



Curriculum Vitae of

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present Positions

03/2012-Present *Rehabilitation Counselor* Owen Vocational Services, Inc. Fayetteville, Arkansas

Skilled in conducting job analyses, vocational assessments, and job development activities to assist individuals with injuries in the return-to-work process. Conduct in person meeting with clients in vocational rehabilitation programs. Research recommendations of care, perform cost-analysis, and conduct medical file reviews. Skilled in conducting employability and wage-earning capacity evaluations. Designated vocational expert for Social Security Office of Hearings and Appeals proceedings. Experience as a vocational case manager with the Veteran's Administration, providing rehabilitation services to veterans with service connected disabilities.

08/2016- Present *Professor* Northwest Arkansas Community College Bentonville, Arkansas

Responsible for classroom lectures, examinations, and all aspects of classroom management. Provide instruction to undergraduate level graduate students in General Psychology and Human Growth and Development.

08/2017- Present *Editorial Board Member* Journal of Life Care Planning & The Rehabilitation Professional.

Responsibilities include peer reviewing submitted manuscripts, authoring and submitting publications, and identifying possible subjects for research/ publication and/or authors for the editor to contact when journal-relevant material is identified.

Previous Positions and Experience

05/2012-12/2015 *Graduate Assistant* University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Responsible for classroom lectures in the college of education and health professions. Provide instruction to master's level graduate students in rehabilitation counseling at the University of Arkansas. Courses taught include rehabilitation counseling internship, rehabilitation case management, and rehabilitation counseling supervision.

08/2011-01/2012 *Adjunct Professor* College of the Ouachita's, Malvern, Arkansas

Responsible for classroom lectures, examinations, and all aspects of classroom management. Provide instruction to undergraduate level graduate students in General Psychology.

03/2010-12/2011 *Rehabilitation Counselor* Arkansas Career Training Institute Hot Springs, Arkansas

Coordinated the individual students' program during their enrollment at ACTI by utilizing individual and vocational counseling. Provided or facilitated academic accommodations for students

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Rehabilitation Counseling University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas

Outstanding Rehabilitation Education & Research Doctoral Student 2013

Master of Science (M.S.) Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas

Outstanding Rehabilitation Education & Research Master Student 2009, ARA- Vincent H. Bond Scholarship Recipient 2009

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Rehabilitation Science Arkansas Tech University Russellville, Arkansas
2008 Senior Fellow- Rehabilitation Science Department magna cum laude

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP)

Arkansas Rehabilitation Association

National Rehabilitation Association

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) #00112053

PUBLICATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

Wilkins, M.J. & Owen, T.R. (in press). Vocational Implications of Cult Involvement. *Journal of Rehabilitation*.

Wilkins, M.J. & Owen, T.R. (2020). Vocational Implications of Cult Involvement. Presented at IARP 2020 Annual Conference. Virtual IALCP Symposium

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Fischer, J. & Wilkins, M.J. (2017). Practice issues faced by Canadian life care planners. *Journal of Life Care Planning*, 15 (3), 31-136

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Wilkins, M.J., Connell, A., & Bullins, S. (2017). Chronic pain treatment during the “Opioid Epidemic”. *Journal of Life Care Planning*, 15 (2), 21-26.

- Wilkins, M.J., Owen, T.R., & Kilpatrick, B. (2017). Trauma and Stress Related Disorders: Changes in DSM-5. *Journal of Life Care Planning*, 15 (2), 39-48.
- Koch, L.C., Mamiseishvili, K., & Wilkins, M. (2017). Integrated Postsecondary Services and Supports for College Students with Psychiatric Disabilities. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*, 48 (1), 16-51.
- Whiting-Madison, C., Bullins, S., & Wilkins, M.J. (2017). Assistive technology in the Life Care Plan. *Journal of Life Care Planning*, 15 (1), 9-12.
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- Wilkins, M.J. (2016). Disabilities caused by violence. In Koch, L. & Rumrill, P., *Medical, Psychosocial, and Vocational Aspects of Emerging Disabilities*. Springer. New York, NY
- Wilkins, M.J., & Kilpatrick, B. (2016). DSM-5: Trauma and stress related disorders- Implications for rehabilitation counseling. *Presented at National Council on Rehabilitation Education, Spring 2016 Conference*. Newport Beach, California.
- Koch, L.C., Mamiseishvili, K., & Wilkins, M. (2016). Postsecondary integration and persistence: A comparison of students with psychiatric disabilities to students with learning disabilities/attention deficit disorders. *Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education*, 30(3), 259-275
- Owen, T. R., Wilkins, M.J., & Kilpatrick, B. (2015). Critical elements of home health service provisions for life care planners. *Journal of Life Care Planning*, 13 (4), 11-20.
- Owen, T. R., Wilkins, M.J., Kilpatrick, B. & Paul, T.M. (2015) Life care planning for burn injuries. *Journal of Life Care Planning*, 13 (3), 37-44.
- Owen, T.R. & Wilkins, M.J. (2014). Sincerity of effort differences in Functional Capacity Evaluations. *Journal of Rehabilitation*, 80 (3), 53-61.
- Owen, T. & Wilkins, M. (2013). Decubitus ulcer development in individuals with Spinal Cord Injury. *Journal of Life Care Planning*, 12 (2), 9-23.
- Wilkins, M.J. & McCowan, M. (2013). Integrating a social justice framework into Rehabilitation Counseling. Paper presented at 2013 *Arkansas Rehabilitation Association Annual Training Conference*. Hot Springs, Arkansas.