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SUMMARY

- Aspiring professional in the field of public health.
- Outstanding academic training.
- Solid entry-level experience in researching, developing, implementing, and evaluating the results of programs involving a number of public health and environmental issues.
- Demonstrated ability to design and conduct survey and research instruments.
- Recognized knowledge of database design.
- Compelling negotiator with excellent oral, written, and public speaking presentation and communication skills; familiar with Spanish.
- Recognized inherent as well as trained sense of empathy in understanding and dealing with the needs and desires of people of diverse of cultures and backgrounds.
- Practiced computer literacy.
- Proven ability to teach students at all levels.
- Detailed oriented perfectionist and team leader with an established record of multi-task proficiency, creativity, resourcefulness, organizational command, and problem-solving know-how.

EXPERIENCE

Evaluations Intern

July 2006 to present

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INSTITUTE FOR HIV PREVENTION LEADERSHIP • COLUMBIA, SC
Utilize EPI INFO and SPSS in performing quantitative and qualitative analysis of data and writing quarterly and annual reports. Conduct phone interviews of professional students undertaking a Public Health HIV training program sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in order to evaluate its effectiveness, identify weaknesses, and recommend improvements. Interview as many as 20 people during any two-week period, utilizing a computerized qualitative data analysis system called NVIVO to input and analyze the data.

Chronic Disease Division Intern

August 2005 to June 2006

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT CONTROLS • COLUMBIA, SC
Performed research in the last year of a five-year evaluation plan of cancer prevention. Designed a survey instrument to assess the effectiveness of a coalition of task forces and groups and their progress and roles in developing a feasible plan to reduce cancer in South Carolina; a program sponsored by CDC. Developed a survey instrument question bank for pilot testing.

Intern

September 2003 to November 2004

AIDS SURVIVAL PROJECT • ATLANTA, GA

Designed and implemented evaluation tools of training programs and presentations for the purpose of determining if the agency was meeting goals of its mission statement to clientele. Authored an abstract: *Peer Based Programs Tools for Meeting the Challenges for Living Well with HIV AIDS*, which was published in *Empowering Ourselves and Our Clients: Strategies for Helping to Shape the Future of HIV AIDS Care*.

Intern, Emergency Room Social Worker

January 2003 to May 2003

GRADY HOSPITAL • ATLANTA, GA

Conducted psychosocial assessments of emergency room trauma patients, interviewing and attempting to identify those without ID in order to notify families. Worked the 3-11 PM shift, administering to about ten patients nightly and interviewing police and emergency crews. Participated in the notification of next of kin.

EXPERIENCE continued:

Intern, Office of Urban Affairs

1999 to 2002

AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTER • ATLANTA, GA

Served as a regional research assistant trainee, analyzing public health environmental assessment data using a data analysis computer program called EPI INFO. Searched for the presence of potentially harmful environmental contaminants at different locations. Additionally evaluated the health of local inhabitants. Was promoted to senior research assistant, supervising six other interns performing various environmental health projects. Analyzed and generated internal reports concerning environmental health data.

Special Project Supervisor and Time Keeper

1999 to 2005

EMORY UNIVERSITY HOUSING • ATLANTA, GA

Coordinated building contractors renovating eight university owned buildings containing 400 apartments that were subject to mold growth. As time keeper, utilized an electronic database that permitted tracking of payroll information for about 200 hourly wage custodians, maintenance, grounds, administrative, and other university personnel. Performed quality control and managed a database of as many as 15,000 pieces of furniture.

EDUCATION

Ph.D in Health Promotion and Behavior Education

expected August 2007

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA • COLUMBIA, SC

Masters of Social Work in Clinical Family Centered Practice

2004

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA • ATHENS, GA

Masters in Public Health in Behavioral Science

2001

EMORY UNIVERSITY ROLLINS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH • ATLANTA, GA

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

2000

EMORY UNIVERSITY • ATLANTA, GA

Associate of Applied Science in Psychology

1999

OXFORD COLLEGE OF EMORY UNIVERSITY • OXFORD, GA

COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of MS Office, MS Publisher, SPSS, EPI INFO, EPI DATA, and NVIVO.

References available upon request