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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, WI
- Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Recreation, December, 2008
- Emphasis: Child / Youth Care
- Major GPA: 3.5
- Program Nationally Accredited by NRPA /AALR

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION EXPERIENCE

Therapeutic Recreation Intern

8/2008-12/2008

WINNEBAGO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/MH_Winnebago/
Oshkosh, WI

- Assessed adolescent and adult patients with mental illness and completed databases
- Recorded weekly progress notes and documented patient development
- Designed Individual Treatment Plans for patients
- Attended staffings, patient reviews, and trainings as needed
- Facilitated patient groups using therapeutic modalities (ropes challenge course, coping skills, relaxation, fitness groups, nature/outdoor, games, arts and crafts, community outings)
- Designed a geocaching program as a major project (designed a proposal that was funded with supplies [i.e., Global Positioning System], conducted a staff inservice on geocaching, wrote a program guide, and facilitated geocaching events/experiences for staff and patients)

Workshop Facilitator

6/2005-PRESENT

FOX VALLEY SIBLING SUPPORT NETWORK www.fvssn.org
Appleton, WI

- Co-present Sibshops for siblings of children with special needs
- Plan recreation activities and outings to foster development and nurture siblings who may receive less attention in a family
- Encourage peer support networking

Teacher's Assistant

6/05-9/05

WINNEBAGO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE www.dhfs.state.wi.us/MH_Winnebago/
Winnebago, WI

- Spent one-on-one time with patients and students
- Assigned, taught, and corrected school lessons
- Followed classroom behavior guidelines and enforcing rules
- Implemented Individualized Educational Plans and Treatment Plans

SKILLS SUMMARY

- Advocate and activist for inclusion of a sister with a disability
- Strong commitment to the needs and interests of clients served
- Calm and capable in stressful situations
- Persistently eager to learn new skills and therapeutic activities
- Experience with children and adolescents with difficult behaviors and mental illness

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Vice President 2007, UW-La Crosse Therapeutic Recreation Club 2004-2007
- Member, Rho Phi Lambda Honor Society, 2005-2008

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

- Participant, Children with Attachment Issues Seminar (April 2007)
- Participant, TRACR Workshop (April 2007)
- Participant, Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation (2005, 2006)
- Trainee, Autism Spectrum Program Certificate (30 hours training) UW-L, Spring, 2005

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Teacher's Assistant

9/05-5/07

CAMPUS CHILDCARE CENTER www.uwlax.edu/childcare/

La Crosse, WI

- Assist teachers with activities and planning
- Interact with children as a positive role model nurturing growth and social skills
- Implement rules and regulations

Casino Night Not-for profit Card Dealer

9/05-5/07

THE BIG EVENT COMPANY <http://www.bigelax.com/>

Onalaska, WI

- Facilitate blackjack and other casino games for company entertainment

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid
- Crisis Prevention Intervention, Crisis Management Prevention training at Winnebago Mental Health Institute
- Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) pending Dec. 2008

REFERENCES

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