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EDUCATION

December, 2014

Philosophical Doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision

Department of Counseling, Psychology, and Special Education

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

CACREP accredited

May, 2008

Master of Science in Education

Clinical Mental Health / Marriage, Couple, & Family Counseling

Duquesne University; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

CACREP accredited

May, 2005

Bachelor of Arts (Major - Psychology),

Addiction's Specialist Certificate (additional certification)

Saint Vincent College; Latrobe, Pennsylvania

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

August, 2021 – Current

Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Lock Haven

Assistant Professor (CACREP Accredited)

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program

Full Time - Core Faculty

August, 2017 – July, 2021

Messiah University; Assistant Professor (CACREP Accredited)

Graduate Counseling Department

Full Time - Core Faculty

February 2018 - Appointed Course Steward of Human Sexuality and Marriage,
Couple, and Family Skills/Practice courses

February 2021 – Appointed Course Steward of Research Methods course

August, 2016 – August, 2017

Thomas University; Assistant Professor

Clinical Mental Health and Rehabilitation Counseling Program

Full Time – Core Faculty

August, 2011 – August, 2017

Westmoreland County Community College; Adjunct Faculty
Psychology Department

August, 2013 – October, 2013

Saint Vincent College; Adjunct Faculty
Education Department: Counselor Education Masters Program

January, 2012 - March, 2012

Mount Aloysius College; Adjunct Faculty
Counseling Department Masters Program

November, 2010

Guest Lecturer, Family Systems Course
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania
Department of Psychology

August, 2010 – December, 2010

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
Department of Counseling, Psychology, and Special Education
Course Title: Psychotherapeutic Aspects of Human Sexuality

July, 2010 – August, 2010

Guest Lecturer, Unity Family Services Therapeutic Summer Camp Program
Topics: Benefits and Concerns with Video Games & The Hero's Journey

July, 2010

Guest Lecturer, Master's Level Clinical Supervision Course
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Department of Counseling, Psychology, and Special Education
Topics: Professional Development through Supervision

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Courses

Introduction to Counseling
Counseling as a Profession
Professional Issues and Ethics in Counseling
Human Sexuality
Orientation to Counselor Education, Services and Technology
Introduction to Family Counseling
Foundations of Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling
Psychopathology and Diagnosis
Human Growth and Development
Research Methods
Theories of Counseling
Techniques of Counseling
Basic Skills and Techniques in Mental Health Counseling
Advanced Counseling Skills and Practice

Multicultural Counseling
Theories of Personality
Theories and Techniques of Group Counseling
Substance Abuse Counseling
Trauma and Crisis Counseling
Marriage, Couple, and Family Skills/Practice
Counseling Internship I
Counseling Internship II

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Psychology
Human Growth and Development
Abnormal Psychology (Psychopathology)
Introduction to Counseling (Models of Counseling Theory)
Social Psychology

OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Kuniak, S. F. (April, 2022) *Counselor Advocacy*. Presented to the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Club, through the Graduate Counseling Program at Lock Haven University.

Kuniak, S. F. (October, 2021) *The gamer culture: Look at me still talking while there's science to do*. Presented to the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Club, through the Graduate Counseling Program at Lock Haven University.

Kuniak, S. F. (May, 2018) *The gamer culture: Look at me still talking while there's science to do*. Presented at the Messiah College Annual College Wide Development Week, through Messiah College's Department of Faculty Development.

Kuniak, S. F. (March, 2018) *An ethical code from a more civilized time 2.0: The impact of media on ethical standards*. Presented at the Messiah College Annual Supervisor's Luncheon, through Messiah College's Graduate Counseling Department.

Kuniak, S. F. (May, 2014) *An ethical code from a more civilized time: The impact of media on ethical standards*. Presented at the Washington County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Program, through Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic's Office of Education and Regional Programming.

Kuniak, S. F. (November, 2013) *Video games: The cake is not a lie*. Presented at Fred Rogers Center of Saint Vincent College, through the Saint Vincent Prevention Projects Fall Student Assistance Program Fall Thematic Workshop.

Kuniak, S. F. (November, 2013) *An ethical code from a more civilized time: The impact of media on ethical standards*. Presented at Warren State Hospital, through Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic's Office of Education and Regional Programming.

