne Lechner & Lisa Kroger

Supervised a Bachelor's level clinician who had six open cases. Audited his charts, reviewed his treatment plans, and reviewed his client's progress toward treatment plan goals. When necessary, advised him on techniques related to therapy.

December 2000-
February 2001

Quality Assurance Co-Director
Family Learning Program, Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida
Supervisor: Juanita Baker, Ph.D.

Maintained a quality assurance program in order to prepare for State of Florida review. Specific responsibilities included creating a tracking form and system for the implementation of quality assurance, and conducted regular periodic review of charts in order to maintain implemented standards.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

June 1999-
May 2001

Master's Thesis

Personality and Behavioral Correlates of the Devereux Scales of Mental Disorders
Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida
Thesis Chair: Radhika Krishnamurthy, Psy.D.

This study was undertaken to establish clinical correlates of the Devereux Scales of Mental Disorders (DSMD) using scales and items from the Personality Assessment Inventory-Adolescent version (PAI-A). Pearson Product Moment correlation coefficients were computed between the DSMD scale scores and the PAI-A scales and items.

November 1996-
February 1997

Master's Research Project

Perception of the Risk of Contracting HIV/AIDS Among African-American Women in Orleans Parish, Louisiana
Authors: Tammy Ewing, Stacy Mabile, Karmon Sears, & Christina Woods

This research focused specifically on African-American women in Orleans Parish, Louisiana in an attempt to delineate relationships involving high risk behaviors and the effectiveness of education and prevention programs targeting this population. The research assessed the participants' levels of awareness, as well as their perceived risk of infection based on their behavior and knowledge.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

September 2004-
December 2004

Neuroanatomy and Medical Neurosciences: National Association of Neuropsychologists online CE program.

PRESENTATIONS GIVEN

2006

Traumatic Brain Injury: It's More Than A Bump on the Head

Presented to medical staff at St. Joseph's hospital (Doctors, Nurses, PT, OT, LNAs) and visiting case managers and insurance agents from the Southern New Hampshire area

November 2002

Careers in Psychology

Presented to Bow Middle School Students in Bow, New Hampshire

March 2001

Southeastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting

Poster presentation of Master's research entitled Personality and Behavioral Correlates of the Devereux Scales of Mental Disorders

August 2000

The Signs and Symptoms of Eating Disorders

Psychoeducational presentation to undergraduate students at Florida Institute of Technology and the surrounding communities.

August 2000

The Essentials of Treating Sexually Abused Children and Adolescents

Presentation for the therapists of Circles of Care, Psychiatric Hospital in Melbourne, Florida

August 2000

Everything You Need to Know About Sexual Abuse: Signs, Symptoms,

Presentation to Applied Behavioral Analysts for CEU credits at their local seminar in Cocoa, Florida

September 2000

Everything You Need to Know About Sexual Abuse

Presented to the Brevard County School Board (Teachers, School Nurses, School Counselors,

Resource Officers)

September 1999

Helping Friends and Students in Crisis

Presentation to Resident Assistants, students, faculty, and staff of Florida Tech as well as the surrounding community.

November 1999

College Adjustment Issues for Minority and International Students

Presentation to Resident Assistants at Florida Institute of Technology

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association

APA Division 40

Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

2001 Teaching Assistant (Neuropsychology Lab)

2001 Graduate Student Assistantship award (clinical work- Eckerd grant)

2001 Graduate Student Assistantship award (Associate Director of the Family Learning Program)