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EDUCATION

M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling | 4.00/4.00 GPA | Anticipated 2026

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- Related coursework: Multicultural Counseling, Essentials of Counseling, and Theories of Counseling

B.S. in Psychology | 3.36/4.00 GPA | August 2020 – May 2024

University of Wisconsin - Madison

- Related coursework: Clinical Communication Skills, Data Science and Modeling, Psychology of Perception
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Summer Research Assistant | UW-Madison | April 2024 – June 2024

Action Research Facility – Dr. Nick Buttrick and Dr. Ryan Hampton

- Assisted with data collection for a firearm study by measuring physiological arousal levels including heart rate, facial muscle contractions, and skin conductance.
- Trained in electrocardiogram (ECG), facial electromyography (fMEG) placement, and skin preparation procedures.
- Built rapport with study participants, including gun-owners, to ensure comfort with study protocols.

Research Assistant | UW-Madison | August 2023 – May 2024

Learning and Transfer Lab – Dr. Shawn Green

- Collected data from over 100 participants during 50+ sessions for perceptual learning tasks (PLFest)
- Administered Snellen tests and contributed to lab discussions on visual perception and learning.
- Implemented efficient participant recruitment strategies through visually compelling marketing materials.

Research Assistant | UW-Madison | September 2022 – May 2024

Action Research Facility – Dr. Nick Buttrick and Dr. Sosuke Okada

- Recruited future undergraduate research assistants in 2023 and 2024 UW-Madison Undergraduate Research Fair.
- Analyzed public discourse through collecting Tweets from politicians following mass shootings.
- Coded ChatGPT responses to analyze cultural differences between small and large town populations.

Laboratory Technician | UW-Madison | May 2022 – May 2024

Pelegri Lab – Dr. Francisco Pelegri

- Monitored and reported health status (temperature, conductivity diet, etc.) of Zebrafish and Poison Dart Frogs.
 - Advised new team members on lab and expectations for efficient coordination between employees.
 - Sanitized petri dishes and fish tanks for genetics research.
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SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python and R

Research Tools: SPSS, FreeSurfer and AcqKnowledge

Software: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), AutoCAD, Adobe Photoshop, and Adobe Premiere Pro

Languages: English (fluent), Persian (fluent), and French (beginner)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Awards: Outstanding Undergraduate Research Scholar (OURS) Award and Spring 2023 Dean's List candidate

Volunteer Work : Clinical Mental Health Counseling Student Representative and Department of Education Event Volunteer (October 2024 - Current), Volunteer Crisis Counselor (June 2023 – December 2023)