Kuniak, S. F. (June, 2013) *An ethical code from a more civilized time: The impact of media on ethical standards*. Presented at the Human Services Center of New Castle PA, through Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic's Office of Education and Regional Programming.

Kuniak, S. F. (February, 2013) *An ethical code from a more civilized time: The impact of media on ethical standards.* Presented at the Bio Medical Science Tower of UPMC, through Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic's Office of Education and Regional Programming. (simultaneously broadcast and archived online)

Kuniak, S. F. (November, 2012) *An ethical code from a more civilized time: The impact of media on ethical standards.* Presented at the Chadwick, Wexford PA, through Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic's Office of Education and Regional Programming.

Kuniak, S. F. (May, 2012) *An ethical code from a more civilized time: The impact of media on ethical standards.* Presented at the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit through Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic's Office of Education and Regional Programming.

MENTORING & ADVISING

Graduate Counseling: 40-45 Master's Degree Advisees (2017-2021)

Mentor

March, 2020 – May, 2020

Jeff Markow – Master's Thesis

(California State University, Fullerton – Thesis Consultant)

September, 2019 – May, 2020

Joseph W. – High School Senior Thesis

(Covenant Christian Academy – Senior Capstone Thesis Mentor)

October, 2018 – June 2019

Jennifer Uhlman – Master's Thesis [defended]

(California State University, Fullerton – Thesis Consultant)

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

College/University Service

April, 2022 – Current

E-Sports Club

Faculty Co-Advisor

Lock Haven University

August, 2019 – October, 2019

E-Sports Hiring Committee

Committee Member

Messiah College

December, 2018 – August, 2019

President's E-Sports Task Force

Subcommittee Chair

Messiah College

May, 2018 – May 2019
Digital Repository Task Force
Committee Member
Messiah College

Departmental Service

April, 2022 – Current
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program
Lock Haven University
Marketing Committee

December, 2021 – Current
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program
Lock Haven University
Course Steward for Trauma and Crisis Counseling & Assessment and Testing in Mental Health Counseling

September, 2021 – Current
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program
Lock Haven University
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Club Faculty Co-Chair

November, 2021 – December, 2021
Remediation Committee Member
Lock Haven University

November, 2020 – July, 2021
Graduate Counseling Department
Messiah University
Counseling Exam Study Material Archivist

February, 2018 – July, 2021
Graduate Counseling Department
Messiah University
Course Steward for Human Sexuality and Marriage, Couple, and Family Skills/Practice

September, 2019 – September, 2020
Hiring Committee Member
Graduate Counseling Department
Messiah University

May, 2018 – August, 2019
CACREP Program Realignment
Graduate Counseling Department
Messiah College

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Program Architect

August, 2012 – May 2013

Designer and Consultant, Saint Vincent College, School of Education, Masters of Science Counselor Education Program (Program Approved May 2013, First Students enrolled Fall 2013)

Organizational Development

August, 2017 – Current

Founder and President, Experience Points (Program Attained Nonprofit Status August 2017)

- Nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and educating individuals, families and communities through the use of gaming and geek centric mental health counseling, support, resources, and related outreach activities.

December, 2012 – Current

Founder and President, The Geek and Gamer Counseling Alliance (Program Attained Nonprofit Status October 2014, and achieved certified 501(c)(3) status February 2015)

- 501(c)(3) Nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting individuals identifying with the Geek and Gamer culture through community outreach, education, and scholarly research to increase wellness and decrease stigma.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

October, 2020 – Present

Consultant and Counselor in Private Practice, Greensburg, Pennsylvania

August, 2017 – October, 2020

Consultant and Counselor in Private Practice, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

July, 2014 – August, 2017

Principal Researcher for My New Leaf Inc. (501c3 charitable organization, developing game-based recovery tools for addiction treatment)

March, 2014 – August, 2017

Practicing Outpatient Counselor in Private Practice, Greensburg, Pennsylvania

May, 2014 – August, 2017

Clinical Director, Unity Family Services, Leechburg Pennsylvania

June, 2011 - May 2014

Program Director, Unity Family Services Family Based Program, Leechburg Pennsylvania

