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# Objective

A position as Academic Medicine-Core Faculty for Tidelands Health

# Profile

A highly motivated and organized individual with great ambition, perseverance, and compassion. Possesses a broad skill set, strong leadership qualities and experience, and a growth mindset. Excellent oral and written communication skills; consistently maintains professional and ethical integrity under stressful work conditions. Experienced and skilled in the development and delivery of professional development, training, and instruction. Enjoys working in a multi-cultural and ethnic work environment; appreciates the importance of collaborative and multi-disciplinary work. Experienced at utilizing problem solving processes to develop solutions. Knowledgeable about mental and physical health and dedicated to providing services and programming based on Federal and State Statute and Board Policy to ensure the physical, behavioral, and social emotional safety, progress, and overall wellbeing of all.

# Skills & Strengths

# Broad experience in supervising, coaching, and coordinating services of multi-disciplinary staff members from the educational, mental health, and behavioral health fields.

* Providing leadership for and coordination of organizational change efforts for educational and behavioral frameworks.
* Core participation in the development of infrastructure and building capacity for district and school level data-driven problem solving.
* Consultation with staff, families, and students in relation to organizational and student level issues and concerns.
* Coordination of school level staffing assignments and coverage for ESE and Student Services staff.
* Core participant in the interviewing for and hiring of ESE and Student Services staff.
* Skilled in the areas of diagnosis, remediation, intervention, and programming of multiple disabilities, including but not limited to cognitive, learning, emotional/behavioral, social/emotional, communicative, and physical disabilities.
* Facilitation and provision of mental health, grief, and crisis counseling.
* Provision of ongoing professional development and course training in educational, mental health, behavioral health, and social emotional learning.

# Work Experience

## January 2018- PRESENT

### School District of Indian River County, Vero Beach FL *-ESE and Student Services Program Specialist: Emotional & Behavioral Disability Services and Programming*

* Providing oversight of Emotional & Behavioral Disability programming and services.
* Providing oversight and professional development for 25 Behavior Intervention Specialists.
* District Coordinator for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Programming (PBIS).
* Crisis Prevention & Intervention (CPI) District Coordinator.
* Providing oversight of Disparity and Disproportionality (Equity) monitoring of students with disabilities.
* Oversight of restraint monitoring, reporting, and emergency review of students with disabilities.
* Providing school-based oversight of ESE programming and services.
* Providing ongoing districtwide professional development.
* Providing CPI certification and recertification courses.
* Providing continuous ESE related legislative updates and monitoring.

## August 2014 - January 2018

### School District of Indian River County, Vero Beach FL *- District Prevention Specialist*

* District lead for Multi- Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Framework.
* Crisis Prevention & Intervention (CPI and PCM) Coordinator.
* Crisis Prevention and Intervention (CPI) Trainer & Instructor.
* PBIS District Coordinator.
* Provided oversight of Disparity and Disproportionality monitoring of students with disabilities.
* Coordinator of Early Intervening Services.
* Core member of the Suspension & Expulsion Review Team.
* Core member of the Positive Climate & Disciplinary Advisory Team (Code of Conduct).

## September 2012 - June 2014

### School District of Indian River County, Vero Beach, FL *- Certified School Psychologist*

* Child Find.
* Conducted psychoeducation and psychological student evaluations.
* Participated as a school-based core MTSS member.
* Provided grief counseling, anger management, and social/emotional counseling and consultation.
* Conducted crisis response assessments (risk and threat).

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## August 2010 - September 2012

### Horry County School District, Myrtle Beach, SC*- Certified School Psychologist-Regional Lead Psychologist*

* Lead School Psychologist- Region 4
* District Lead: Behavior and Emotional Support Team
* District CPI Trainer & Instructor

## August 2004 - September 2012

### Horry County School District, Myrtle Beach, SC*- Certified School Psychologist*

* Child Find.
* Conducted psychoeducation and psychological student evaluations.
* Participated in school-based SST/RtI member.
* Provided grief counseling, anger management and social/emotional counseling and consultation.
* Conducted crisis response assessments (risk and threat).

## August 2003 – June 2004

### Brunswick County School District, Southport, NC *-Level II Licensed School Psychologist*

* Child Find
* Conducted psychoeducation and psychological student evaluations.
* Participated as a school Based SST/RtI member.
* Provided grief counseling, anger management, SEL counseling and consultation.

Conducted Crisis response assessment (risk and threat assessments).

## August 2003 - April 2003

### Waccamaw Center for Mental Health, Myrtle Beach, SC*- Mental Health Counselor*

* School-based Mental Health Counselor

## August 2002 - April 2003

### Internship 1 in School Psychology, Horry County School District*- School Psychology*

* School Psychologist Intern

## August 2002 - April 2003

### Internship 2 in Mental Health, Horry County School District and Waccamaw Center for Mental health*- Mental Health*

* School-based Mental Health Counselor

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# Education

2001-2003 ***The Citadel, Charleston, SC***

* Specialist in Education Degree, Ed.S, School Psychology

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1999-2001***The Citadel, Charleston, SC***

* Master of Arts, Psychology, M.A.E.
* Thesis: Differences in Transactional and Transformational Leadership Styles

1994–1999 ***Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC***

* Bachelor of Arts Degree, Psychology
* Thesis: The Effects of Exercise *on Anxiety*

# Certifications & Specialized Training

* Certified Crisis Prevention and Intervention Instructor, 2010- present
* Certified School Psychologist, 2002- present
* Restorative Justice Facilitator and Trainer, 2015-present
* Red Cross Crisis Counseling Certification
* Trauma Informed Care Trainer, 2016-present
* Self-Injurious & Threat Assessment Trainer, 2002-present
* Prepare Training: Crisis Prevention and Preparedness: Comprehensive School Safety Training & Crisis Intervention and Recovery; The Roles of the School Based Mental Health Professional

# Awards, Recognitions, Memberships

* Psi Chi member
* Presenter at SEPA Conference in New Orleans
* Florida Association of School psychologists (FASP) member
* National association of School psychologist (NASP) member
* IRCSD Department of ESE & Student Services Luminary of the Month Award
* ESE and Student Services Employee of the Year Nominee

# References

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