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Education

- Arizona State University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – Tempe, AZ** **May 2013**
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
 - Dean's List 2008-2013 – GPA in major: 4.08/4.0, Overall GPA: 3.78/4.0
- Sarah Lawrence College, Joan H. Marks Graduate Program in Human Genetics – Bronxville, NY** **May 2016**
- M.S. in Genetic Counseling

Professional Experience

- Ironwood Cancer & Research Centers, Scottsdale, AZ** June 20, 2016 – Present
Genetic Counselor
- Established the genetic counseling department for all Ironwood CRC locations
 - Provide patient education regarding cancer genetics and genetic testing options
 - Consult with physicians to assist in proper genetic test selection
 - Interpret genetic test results and provide appropriate counseling to patients including medical management and surveillance recommendations

Professional / Educational Experience

Clinical Training

In addition to my academic training, I have had various clinical responsibilities outside of the classroom. I rotate to a new clinical site and specialty every ten weeks. In addition to these rotations, I supplement my education with various programs and opportunities to further my education.

- **Genzyme**, New York, NY February 2016 – May 2016
Spent time researching FDA approval processes and clinical trials for rare genetic diseases. I became familiar with how drug treatments become accessible and how a genetic counselor can help facilitate treatment for patients.
- **Columbia University Medical Center**-Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, New York Nov. 2015 – Feb. 2016
Pediatric, prenatal, and adult genetic counseling setting where I led sessions in each specialty. These sessions included collecting family, medical, and pregnancy histories, explaining genetic concepts and disorders, and consenting patients for genetic testing including whole exome sequencing. I also participated in administrative tasks including obtaining records, discussing patient results with physicians, and writing patient letters.
- **Bellevue Hospital**, New York, NY September 2015 – November 2015
Pediatric genetic counseling setting where I led my own sessions, including collecting family, medical, and pregnancy histories as well as explaining various genetic concepts, disorders, and genetic testing options. In this setting, I became familiar and proficient at using a phone translator service to work with a multilingual and multicultural population.
- **Mount Sinai - Beth Israel Cystic Fibrosis Center**, New York, NY September 2015-November 2015
Pediatric genetic counseling setting involving sweat-testing patients who either received a positive newborn screen for cystic fibrosis, or who were referred due to suspicion of cystic fibrosis. In this clinic I led sessions and counseled patients about cystic fibrosis, newborn screening, sweat tests and genetic testing. I was also responsible for calling out results to patients and physicians.

- **Honor Health**, Scottsdale, AZ (Full-time, 8 week rotation) June 2015 – August 2015
Cancer genetic counseling where I led sessions involving collecting family and medical histories, performing a risk assessment, discussing specific genes related to hereditary cancer disorders, explaining genetic testing options and possible results as well as recommendations for medical management. I also wrote patient letters, helped in selecting appropriate genetic tests, and presented cases to a physician at a weekly meeting.
- **Ameripath Cytogenetic Laboratory**, Shelton, CT April 2015 – May 2015
Observed laboratory activities including karyotype, FISH analysis, and cell culture
- **Richmond Community Services**, Mt. Kisco, NY February 2015 - March 2015
Day Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities – assisted residents with daily activities including arts and crafts, sports, music therapy, and physical therapy
- **Recombine**, New York, NY November 2014 - February 2015
Telephone genetic counseling for carrier screening where I gathered family histories, and became knowledgeable about numerous autosomal recessive conditions and how to discuss them with patients.
- **North Central Bronx Hospital**, Bronx, NY September 2014 – November 2014
Prenatal and cancer genetic counseling setting where I participated in genetic counseling sessions including family and medical history taking and explanation of genetic concepts. I became knowledgeable about genetic conditions and genetic testing during pregnancy.

Volunteer / Extracurricular Activities

- **Canvas Health Crisis Connection**, Minneapolis, MN June 2013-August 2014
Crisis Counselor – ASIST Suicide Prevention Certified
 - Answered phone calls for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Crisis Connection Hotline
 - Provided immediate intervention for callers in crisis by providing supportive listening, appropriate resources, and by ensuring the callers immediate safety
 - **The Shiota Psychophysiology Lab for Affective Testing**, Tempe, AZ August 2012 - May 2013
Research Assistant
 - Ran participants for various studies regarding human emotion using approaches that integrate physiological, cognitive, narrative, and questionnaire measurements
 - Behavioral coding in search of differing social interactions
 - **The National Honor Society in Psychology**, Tempe, AZ January 2012 - May 2013
Officer of Public Relations - May 2012 - May 2013 (Elected Position)
 - Assisted in the planning, scheduling, and leading of events and volunteer opportunities
 - Assisted students by answering academic questions and using feedback to create desired events
 - Helped increase membership over two semesters through advertising via social media, flyers, and on campus communication
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References available upon request