- March, 2011 – June, 2011
Interim Program Director, Unity Family Services Family Based Program,
Leechburg Pennsylvania
- December, 2009 - March, 2011
Program Manager / Trainer, Unity Family Services, Leechburg Pennsylvania
- August, 2009 – May 2014
Doctoral Supervisor for Master's Level Students (Practicum and Internship),
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- August, 2008 – December, 2009
Addictions Counselor, SPS Behavioral Health, Greensburg, Pennsylvania
- January, 2008 - May, 2008
Internship: Duquesne University
- August, 2007 - December, 2007
Practicum: Duquesne University
- January, 2007 – August, 2008
Primary Family Based Therapist, Unity Family Services, Leechburg Pennsylvania

SCHOLARSHIP

Dissertation

- Kuniak, S.F.** (2014). The gamer culture: An exploration of gamer archetypes and their relationship with coping strengths (Doctoral dissertation, DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY)

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Vincenzes, K.A., Pechek, A., Tomlin, E., **Kuniak, S.**, & Talbot, A. (Manuscript submitted and Under Review). Using Experiential Learning to Explore Help-Seeking Attitudes in Future Helping Professionals. *Journal of Experiential Education*.
- Kuniak, S.F.** (Manuscript Submitted and Under Review). The cake is not a lie: An exploration of the gamer culture, archetypes, coping methods, and resiliency. *Journal of Games Self and Society*.
- Kuniak, S. F.**, & Delmonico, D. L. (Data Analysis Phase). What counselors need to know about their gamer clients.
- Kuniak, S. F.**, & Cardona, J. (Final Edits). Pulling the sword from the stone: Use of popular culture metaphors in counseling.

Book Chapters

- Kuniak, S. F.** (2019). Stronger together: The family as a super hero team. In Rubin, L. (Eds.), *Superheroes and villains in counseling*: Abingdon, United Kingdom: Routledge Publishing.
- Kuniak, S. F.** (2019). It's dangerous to go alone: The hero's journey in the legend of zelda. In Bean, A. (Eds.), *The psychology of zelda: Linking our world to the legend of zelda series*: Dallas: Benbella Publishing.
- Kuniak, S. F., & Blink, M. V.** (2015). Hillbilly to Hero: The transformation of Daryl Dixon. In Langley, T. (Eds.), *The walking dead psychology: Psych of the living dead*: New York: Sterling Publishing.
- Gordon, G. M., **Kuniak, S. F.**, & Sherman, C. A. (2012). Record keeping and technology in counseling. In Gregoire, J., & Jungers, C. (Eds.), *Counseling ethics: Philosophical and professional foundations*: New York: Springer Publishing.

Thesis

- Kuniak, S. F.** (Unpublished). Instilling strength: Fantasy heroes effect on resiliency. Saint Vincent College Bachelors Thesis.

Other Publications

- Kuniak, S. F.** (2020, March 30). How gaming can strengthen family bonds during the coronavirus pandemic [Online Article]. In *The Mighty*.
- Kuniak, S. F.** (2019, August 8). Don't blame video games (or mental illness) for violent acts [Online Article]. In *The Mighty*.

ASSESSMENTS

- Kuniak, S. F. (2019) Comprehensive Gamer Assessment. Self-Published.
- Kuniak, S. F. (2019) Comprehensive Gamer Assessment – Counselor Resource. Self-Published.

EDITORIAL BOARDS

- August, 2019 – Current
Journal of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Editorial Board Reviewer
- October, 2018 – Current
Journal of Games, Self, and Society
Editorial Board Reviewer

GRANT FUNDING

External Grants

Kuniak, S. F. (2020). *American Counseling Association – North Atlantic Region Branch Development Grant*. American Counseling Association.
Awarded - \$500

Kuniak, S. F. (2019). *American Counseling Association Institute for Leadership Training*. American Counseling Association.
Awarded - \$492

Internal Awards

Kuniak, S. F. (2020). *Graduate Teacher of the Year Award Grant*. Messiah University.
Awarded - \$600

Kuniak, S. F. (2019). *Faculty Development Funds Expansion*. Messiah College.
Awarded - \$525

Kuniak, S. F. (2018). *Faculty Development Funds Expansion*. Messiah College.
Awarded - \$300

