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**Education**

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| B.B.A. | Management, Minor in HR Management | University of Houston-Downtown | 2015 |
| M.B.A | Human Resources Concentration | University of Houston-Downtown | 2017 |
| Ph. D | Higher Education Leadership | Ferris State University | 2022 |

# **Training**

Professional Human Resources Certificate – University of Houston-Downtown, Davies College of Business – 2016

Project Management Professional – Project Management Institute

**Professional Experience**

**2023 – present University of Oklahoma Norman, OK**

*Senior Managing Director* Manage day-to-day operations as Senior Managing Director, serving as the primary point of contact for the Institute. Collaborate with the institute director, leadership team, affiliated faculty, and Office of the Vice President for Research and Partnerships to identify and develop research and funding opportunities.

**2020 – 2023 University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK**

*Managing Director*, Responsible for all aspects of day-to-day operations and designated as the lead point of contact for the Data Institute of Societal Challenges.

**2017 – 2020 San Jacinto College District, Pasadena, TX**

*Manager, Strategic Initiative Projects*, Managed logistics of major projects and events.

Directed a variety of innovative and strategic start-up projects. Tracked key milestones and

adjusted project plans accordingly

**Jan 2017 – July 2017** **Yancy Life, Houston, TX**

*Consultant – Bilingual Instructional Specialist/Sales Representative*, Tutored students in both

large and small groups. Maintained an accurate log of student progress and development.

Reviewed testing data with students to support instructional content.

**Feb 2016 – Jan 2017** **Texas House of Representatives, Pasadena, TX**

*District Director*, Managed and supervised legislative aides and interns. Managed constituent

correspondence and case work. Met with constituents on behalf of Representative and

throughout the District at regular intervals to keep abreast of local concerns

**2015 - 2016** **Texas House of Representatives, Pasadena, TX**

*Legislative Aide,* Facilitated meetings with constituents, businesses, and advocacy groups on

behalf of the Representative. Managed constituent correspondence and casework.

**2014-2015** **Houston East End Chamber of Commerce, Houston, TX**

*Office Coordinator*, Prepared monthly bank reconciliations and financial reports. Utilized

Quickbooks for accounting and record keeping, Planned and executed Chamber events.

Maintained membership database.

**Synergistic activities**

* **Interdisciplinary Collaboration**: Leading and coordinating research and funding initiatives at DISC, bringing together faculty from diverse fields to address societal challenges through data-driven approaches.
* **Strategic Project Management**: Expertise in managing large-scale projects and initiatives at the University of Oklahoma and San Jacinto College to streamline operations, enhance project outcomes, and drive innovation.
* **Community Engagement and Outreach**: Expertise in legislative roles and community engagement.