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Education

2024

Utah State University

MRC - Rehabilitation Counseling

2000

Utah State University

MSS - Social Sciences, Human Resource Management

1998

Utah State University

BS - Communicative Disorders

Experience

Utah State University

2024-Present

Professional Practice Assistant Professor - Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling

- Primary role assignment of teaching (90%)
- Develop and teach undergraduate and graduate coursework for the Rehabilitation Counseling program.
- Design curriculum for in-person, online, and asynchronous students.
- Utilize teaching techniques to maximize diversity in the classroom.
- Leverage digital teaching tools to their full potential.
- Provide meaningful service to the department, campus, university, profession, and community.

Utah State University

2024-Present

Clinician - Sorenson Center for Clinical Excellence Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Clinic

- Provide mental health care to persons with chronic illness, disability, and intellectual disability.
- Establishes positive, trusting relationships with clients.
- Conducts ongoing assessments of patient progress.
- Maintains thorough records of patient meetings and progress.
- Follows all safety protocols and maintains client confidentiality.
- Contributes to practice by accomplishing related tasks as needed.

Experience (cont.)

Canvi Behavioral Health

January 2022-Present

Co-Owner

- Purchased a fledgling behavioral health practice housed in Utah and Idaho in 2022 comprised of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners, Psychiatric Physician Assistants, and Counselors.
- Tripled headcount in less than one year to 7 prescribing providers and 4 counselors (LCSW, CMHC).
- Created a provider-centric culture supporting patients in their mental health journey.
- Crafted policies and procedures to incorporate new service offerings including nasal inhaled ketamine, TMS, and peer support.
- Assisted in the creation of an internship program to help student providers complete preceptorship and internship experiences.
- Offices in Pocatello, Idaho; Layton, Utah; and Rexburg, Idaho

Hunsaker Management Group

June 2021-Present

Managing Partner

- Co-created behavioral healthcare consultancy aimed at improving the operational function of small to medium-sized practices.
- Engage with owners to identify and remove barriers to profitability and productivity through organizational behavior principles.

Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Clinic, Sorenson Center for Clinical Excellence

Sept 2023-May 2024

Clinical Intern

- Provided clinical mental health counseling in a clinical rehabilitation counseling setting for persons with chronic illness and disability.
- Participated in research efforts associated with a university clinic.
- Co-facilitated group experiences.
- Coordinated community outreach efforts for community chronic illness and disability providers including physicians, chiropractors, physical therapists, schools, and outpatient clinics.

Box Elder Middle School

School Year 2022-23

School Counselor

- Responsible for a caseload of 410 middle school (8th and 9th grade) students.
- Trained in crisis intervention, grief counseling, and group counseling.
- Created an automated, collaborative process for student course requests.
- Collaborated with administration team to meet student mental health and academic needs.

Presentations

"Six Vital Truths of Counselor Supervision," American Rehabilitation Counseling Association Virtual Learning Academy. Virtual, May 2024.

"The Case for Case Conceptualization," American Rehabilitation Counseling Association Pre-Conference Symposium. Louisiana State University, New Orleans, LA, April 2024.

"Adjustment to Disability Counseling," American Rehabilitation Counseling Association Pre-Conference Symposium. Louisiana State University, New Orleans, LA, April 2024.

"GSEP Student Panel," Utah Coalition of Mental Health Professionals Conference. Layton, UT, April 2024.

"Adjustment to Disability Counseling," American Rehabilitation Counseling Association Pre-Conference Symposium. Louisiana State University, New Orleans, LA, April 2024.

"Starting and Operating a Private Practice," Utah Graduate Student and Emerging Professionals, Virtual, December 2023.

"3 Lessons from Being Heumann," Heumannizing Transition: A Collaborate for Change (HTC2) Summit II Remembering Judy: Celebrating, Sharing, and Rolling On, Other, Research and Development Summit, November 2023.

Professional Affiliations

American Rehabilitation Counseling Association	Since 2023
American Counseling Association	Since 2022
Utah Mental Health Counselors Association	Since 2023
UMHCA - Graduate Student and Emerging Professionals Chairperson	Since 2024

Publications

Hunsaker, J. J. (2023). Three lessons from Judy Heumann's Being Heumann: An unrepentant memoir of a disability rights activist. *Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education*, 37(4), 295–296.
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Courses Taught

REH 6180	Rehabilitation of Persons with Clinical Mental Illness	Summer 2024
SPED/REH 1010	Disability and Society	Fall 2024