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Education

University of Toronto
Master of Social Work in Gerontology
Graduation 2014

Gordon College, Wenham Massachusetts
Bachelor of Arts in Social Work
Graduated 2012

Skills

- Experience offering advocacy, support, treatment and rehabilitation within a community based context working with vulnerable populations
- Compassionate and empathetic in working with diverse groups
- Able to listen and communicate effectively
- Strong assessment and intervention skills
- Committed team member who also works well independently
- Computer literacy in MS Word, Excel, Outlook, CIS, RaiCHA & OCAN
- Fluent in French and English

Social Worker Experience

Master of Social Work Field Placement – *LOFT Community Services: John Gibson House*
September 2013 – April 2014

- Provided individuals who suffer from mental illness and/or addictions and are at risk of homelessness with psychogeriatric case management services
- Utilized The Psychosocial Rehabilitation Model to empower clients in daily living by focusing on their strengths
- Liaised with various community agencies to assist clients in overcoming challenges and promote well-being related to housing and physical and mental health
- Designed and facilitated a weekly smoking cessation group with the residents of John Gibson House based on a revised version of the program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Nicotine Dependence Clinic
- Participated in client review meetings among multiple disciplinary team members

Bachelor of Social Work Field Placement - *North Shore Health Project, an agency that promotes wellness in people living with HIV, AIDS and Hepatitis C*
August 2011 – December 2011

- Conducted psychosocial assessments with clients and lobbied with other organizations to ensured that the client's basic needs were met
- Attended staff meetings and meetings with other nonprofit organizations within the local community
- Participated in group therapy including the Hepatitis C Support Group and Women's Support Group

Employment Experience

Secretary – *Student Employment Service, University of New Brunswick*
November 2012- August 2013

- Scheduled student appointments and corresponded to questions or concerns regarded to employment opportunities
- Improved communication between students and employers by updating the website, posting jobs for employers and advertising career fairs and workshops
- Used Excel and Microsoft Word to track student employment hours and faculty request for student assistants.

Home Support Worker – *We Care Home Health Services* July 2012-March 2013

- Worked alongside women and men with intellectual disabilities to maximize their capabilities and functioning within the community
- As part of the team, actively involved in the planning and implementation of each client's individual program
- Collaborated with various community-based services and organizations to increase the independence and functioning of each client

Visit Intern - *Gordon College Admissions Office* December 2008-May 2011

- Worked as a part-time Individual Visit Intern
- Corresponded (email and phone) with prospective students, scheduled student appointments and itineraries
- Organized events on campus related to recruitment, and worked together with admissions counselors

Office Assistant - *Bridges of Canada, Fredericton* Summer of 2009
Summer Full-time Employment

- Assisted ex-offenders and their families by working at the food and clothing bank twice a week
- Helped organize special events, worked on the monthly newsletter, and corresponded with clients
- Contacted pastors in the local area to see if they would donate Christmas gifts to the children of ex-offenders.
- Fulfilled office tasks

Volunteer Experience

Volunteer - *Pine Grove Nursing Home, Fredericton* April 2007-August 2013

- As a volunteer, assisted with facilitating and implementing social activities
- Assisted with special events including birthday parties, holiday parties and special guests.
- Visited with individual residents, listening to their life stories and taking them for walks
- Began volunteering when I was in high school and continued when I came home from university

Volunteer - *Community Minority Cultural Center, Lynn MA* January 2009 – May 2009

- Volunteered in the ESL department
- Helped individuals with basic computer skills such as accessing the Internet, setting up email, uploading pictures and so on

Research Experience

Research Assistant – *Immigrant Women in Atlantic Canada* August 2012-October 2012

- Transcribing interviews involving immigrant women in Atlantic Canada.
- Topics included domestic violence, experiences of discrimination, multiculturalism and family and social support networks.

Research Assistant – *PASCH Organization* December 20, 2011 – January 15, 2012

- Analyzed questionnaire data (quantitative and qualitative)
- Prepared an excel spreadsheet report on the PASCH organization self study for the President and Board of the organization

Research Assistant – *Dr. Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa* December – January 2011

- Analyzed quantitative and qualitative data and prepared a report on a social assessment survey of the community of Deer Island

Awards/Honors – Academic and Athletic

Gordon College Stewart G MacDonald Memorial Scholarship (2008-2012)
Gordon College Dean's List (2011-2012)
Gordon College Varsity Swim Team (2008-2011)
Gordon College Most Valuable Swimmer Award (2009-10; 2010-11)

References Available Upon Request