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Kuniak, S. F., Delmonico, D. (April, 2022). *Adolescent sex offender treatment is not a game, or could it be?*. Presented at the Minnesota Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA), Virtual Format. {Peer Reviewed}

Kuniak, S. F. (December, 2021). *Leveling up: How to better support our gamer clients*. Presented at the Association for Creativity in Counseling National Conference, Online Format. {Peer Reviewed National}

Kuniak, S.F. (April, 2021). *Experience points: Imagining a gamer informed treatment model*. Presented at the Therapeutic Applied Geek and Gaming Summit, Virtual Format. {Peer Reviewed}

Cardona, J. **Kuniak, S. F.,** O'Connor, P. (Invited Keynote - April, 2021). *Looking back: Ten years of growth in the geek therapy community*. Presented at the Therapeutic Applied Geek and Gaming Summit, Virtual Format. {Peer Reviewed}

Kuniak, S. F., Delmonico, D. (April, 2021). *Hitting reset: Examining the gamer culture through a sexual offense lens*. Presented at the Minnesota Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA), Virtual Format. {Peer Reviewed}

Scanlon, N., Schermer, T., **Kuniak, S. F.,** White, E., Marsalek, D. (October, 2020). *Government relations/advocacy town hall*. Presented at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association's State Conference, Virtual Format.

- Kuniak, S. F.** (October, 2020). *Conference welcome and orientation*. Presented at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association's State Conference, Virtual Format.
- Georgieva, M. & **Kuniak, S. F.** (September, 2020). *Utilizing Minecraft in counseling: Exploring the application of sandtray therapy principles through a video game*. Presented at the Association for Creativity in Counseling National Conference, Online Format. {Peer Reviewed National}
- Kuniak, S. F.** (November, 2019). *Leveling up: Introducing a wellness evaluation to better understand our gamer clients*. Presented at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association's State Conference, State College, Pennsylvania. {Peer Reviewed}
- Scanlon, A., & **Kuniak, S. F.** (November, 2019). *PCA leadership recruitment meeting*. Presented at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association's State Conference, State College, Pennsylvania.
- Scanlon, A., **Kuniak, S. F.**, Schermer, T.W., & Galvin, A. (November, 2019). *PCA Membership: Check us out and join*. Presented at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association's State Conference, State College, Pennsylvania.
- Kuniak, S. F.** (April, 2019) *Pop culture counseling: Finding wellness within the geek and gamer culture*. Presented at the Ninth Annual Chi Sigma Iota Conference, held at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. {Peer Reviewed}
- Boccamazzo, R., **Kuniak, S. F.**, Connell, M.A., Johns, A., Davis, A., & Kuniak, A. E., (November, 2017) *Trusting the party's healer: Games, gamers, & therapy*. Presented at Penny Arcade Expo (PAX) Unplugged 2017, Philadelphia Pennsylvania
- Kuniak, S. F.**, Blink, M. V., & McClure, A. E., (March, 2015) *Geek and gamer culture: An unexpected journey*. Presented at Penny Arcade Expo (PAX) 2015, Boston Massachusetts
- Behun, R. J., Delmonico, D. L., & **Kuniak, S.F.** (September, 2013). *Online, offline, and over-the-line: Adolescents and the digital age*. Presented paper at the 2013 Society for the Advancement of Sexual Health National Conference, Boston, MA. {Peer Reviewed}
- Delmonico, D. L., Behun, R. J., & **Kuniak, S.F.** (September, 2013). *Illegal images: Implications of online child pornography for clinicians*. Presented paper at the 2013 Society for the Advancement of Sexual Health National Conference, Boston, MA. {Peer Reviewed}
- Kuniak, S.F.**, Delmonico, D. L., & Behun, R. J., (September, 2013). *Press start: The gamer culture and its relationship with sexuality*. Presented paper at the 2013 Society for the Advancement of Sexual Health National Conference, Boston, MA. {Peer Reviewed}
- Kuniak, S. F.** (May, 2013) *The geek culture: We've taken our first step into a larger world*. Presented at Wizard World Philadelphia Comic Con.
- Kuniak, S. F.** (October, 2012) *Our first step into a larger world: Current trends in the culture of narrative immersion and its relationship with counseling*. Presented at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association's State Conference, State College, Pennsylvania. {Peer Reviewed}
- Kuniak, S.F.** (September, 2012) *Pulling the sword from the stone: Counseling perspectives on the "geek culture."* Presented at the 4th Virtual Conference on Counseling, Second Life. {Peer Reviewed}

