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Education

San Diego State University, Imperial Valley Campus
Master of Social Work (MSW), May, 2004

San Diego State University, Imperial Valley Campus
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, December, 1994

Imperial Valley College, Imperial, CA.
Associate in Science in Social Science, May, 1984

Experience

AccentCare Home Health 05/09 - Present

Part-Time Medical Social Worker

I am responsible for assisting the physician and home health team members in understanding the significant social and emotional problems of the clients and assisting to develop and participate in a care plan which will facilitate the client's ability to cope with the problems and achieve the goals of the care plan.

San Diego State University 08/08 – Present

Part-Time Faculty/Site Coordinator

I am responsible for the overall coordination, development, implementation, and administration of field education for the SDSU School of Social Work-Imperial Valley Campus. My tasks also include teaching a lab class, planning and implementing field educational experiences and project activities for students and agency partners. For the local campus, I teach Sociology 101, Sociology 102 and Sociology 355.

Calexico Unified School District, Calexico, CA. 03/06 – 12/2012

Substitute Teacher

I served as a substitute teacher at the junior high and high school level (all subjects). I currently hold an Emergency 30 Day Substitute Teacher Permit. I have also completed substitute teacher training through San Diego State University.

Calexico Neighborhood House, Calexico, CA. 10/07 – 10/08

Social Worker

I was the social worker assigned to the agency's two homeless shelters. I was also assigned to special projects (assisting in the writing of grants, developing programs and training staff).

San Diego Regional Center, Imperial, CA. 10/85 – 10/07

Social Work Counselor

I provided counseling and conventional case management to developmentally disabled consumers and their families. Specific tasks include biopsychosocial assessments, development of program plans, networking, community work/referrals, interdisciplinary team work, advocacy, crisis intervention, administrative duties and oral/written reports.

Dayout-Adult Day Health Care Center, Brawley, CA 04/06 – 05/07
Social Work Consultant (Consultation Basis)

I supervised the agency social worker and coordinated/developed services for geriatric participants. This included work with participants diagnosed with dementia (Alzheimer's disease, etc.). My specific tasks included reviewing case records, assisting program staff in the development and follow through of program plans, making referrals to community resources, counseling participants and staff training.

Imperial Valley College (IVC), Imperial, CA. 9/03 – 5/04
Social Work Internship

I provided mental health counseling and conventional case management to junior college students. Specific tasks included intake (biopsychosocial) assessments, community referrals, mental health individual/group counseling and crisis intervention (was a member of the IVC Crisis Team). Also, created/co-facilitated a student support group and conducted a student transportation needs assessment (policy/macro work).

Imperial County Department of Social Services 11/04-10/85
Eligibility Worker

I was assigned to the Aide for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Intake Unit. I conducted personal interviews and group presentations with AFDC, Food Stamps and Medi-Cal applicants. My casework included eligibility determination (financial calculations) and community referrals.

Skills

Abilities: Strong interpersonal, organizational, analytical, counseling and case management skills.
Computer: Competent in word processing (Word, Word Perfect, PowerPoint, etc.)
Language: Fluent in English and Spanish.

Affiliations, Certifications and Honors

Associate Clinical Social Worker for State of California (ASW# 30303)

California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST), 1996

Member – National Association of Social Workers (#886395024)

PSI-CHI Honor Society in Psychology, 1993

References:

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Ken K. Nakamura, LCSW, SDSU Title 1V Coordinator (retired), (619) 594-6888
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