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**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

Self-motivated, enthusiastic School Counselor with the intent to foster growth, independence and learning in the school environment. Capable of differentiating instruction and methods in order to meet the needs of all learners. Highly effective at challenging and encouraging students to achieve academic success and eager to collaborate with colleagues and consult with other professionals to best meet the needs of all students.

**EDUCATION**

Gwynedd-Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, Pennsylvania 2013

**Master of Science in School Counseling**

**Certification: Elementary School Counseling**

* Cumulative GPA: 4.0
* **Recipient of Gwynedd-Mercy College Alumni Association's Outstanding Graduate Award.**
* Formulated understandings of various theories of counseling as it relates to students.
* Completed comprehensive courses such as assessment, group counseling, curriculum development, students with special needs, and Response to Instruction and Intervention.

University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware 2009

**Bachelor of Science**

Human Services

* Mastered courses that focused on tolerance for different types of people and cultures.

**COUNSELING EXPERIENCE**

New Hope-Solebury Upper Elementary School, New Hope, Pennsylvania 2012-2013

**Practicum Student**

* Worked with the School Counselor in grades 3-5 to promote stability and learning within the school environment.
* Counseled students both individually and in groups concerning a variety of topics.
* Led groups for specific issues such as friendship, self-control, and grief.
* Created and presented guidance lessons using ASCA standards for each classroom on different topics such as autism, respect and bullying.
* Administered the K-BIT screening assessment.
* Observed students using the BOSS assessment tool to discern frequency of on-task/off-task behaviors as well as used the Connor’s rating scale to document student behavior.
* Involved in the creation and implementation of documents such as IEPs, 504 plans, and CST.
* Provided support for different populations such as new students or students with special needs.
* Promoted tolerance within the school environment through a variety of outreach programs.
* Observed various meetings between administration and staff concerning a range of issues for the students and school.
* Prepared and implementedreinforcer surveys to encourage good behavior in students.
* Assisted in facilitating special events such as Red Ribbon Week and Mix it Up Day.
* Collaborated with teachers and school staff to empower students and cultivate an environment of self-worth and positive self-image.
* Helped code and distribute PSSA testing materials to student body.

Career Services, Gwynedd-Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, Pennsylvania 2011-2013

**Graduate Assistant**

* Utilized counseling skills while meeting with students and alumni to discuss stages and planning of the job searching process.
* Maintained the Career Services blog by writing over 60blog entries about career related topics on a weekly basis.
* Presented information about the services the office provides to classrooms on campus.
* Entered job postings on the Career Services website for students and alumni.
* Updated and compiled upcoming career fairs and special events to the College Central database.
* Conducted mock interviews with students to prepare for upcoming job interviews.
* Coordinated and assisted with special events such as career fairs and workshops.
* Promoted services to the campus community.
* Collaborated with colleagues to create new guides for students and alumni on topics such as internships and interviewing.
* Participated in outreach to recent graduates to maintain records and document frequency of post-graduate hires.

Newark Manor Nursing Home, Newark, Delaware 2008

**Intern, Activities Coordinator**

* Visited with residents and established an empathic relationship that generated conversation and companionship.
* Designed and executed activities to engage residents in their own environment.
* Organized group breakout sessions to provide comfort and support to residents.
* Developed new ways to keep residents intellectually stimulated.
* Provided one-on-one support to residents and utilized counseling skills with each session to discuss feelings, progress and personal stories.
* Assisted at mealtime with serving and cleanup.

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

Private Childcare, New Hope, Pennsylvania 2000-2012

**Nanny**

* Supervise children of various ages in over 40 families.
* Manage household responsibilities and oversee day-to-day activities.
* Develop age appropriate activities that emphasize independence and growth.
* Monitor specific dietary needs for children with special food allergies.
* Cared for a child with cancer and administered medication when necessary.

**MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

* Member of American School Counselor Association.
* Attended Group Psychotherapy conference and workshop at Bryn Mawr College.
* Registered for annual ASCA conference in Philadelphia, Pennyslvania (2013).
* CPR certified.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Master’s Thesis, Gwynedd-Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, Pennsylvania 2013

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren & the Role of the School Counselor**

* Analyzed available literature on this trend and connected the differing schools of thought surrounding the topic.
* Linked the current trend of grandparents raising their grandchildren to the role of the school counselor.
* Utilized skills and services obtained from School Counseling Practicum, classroom trainings, and personal research to offer techniques and support to school counselors dealing with this population.
* Proposed a research plan and executed the plan to achieve results and statistics.
* Interpreted and summarized findings of research.
* Created interventions to address this population and provide support for those involved.

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