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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Master of Social Work, Expected Graduation December 2009

Geriatric Social Work Scholarship Program

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI.

Bachelor of Social Work, May 2008

SOCIAL WORK INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan Turner Geriatric Clinic, Ann Arbor, MI

May 2009- Present

Social Work Intern

- Utilize Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, and grief support interventions in on-going individual counseling sessions with older adults in the clinic and in their homes
- Perform new patient assessments and case management with geriatric clients in an outpatient medical clinic
- Assist older adults and their families in utilizing community resources such as Medicare, homecare, respite care and prescription assistance programs
- Planning, coordinating and co-facilitating a six week Caring for Aging Relatives Seminar

Silver Club Programs, Ann Arbor, MI

May 2009-Present

Social Work Intern

- Assist in planning, implementing and facilitating activities for a day program serving older adults with dementia
- Build relationships and establish rapport with members who have early and moderate-stage dementia
- Collaborate with staff to develop individualized care plans and complete ongoing assessments
- Develop knowledge of issues, resources and interventions for individuals with dementia

Botsford Hospital Geropsychiatry Unit, Farmington Hills, MI

September 2008- May 2009

Social Work Intern

- Attended daily team meetings representing social work in an interdisciplinary team of psychiatrist, therapists, and nurses
- Performed comprehensive psychosocial assessments and utilized the DSM-IV in order to develop appropriate treatment plans for geriatric psychiatric patients
- Assessed intake calls and informed callers of voluntary and involuntary psychiatric admissions criteria
- Co-facilitated psychotherapy groups for cognitively low as well as high functioning patients with efforts to engage, improve participation and continue cooperation with treatment
- Compiled a community resource book for families of geriatric psychiatry patients

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, Children's Protection Team, Grand Rapids, MI

March 2008- June 2008

Social Work Intern

- Recorded confidential intake case data electronically using computer software
- Attended child death reviews and interdisciplinary team meetings made up of family advocates, social workers, parent coaches, doctors, and managers
- Observed parent coaching sessions, medical interviews, and medical exams of children under investigation for child abuse

Spectrum Health Hospital, Grand Rapids, MI

September 2007- March 2008

Social Work Intern

- Achieved time management and flexibility skills in a high-paced hospital setting
- Provided ongoing encouragement, education, and advocacy for patients in inpatient setting

- Educated families and patients of discharge instructions and referral sources for oncology, orthopedic, pediatric, and intensive care patients
- Developed patient centered treatment plans and professionally documented progress toward discharge

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Resthaven, Holland, MI

In-Home Care Aide

December 2008-Present

- Monitor individuals for safety and promote the independence by providing support and assistance in their home

Transitional Care Aide

May 2008-Present

- Assist elderly adults with personal hygiene, continence management, and administration of medication
- Encourage and motivate residents to attend daily activities and social events

Dietary Aide/ Prep Cook Team Member

September 2001-May 2008

- Conducted dining room service, set up, food preparation, execution of meal, and clean up
- Helped new administration redevelop job responsibilities, wrote job descriptions and trained new staff

Allegan Community Mental Health, Allegan, MI

Respite Care Provider

June 2005- September 2008

- Assisted a teenage girl with disabilities in exploring and increasing her participation in the local community
- Consulted with the family to create and follow a schedule of leisure and recreational activities daily

National Heritage Academies, Grand Rapids, MI

School Social Work Assistant

September 2006-May 2007

- Assisted the Excel Charter School Social Worker with office filing, IEP preparations, and social skills groups

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan SSW Disaster Response Group, Ann Arbor, MI

Student Organization Secretary

May 2009- Present

Meals on Wheels, Ann Arbor, MI

Meal delivery to elderly and disabled in the community

September 2008- Present

Hands On New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana

Disaster Response Group Service Trip

February 20, 2009- February 28, 2009

Camp Blodgett, Grand Haven, MI.

Special Needs Camp Counselor

August 2006- August 2009

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, Grand Rapids, MI

Children's Protection Team Data Entry

April 2008- June 2008

AWARDS & HONORS

Geriatric Scholars Recipient, University of Michigan, School of Social Work 2008-2009

Geriatric Specialist Certificate

Sigma Phi Omega Gerontology Honors Society

Dean's List, Calvin College Fall 2007 and Spring 2008

Edward C. and Hazel L. Stephenson Foundation Scholarship, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

National Honors Society Member, 2004

Michigan Merit Award, 2004