- Kuniak, S. F.** (October, 2011). *Pulling the sword from the stone: An overview of interactive media from a counseling perspective*. Presented at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association's State Conference, State College, Pennsylvania. {Peer Reviewed}
- Kuniak, S. F., & Alexander, A. E.** (October, 2010). *Ethical considerations for the use of technology in counseling*. Poster session presented at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association's State Conference, State College, Pennsylvania. {Peer Reviewed}
- Kuniak, S.F.** (April, 2005). *Instilling strength: Fantasy heroes' effect on resiliency*. Presented at the Saint Vincent College Undergraduate Research Conference, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. {Peer Reviewed}

INTERVIEWS

- December 8, 2021 – **Faithful & True Podcast** – Interviewed related to video game culture
- January 27, 2021 – **The Washington Post** – *Video games deserve better than the blanket, parachute coverage from reporters who don't get it*
- April 22, 2020 – **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette** – *Gamers have us all beat when it comes to virtual interaction*
- May 2, 2019 – **ABC 27 News Feature** – *Video gaming: When does a hobby become unhealthy?*
- June 22, 2017 – **Counseling Today (Cover Story)** – *'Cultured' counseling*
- February 18, 2015 (interview conducted) – **Polygon** – *Effects of online harassment on an individual's mental health*
- July 15, 2014 – **South China Morning Post** – *Anti-anxiety apps offer a cure for depression, but do they work?*
- June 13, 2014 – **Counseling Today (Online Exclusive)** – *Geek therapy: Connecting with clients through comics, video games, and other 'geeky' pursuits*
- February 17, 2014 – **The Daily Beast** – *The rise of superhero therapy: Comic books as psychological treatment*

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Leadership

- July, 2021 – Current
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Immediate Past President
- January, 2021 – Current
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Marketing and Outreach Committee Chair

July, 2020 – July 2021
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
52nd President

July, 2019 – July 2021
American Counseling Association
Delegate to the North Atlantic Region – PCA Representative

July, 2019 – July, 2020
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
President-Elect

January, 2019 – July, 2020
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Marketing and PR Director

Service to the Profession

January 2022 – Current
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Conference Committee Member for the 2022 PCA Conference

April 2022
Minnesota Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA)
Conference Technical Support for the 2022 MnATSAConference

January 2021 – November 2021
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Conference Committee Member for the 2021 PCA Conference

April 2021
Minnesota Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA)
Conference Technical Support for the 2021 MnATSAConference

December 2020 – February 2021
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Search Committee Chair – PCA Membership Committee Chair Search

January 2020 – November 2020
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Conference Chair – 2020 PCA Conference

October, 2019
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Conference Awards Reviewer for the 2019 PCA Conference

September 2019
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
PCA Executive Board Lobbying with State Representatives, Harrisburg, PA

- July 2019 - November, 2019
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Conference Committee Member for the 2019 PCA Conference
- July, 2019
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Conference Presentation Reviewer for the 2019 PCA Conference
- April, 2019
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Advocacy Day at Pennsylvania's State Capital, Harrisburg, PA
- July 2018 - November, 2018
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Conference Committee Member for the 2018 PCA Conference
- July, 2018 – Present
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Government Relations Committee
- July, 2018
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Conference Presentation Reviewer for the 2018 PCA Conference
- April, 2018
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Advocacy Day at Pennsylvania's State Capital, Harrisburg, PA

Service to the Community

- April, 2016 – July 2019
Take This (Mental Health Advocacy Organization)
Advisory Board Member
- July, 2014 – August, 2017
My New Leaf Inc. (Addiction/Recovery Organization)
Advisory Board Member

Community Resource Presentations

Kuniak, S.F. (June, 2022) *Safety and Wellness Series: Healthy Relationships, Boundaries 1: Healthy People Skills, Boundaries 2: Social Media, and Healthy Sexuality*. Presented to the Pittsburgh Knights Esports Team, Virtual Format.

