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PROFILE

I have worked at the University for 15 years in a few positions. I have gained a broad knowledge of higher education in online and on-campus settings while building relationships with faculty and staff and serving students. In my recent role as an academic advisor and adjunct faculty for First Year Studies and Human Services, I have increased my knowledge of student needs and bridged them to their goals and services. Prior to my work at TROY, I occupied a variety of social work positions from healthcare settings to foster and group home care. I look forward to combining the knowledge, education, and experience to further serve the students who seek to build the profession of Social Work.

EDUCATION

Troy University (Troy, AL)

Master of Science in Social Work, (2020)

Bachelor of Science in Social Work (1997)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Troy University (Troy, AL) October 2007 – Present

Social Work Lecturer (08/23-Present)

- Create engaging classroom for students learning Social Work Competencies (online/In-person)
- Provide constructive feedback for student growth
- Develop curriculum to satisfy CSWE requirements

Academic Advisor (08/19 – 07/23):

- Holistic academic advising to ensure the success of freshman and at-risk students
- Collaborate with other departments to better serve at-risk students
- Preserve and increase retention of students currently at-risk academically
- Link students to available resources through referral and education

Human Services Adjunct (08/21-Present):

- Creates a highly engaged classroom setting
- Applies human service concepts in creative activities incorporating flipped classroom
- Models rapport-building and networking for student's career success

TROY Online Textbook Coordinator (08/12 – 03/14):

- Recruited prospective students to apply and register in the Graduate School
- Determined residency and routed appeals to the residency appeals committee
- Cultivated relationships between the University and external constituents

Admissions Coordinator (09/09 – 12/09):

- Evaluated academic credentials of first-year and transfer applicants
- Represented the University and disseminated appropriate information about the University to prospective students and other interested parties
- Developed and implemented a recruiting and admissions program designed to promote effective communication with prospective students
- Maintained an electronic admissions system to identify and recruit students, to track and communicate with students during the application process, and to assist applicants in the admissions and registration process

University Service

- BSW Application Committee
- BSW Committee
- Field Education Committee
- SWHS Hiring Committee
- Humbled Hearts Faculty Advisor
- Civic Engagement Poverty Simulation Volunteer

The King's Home (Chelsea, AL) 5/03-1/06

Program Coordinator

- Trained staff for implementation of behavioral treatment program
- Engaged in observation of residential staff and provided feedback of effectiveness
- Trained staff on CPI's Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Intervention
- Participated in Team meetings with staff, case workers, and therapists

UAB Family Clinic-Ryan White Title IV (Birmingham, AL) 11/01-5/03

Medical Social Worker

- Assessed clients infected/affected with HIV/AIDS for services
- Participated in team approach with physicians, nurses and peer advocates
- Linked clients and families to services
- Established network of community resources
- Engaged in HIV testing in communities

Chilton-Shelby Mental Health Center (Pelham, AL) 5/01-11/01

Project FIND Case Manager

- Completed assessments of families with children at risk for therapeutic placement
- Linked families to services needed to retain home care
- Collaborated with therapist and supervisor for implementation of treatment
- Facilitated summer program for youth in mental health treatment programs

Alabama Baptist Children's Homes (Mobile, AL) 4/99-2/01

Foster Care Social Worker

- Engaged in community recruitment of foster families
- Interviewed and approved potential foster families
- Provided services to biological parents of private placement children
- Provided support to foster families and acted as liaison to DHR
- Facilitated training for foster parents and group home parents
- Substituted in group home for special needs girls as needed

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Dauphin Healthcare (Mobile, AL) 8/98-4/99

- *Social Worker of 130-person nursing facility*

M.A.R.Y.S (Montgomery, AL) 2/07-7/07

- *Youth Shelter Director*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Social Work Lecturer, Troy University

Survey of Human Services (25/SP, 25/T3, 24/SP)

Ethics in the Helping Profession 25/SP

Practicing Cultural Competency 25/SP

Human Behavior in the Social Environment 1 (21/T2, 22/FA, 25/T1, 25/FA)

Professional Communication Skills in the Helping Profession (25/FA)

Social Policy and Planning ((23/T1)

Pre-Practicum Seminar (24/SP and 24/FA)

Social Work Practicum I (24/SP and 24/FA)

Social Work Practicum II (24/T5)

Social Work Practicum III (24/T1)

Adjunct Professor, Troy University, August 2019-August 2023

First-Year Studies (Troy, AL) 08/15-Present

TROY 1101 University Orientation

TROY 0095 The Learning Mindset

HS Adjunct Professor, Troy University, August 2021-August 2023

Survey of Human Services (21/FA-23/SP)
Human Behavior in the Social Environment 1 (21/T2 and 22/FA)

Service to the Community

Embrace Grace-Unplanned Pregnancy Support Group Leader-Present

Southside Baptist Youth Ministry Volunteer 2011-Present

Girls Conference Coordinator 2016-2019

Merge Disciple-Now Host Home 2014-2018

Mission Trip to New Orleans Summer 2017

Middle School Girls Sunday School Teacher 2019-2021; 2025-present