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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling
The University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, TX GPA: 4.0
Graduation Date: May, 2008

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitative Services Concentration: Addiction Studies
The University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, TX
Graduation Date: December, 2006

Major Courses:

Psychology of Disability
Case Management 1 & 2
Vocational Assessment
Medical Aspects 1 & 2
Disability Policy & Independent Living
Rehabilitation Research

Addictions Courses:

Introduction to Addiction Studies
Inter. Aspects in Addiction Studies
Clinical Issues in Addictions

HONORS & AWARDS

National Dean's List
STHEF Scholar
UTPA Dean's List
National Honors Society
National Hispanic Institute
Texas Scholar
Varsity Cheerleader
Junior & Senior Class Parliamentarian

Texas Grant Recipient
University Scholar
RSA Scholar
Concurrent Enrollment
Mission Merit
Top 5% of Graduating Class
AmeriCorps Youth Harvest
Student Council Representative

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor**

The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Service, San Antonio, TX
Duties: Assisting individuals with various disabilities to participate in their communities by achieving employment via job placement; independent living; counseling and guidance; and specialty backup counselor to Deaf and hard of hearing caseload.
From: 04/2008 to Present

- **Life Care Planner & Vocational Damages Consultant**
Marini & Associates: Forensic Rehabilitation Consultants, McAllen & San Antonio, TX
 Duties: Conducting intake assessments, summarizing medical records, generating intake summary reports, contributing to the overall process of life care planning and assessing personal and worker injuries/vocational assessment earning capacity loss
 From: 08/2006 to Present
- **Substitute Teacher**
Mission Consolidated Independent School District, Mission, TX
 Duties: Teaching a variety of subjects to middle school and high school students, distributing class assignments, explaining and assisting students with homework and in-class assignments, following curriculum guidelines, keeping records of attendance, lecturing and demonstrating on the subjects at hand, and maintaining class discipline (primarily hired to work within special education department)
 From: 09/2007 to 05/2008
- **Research Assistant**
The University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, TX
 Duties: Retrieving field data via in-person and telephone surveys from various establishments across the Rio Grande Valley regarding job opportunities for individuals with particular disabilities (e.g. individuals with one amputated arm/prosthetic arm), analyzing and interpreting information, and assisting with the advancement of research for the Rehabilitative Services graduate level program, contributing to study regarding empirically validating employer perceptions regarding jobs performed using one arm
 From: 02/2007 to 12/2007
- **Content Mastery Instructional Assistant**
Ann Richards Middle School, Mission, TX
 Duties: Tutoring individuals placed in the Special Education Content Mastery Program with all problem subject area coursework, compiling and keeping thorough records of all of the students' allotted Content Mastery time, time spent receiving assistance, and other pertinent information necessary for state documentation, creating word documents and spread sheets to implement new filing system for the program, creating weekly, mid-week, and monthly spreadsheets for each of the 140 students' corresponding teacher, team leader, and administrator
 From: 08/2006 to 02/2007
- **Case Manager Assistant**
Reaching Maximum Independence, San Antonio, TX
 Duties: Assisting clients in applying for and maintaining various government and community supports, getting clients together for weekly meetings, developing an organizations system for client records, assisting with counseling and guidance for clients, making client contacts (phone & in-person), organizing company parties, utilizing clerical skills such as: answering phones, formatting and developing forms while using Microsoft programs, and organizing and filing client records
 From: 07/2005 to 09/2005

- **Student Tutor/Mentor**

AmeriCorps Youth Harvest, Mission, TX

Duties: Ensuring quality care and educational assistance for school age children, tutoring children with school assignments, engaging in arts and crafts sessions, overseeing drug awareness and prevention classes, attending and supervising various weekly field trips, supervising fitness hour and cheerleading, along with many other community service projects

From: 10/2003 to 07/2004

VOLUNTEER WORK/ACTIVITIES

- Routinely volunteered at the Food Bank of the RGV from 2001 to 2006
- 100+ hours at Palmer Drug Abuse Program
- Completed a total of 900+ community service hours within the course of one year tutoring and mentoring children at the Boys & Girls Club of Mission as well as Midkiff and Leal Elementary in Mission, TX
- American Heart Association event volunteer

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

- Certified Rehabilitation Counselor # 00109031
- Licensed Professional Counselor (I) # 65114

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Empirical Validation of Employer Perceptions of Jobs that can be Performed Using One Arm. International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals – Forensics Section. Las Vegas, NV; November 1-3, 2007.

Marini, I., Rodriguez, V. J., Preston, B., Miller, R. J., Payan, S. (2008). Employer Validation of Jobs Performed with One Arm. Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis, **11(2)**, 37-48.

Marini, I., Payan, S., Miller, R. J., Rodriguez, V. J., & Preston, B., (2008). Employer Validation of Jobs Performed with a Sit/Stand Option. The Rehabilitation Professional, **16(3)**, 171-178.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Horsman, E., Rodriguez, V. J., & Marini, I. (2009). Cultural distrust: The elephant in the room. In I. Marini and M. A. Stebnicki (Ed.). *Professional Counselor's Desk Reference*. New York: Springer

COMPETENCIES

Vocational Evaluation	Transferable Skills Analysis
Documentation	Networking
Treatment Planning	Interviewing Skills
Intake Interviewing	Vocational Guidance
Counseling	Job Analysis
Labor Market Survey	Functional Limitation Analysis
Task Analysis	Program Evaluation
Guide Employers in ADA	Job Modification & Accommodation
Advocacy	Assistive Technology Evaluation
Culturally Sensitive Competence	Addictions Counseling
Familiarity with Axis Diagnoses	Group Counseling
Knowledgeable with Medical Terminology	Familiarity w/ Major Body Systems
Familiarity with Career Planning Guides	Job Matching and Referrals
Career Counseling	Public Speaking

SPECIAL SKILLS

Bilingual in Spanish and English
Familiarity with all Microsoft programs
Excellent clerical skills
Outstanding typing skills (GWAM 85)
Exceptional organizational, communication, leadership, and time management skills

*References available upon request will