

EDUCATION

MSW, May 1998; University of Denver, Denver, CO: Accredited by CSWE
BSW, May 1996; Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, WI: Accredited by CSWE

INSTRUCTION AND FACILITATION HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER: COLORADO

Denver, CO

Adjunct Instructor, 7/2011 - Present

- Instructor for the Graduate School of Social Work
- Courses Taught;
 - SWRK 4002 Clinical Theories and Practice I
 - SWRK 4003 Clinical Theories and Practice II
 - SWRK 4007 Community Theories and Practice I
 - SWRK 4008 Community Theories and Practice II
 - SWRK 4020 Social Work Practice/Human Behavior and the Social Environment
 - SWRK 4795 Introduction of Animals into Therapeutic Settings
- Field Liaison for foundation and concentration students in Mental Health and Animal Assisted Placements

ARAPAHOE COMMUNITY COLLEGE: COLORADO

Parker, CO

Workforce Training Department

Curriculum Design and Continuing Education Facilitator, 2/2012 – 3/2012

- Researched and designed curriculum for the Cross-Cultural Communication Competencies and Empathetic Response Competencies required by the State of Colorado for State TANF Supervisors
- Facilitated Continuing Education Training for TANF Supervisors

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN: MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee, WI

Instructor, 1/2005 to 07/2011

- Instructor for the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare: undergraduate and graduate Social Work Programs
- Courses Taught;
 - SWRK 100 Introduction to Human Services
 - SWRK 427 Skills and Techniques of Social Work: Community Organization and Change
 - SWRK 604 Social Systems and Social Work Practice
 - SWRK 708 Social Work Methodology I: Individuals and Families
- Supervised two Graduate School of Social Work Teaching Assistants

MOUNT MARY COLLEGE

Milwaukee, WI

Instructor, 1/2002 to 1/2008

- Instructor for the undergraduate Social Work Program
- Courses Taught;
 - SWRK 231 Introduction to Social Work
 - SWRK 340 Social Work Practice Theory I: Theoretical Approaches to Assessment
 - SWRK 343 Social Work Practice Theory II: Assessment and Intervention
- Facilitated Continuing Education Presentations;
“Social Work and Families: Intervention Strategies” and “Social Work and Spirituality”
- Field Instructor for senior level undergraduate students from both Mount Mary College and Marquette University

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Milwaukee and Racine, WI

Instructor, 2002 - 2008

- Instructor in the General Education Program
- Courses Taught;
 - Social Systems and Social Policies
 - Introduction to Psychology and Human Sexuality

INSTRUCTION AND FACILITATION HISTORY

BRYANT & STRATTON COLLEGE

Milwaukee, WI

Instructor & Academic Counselor, 2002 - 2004

- Instructor in the General Education Program
- Courses Taught;
Human Relations
Critical Thinking
- Academic Counselor and Registrar for 300 Medical Assisting Students; preparing term schedules within program guidelines
- Individual Counselor for 180 at-risk Medical Assisting Students; providing one-on-one sessions, monitoring and tracking academic success as well as providing outside referrals, when appropriate

CASEMANAGEMENT AND MANAGEMENT HISTORY

DENVER HEALTH

Denver, CO

Medical Social Worker, 2-14 – Present

- Pediatric Social Worker/Resource Specialist at Eastside Clinic
 - Working with multidisciplinary team to coordinate supplemental care for patients and their families
 - Research and resources provided based upon initial assessment of family system needs
 - Follow-up care and outreach provided to family systems identified as high risk
- Psychiatric Social Worker/Inpatient Psychiatric Units for Adults and Adolescents
 - Psychosocial assessments for all newly admitted patients
 - Coordination with psychiatric providers regarding admissions and discharges
 - Family contact/meetings to obtain collateral pertaining to patient admits
 - Psych/Ed and Process Groups with patients on all units

HAVEN BEHAVIORAL SENIOR CARE

Thorton, CO

Psychiatric Social Worker, 10/13 – 12/13

- Psychiatric Social Worker for seniors in need of behavioral and cognitive stabilization
- Completion of Initial Psychosocial Assessments, Short Term Certifications, treatment team planning, discharge planning, placement coordination and ongoing communication and support for patient's families
- Group facilitator for Social Work Process Group and/or one on one therapy with patients not able to cognitively participate in process groups

CENTENNIAL PEAKS HOSPITAL

Louisville, CO

Psychiatric Social Worker, 10/12 – 10/13

- PRN Psychiatric Social Worker on 4 units: Alcohol and Drug Detox, General Adult Dual Diagnosis, Intensive Treatment for adults with Psychosis and the Adolescent Unit.
- Completion of Initial Psychosocial Assessments, treatment team planning, discharge planning and conducting family therapy sessions from a Solution Focused Theoretical Framework.
- Group facilitator for Social Work Process and Groups on each of the units

TEIPNER TREATMENT HOMES

Milwaukee, WI

Treatment Clinical Case Manager 2007-2009

- Clinical Case Manager for Treatment Foster Children and their Foster Parents
- Coordinated and Facilitated Foster Parent Education and Training

FRESH START FAMILY SERVICES

Milwaukee, WI

Treatment Clinical Case Manager and Supervisor 2005-2007

- Clinical Case Manager and Supervisor for Treatment Foster Children and their Foster Parents
- Conducted Home Studies and Licensed State Foster Homes
- Coordinated and Assisted in Foster Parent Education and Training

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Milwaukee, WI

Adoption Specialist / Birth Parent Counselor

Foster Home Licensing Coordinator 2002- 2005

- Facilitator of Adoption Orientation Trainings for Domestic and International Adoption Programs
- Foster Home Trainer and Licensing Coordinator for Domestic Adoption Program
- Adoption Specialist conducting home study assessments for Domestic and International Adoption Programs; preparing legal documents for over 10 countries and several local counties including testifying at adoption hearings
- Birth Parent Counselor for domestic birth mothers including preparation of all termination of parental rights documentation and testifying at TPR hearings

BUREAU OF MILWAUKEE CHILD WELFARE

Milwaukee, WI

Supervisor 2000-2001

- Supervisor of eight case-managers; organizing field and office work including conducting case assignment studies, investigations and treatment plans, safety assessments, implementing case-management services, utilizing community resources, reviewing case progress and compiling case records
- Prepared written reports, statistical analysis of cases and oral presentations of case demographics
- Complete case coverage of over 100 family cases including testifying at Children's Court

BOARD AFFILIATIONS

GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE OF THE ROCKIES

- Member of the Board of Directors 2012-2013
- Volunteer Coordinator and Assistant to Animal Caretaker