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EDUCATION

PhD, University of North Texas, August 2010, Counselor Education and Supervision
Dissertation: *An investigation of the perceptions of Christian seminary counseling students regarding play therapy.* CACREP Accredited

MA, Dallas Theological Seminary, May 2006, Counseling

BS, Texas Tech University, August 2003, Human Development and Family Studies

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATION

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Texas, 2008- Present
Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC-S), Texas, 2011-Present
National Certified Counselor (NCC), National, 2010 - Present
Certificate, Registered Play Therapist, National, 2010 – Present
Certificate, American Association of Suicidology Certified Crisis Worker, 2009-2014

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Contributing Faculty. (Walden University, Minneapolis, 2012-Present).

Professor of record for Mental Health Counseling courses.

COUN 6215, Lifespan Development (17x)

COUN 6671, Counseling Practicum (4x)

COUN 6682, Counseling Internship (2x)

COUN 6360, Assessment in Counseling (3x)

Faculty Mentor. (Walden University, Minneapolis, 2014-Present).

Mentor to new faculty member.

Adjunct Faculty and Assistant Professor. (Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, 2008-Present).

Professor of record for Master of Arts in Counseling program courses.

BC215, Normal Human Growth (6x)

BC305, Practicum I (4x)

BC310, Practicum II (14x)

BC315, Practicum III (1x)

BC215, Counseling Theories (1x)

BC240, Research Methods and Techniques (1x)

BC405, Introduction to Play Therapy (2x)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Counselor and Supervisor. (Innovation 360, Dallas, April 2012-Present). Private practice counseling and professional supervision.

Pastoral Counselor. (Stonebriar Community Church, Frisco, August 2012-August 2013). Provided pastoral counseling services to individuals and families and made referrals for continued community care.

Counselor. (Nikao Counseling Center, Dallas, March 2010-March 2012). Private practice counselor.

Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts. (Denton County MHMR, Denton, 2007-2012). Provided on site assessments to individuals in crisis making clinical recommendations determining if individuals were best suited for outpatient or inpatient treatment.

Advanced Doctoral Counseling Intern. (University of North Texas, Denton, August 2008-August 2009). Provided counseling services to individuals in the community, including children, adults, and parents. Conducted initial intake sessions for children, adolescents, and adults.

Doctoral Assessment Counselor. (University of North Texas, Denton, August 2008-August 2009). Provided and administered full scale child psychological assessments. Duties included staffing cases with other academic departments, writing assessment reports, providing parent feedback, and scoring and administration of assessments.

Intern Counselor. (Denton Independent School District, Denton, August 2009-December 2009). Provided individual play therapy sessions for selected children, consulted with teachers, and maintained case notes.

Process Group Facilitator. (University of North Texas, Denton, June 2009-August 2009). Provided counseling services to individuals in the community. Duties included conducting individual sessions and intakes for children and adults.

Child Parent Relationship Training Group Counselor. (Stonebriar Community Church, Frisco, January 2009-May 2009). Facilitated 10 parent education group sessions, based on Landreth & Bratton (2006) CPRT model, prepared curriculum related activities, and provided feedback regarding parents' recorded play therapy sessions.

Doctoral Counseling Intern. (University of North Texas, Denton, August 2007-May 2008). Provided counseling services for children and adult clients. Duties included conducting individual play therapy sessions, individual adult sessions, couples counseling sessions and maintaining case notes.

Counselor. (Lighthouse Family Counseling, Frisco, August 2006 – May 2008). Private practice counselor.

Program Therapist. (University Behavioral Health, Denton, August 2006-July 2008). Provided inpatient counseling services to adult clients. Duties included conducting individual and group therapy sessions, family therapy sessions, maintaining case notes, discharge planning and participating in team treatment planning.

PUBLICATIONS

Ray, D. C., **Thacker, A. J.**, Hull, D.M, Pace, L. S., Swan, K. L., Carlson, S. E., & Sullivan, J. M. (2011). Research in counseling: A 10-year review to inform practice. *Journal of Counseling and Development*.

PRESENTATIONS

Ray, D.C., **Thacker, A. J.**, Wilder, C. (2009, November). *Parents as partners: A consultation model that works*. Texas Counseling Association. Dallas, TX. (Peer reviewed workshop presentation).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Association of Christian Counselors (2005-2006).
American Counseling Association (2009-present).
Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (2011-present).
Association for Play Therapy (2010-present).
Texas Counseling Association (2009-present).
Christian Association for Psychological Studies (2015-present).

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Chi Sigma Iota Rho Kappa Chapter Outstanding Research Award (2011).
Academic Achievement Scholarship (2007-2011).