Delmonico, D. **Kuniak, S.F.** (February, 2021) *Supervision issues of youth with sexually abusive behavior virtual training: Online, offline, and over the line: Adolescents, sexuality, and the digital world*. Presented to the New Jersey Department of Juvenile Probation, Virtual Format.

Barnes, K., **Kuniak, S. F.**, Lane, C., Mitchell, D., & Waugh, A. (March, 2019) *Beyond the blues: Signs, symptoms and support for children and teens facing depression*. Presented at the Fourth Partners in Caring panel sponsored by Geisinger Holy Spirit Hospital, held at Messiah College, Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania.

Kuniak, S. F. (June, 2013) *Gamer wellness: The cake is not a lie*. Presented at Fred Rogers Center of Saint Vincent College, through Unity Family Services First Summer Community Outreach Event, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Kuniak, S.F. (September, 2012) *Seven ways in which mental defenses affect criminal cases*. Presented at the Saint Vincent College Law Department's CLE Event, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Kuniak, S. F. (March, 2012) *Cyberbullying*. Presented at the Saint Vincent College Education Department's Annual Lecture Event, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Kuniak, S.F. (March, 2011). *Cyberbullying and the video game culture*. Presented at Unity Family Services Community Outreach Educational Evening, Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

Kuniak, S.F. (March, 2010). *Cultural sensitivity*. Presented at Unity Family Services Family Based Program, Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

AWARDS and HONORS

2021 – President's Award, Pennsylvania Counseling Association

2021 – David W. Hall Advocacy Award, Pennsylvania Counseling Association

2020 – Graduate Teacher of the Year, Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, PA

2010 – Golden Key International Honor Society, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

2001 – Eagle Scout Rank (Boy Scouts of America)

2001 – Shining Armor Award (Knights of Columbus)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Counseling Association (2011 - Present)

Association of Counselor Education and Supervision (2017 – Present)

Association for Creativity in Counseling (2020 – Present)

Chi Sigma Iota Member (2011 - Present)

Pennsylvania Counseling Association (2011 - Present)

Pennsylvania Association of Counselor Education and Supervision (2019 – Present)

Pennsylvania Association of Child and Adolescent Counseling Specialists (2010)

CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in PA #PC006478 (2012 - Present)

Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC) #285302 (2011 - Present)

Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) #285302 (2018 – Present)

PA State Certified Mental Health Professional in Family Therapy (2014 - Present)

Certified Addiction Recovery Coach (2016)

Blackboard 7 Online Teaching Certification (2010)

Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment Tool Certified (2010)

National Institute of Health “Protecting Human Research Participants” Certification (2009)

CAFAS Assessment Tool Certified (2007)

Addiction Specialist Certificate – Saint Vincent College (2005)

TRAININGS FOR ONLINE TEACHING

July, 2022

Like it or Not Online Education is Here to Stay: Best Practices for Online Teaching
American Counseling Association – Online Format

August, 2017

Messiah College Online Instruction Training – Canvas LMS

October, 2010

Blackboard 7 Online Teaching Training

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS ATTENDED

July, 2019

American Counseling Association: Institute for Leadership Training
Washington, DC

January, 2010 - May 2014

Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic Family Based Monthly Lectures and Clinical
Consultations, Pittsburgh, PA.

- November, 2010 - May 2014
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Program Director's Supervision Training
- March, 2010
Child & Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment Training Workshop,
Greensburg, PA
- February, 2010
HIPAA Training (Unity Family Services office based training)
- May, 2009
Nuts and Bolts of Eating Disorders Training, Cranberry, PA
- November, 2008
Confidentiality, Pittsburgh, PA
- November, 2008
Ethics for the Addiction Professional, Pittsburgh, PA
- November, 2008
Group Facilitation Skills, Pittsburgh, PA
- November, 2008
HIV / AIDS Prevention Training, Pittsburgh, PA
- October, 2008
Tuberculosis / Sexually Transmitted Diseases Training, Pittsburgh, PA
- October, 2008
Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria (PCPC) Training, Pittsburgh, PA
- October, 2008
CPR / First Aid Training, Charleroi, PA
- January, 2007 – August, 2008
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic Family Based Monthly Lectures and Clinical
Consultation, Pittsburgh, PA.