



# NICOLETTE BENDICK

## SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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### CERTIFICATION

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA  
School Counselor K-12

### EDUCATION

M.S.ED IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

CACREP ACCREDITED  
Duquesne University  
Pittsburgh, PA | August 2015

B.S. IN PSYCHOLOGY  
MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA | April 2013

### PROFILE

- Educator with experience and training servicing K-12 students of diverse backgrounds
- Noted for ability to quickly establish rapport with students and build collaborative partnerships with all educational constituencies including parents, administrators, and the community
- Demonstrated passion for supporting success in and out of the school environment as an advocate for every student

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### AUTISTIC SUPPORT CLASSROOM ASSISTANT

NOV 2015 - PRESENT | ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL

- Devise special strategies for reinforcing material and skills based on a sympathetic understanding of individual students, their needs, interests, and abilities
- Teach small group lessons to students, incorporating knowledge of special education modifications
- Implement therapeutic and instructional programs for students through observations and data collection
- Collaborate with other stakeholders to meet student needs

#### EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE

AUG 2015 – NOV 2015 | MELLON MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Built rapport with students to aid in academic success in learning support classroom and inclusive setting
- Expertly managed deescalating emotionally charged situations with students
- Developed IEP documents using IEP Writer

#### THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT STAFF

NOV 2013 – AUG 2015 | BARBER NATIONAL INSTITUTE

- Engaged in one-on-one interventions with children/adolescents with behavioral diagnoses such as autism, ODD, and ADHD
- Transferred effective skills to parents and caregivers to enable children to succeed in school and community setting

## STRENGTHS PROFILE

- INNOVATIVE
- DEDICATED
- COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- CPR/FIRST AID CERTIFIED
- LITERATE SPANISH
- FAMILIAR WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION ACCOMODATIONS
- EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH STUDENTS OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Allegheny County School  
Counselor Association  
2014 - Present

## REFERENCES

Melissa Reilly  
Supervisor  
Allderdice High School  
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## PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

COUNSELOR INTERN | UPPER ST. CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

AUG 2014 - APRIL 2015 | PITTSBURGH, PA

- Taught Freshman Seminar introductory course for entering ninth grade students
- Consulted with students and parents regarding concerns
- Contributed as a member of the SAP team, identifying at-risk students
- Arranged job shadow opportunities for Career Exploration Opportunities program while utilizing Naviance program
- Administered SAT and AP testing
- Assisted in course selection and scheduling process
- Facilitated student training for peer counseling program
- Organized Higher Education meeting between internship sites, ACCA, and local counseling programs

COUNSELOR INTERN | TURNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DEC 2014 - APRIL 2015 | WILKINSBURG, PA

- Assisted students with educational, personal, and emotional problems in urban school environment
- Responded to crisis situations in school and community
- Provided both individual and group counseling, including a self-developed small group for sixth grade girls covering topics of self-esteem, body image, bullying, and conflict resolution
- Implemented classroom guidance lessons on anger management, tattling vs. reporting, and diversity awareness
- Participated in Child Study meetings to identify at-risk students
- Referred parents to outside supporting agencies

## OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

CHEERLEADING COACH & COORDINATOR

MT. LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Responsible for overall coaching and organization of cheerleading program for grades 7-12

AUTISM CONNECTION OF PA "EMERGING CONNECTOR"

- Plan fundraising events and promote awareness for children's developmental disabilities to empower affected children and their families

MISS PENNSYLVANIA USA TOP 15 FINALIST

- Procured over \$500 in charitable donations from community businesses to Children's Miracle Network

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH DANCE TEAM

- Served as a captain and ambassador for the university at sporting and community events