

Patricia Setzer Benfield, MHDL, CRT, CBIS-CI, CCAA

ACADEMIC DEGREES CONFERRED:

- BA** 1971 UNCC "Cum laude" in English and Early Childhood
- MHDL** 1980 UNCC "Cum laude" in Curriculum Development and Design and Psychology-Learning Disabilities-acquired and developmental, Gifted and Talented, and School Administration

CERTIFICATIONS:

- Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapist**, The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine
- Certified Brain Injury Specialist-Clinical Instructor (CBIS-CI #169)**, American Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists
- Certified Career Assessment Associate (CCAA #00058797)**, The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification
- Administration and Teacher for EC, GT, and LD**, NC Department of Public Instruction (1971-2001)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Neurofeedback—Mentoring and didactic training through Richard Soutar, Ph. D., New Mind Center, Atlanta, Georgia; Comprehensive Introductory and Advanced trainings through Tom & Linda Brownback, Siegfried & Sue Othmer, Richard Soutar, Robert Thatcher, Mark Smith, and Tom Collura
- Appalachian State University--Vocational Evaluation and Rehabilitation Curriculum through Gary Sigmon, PhD
- NC-Department of Developmental Disabilities and Vocational Rehabilitation--trainer for American With Disabilities Act
- NC-Department of Public Instruction—Over 1,000 hours of training in learning and memory disorders and cognitive learning theories
- Over 2,100 hours of formal training in Cognitive Rehabilitation/Community Integration Through Scientifically Based Practice
- Numerous courses and in-services in learning and neurophysiological disorders, biofeedback, neurofeedback, rehabilitation, and vocational evaluations
- Biofeedback—Training through Hartje Biofeedback; William Wellborn, PhD
- University of Georgia--Gessell Institute in Human Development and Learning
- University of North Carolina-Charlotte--Memory and learning disorders
- North Carolina School of Advancement-Winston Salem--Communications and Team Building
- University of Kansas-NCDPI, Raleigh, NC—Comprehensive and Advanced courses in Learning and Memory Strategies based on cognitive learning theories--over 150 hours

NEUROCOGNITIVE EXPERTISE

NeuroCognitive Rehabilitation and Assessments, Treatment Planning, Vocational and Transitional services, Community Re-entry, Family preservation services, Consulting, Qualified Expert Witness as a NeuroCognitive Rehabilitation Therapist

VOCATIONAL EXPERTISE

Traumatic Brain Injuries, Attention Disorders, and other Neurophysiological Disorders; Vocational Evaluations and Consultations; Medical and Pain Management; and Qualified Vocational Expert

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

January 2000 to present at *Benfield & Podger Associates, Ltd.* as **Clinical Coordinator; Clinical Instructor; NeuroCognitive Rehabilitation Therapist; Biofeedback Therapist-EEG and Peripheral; Vocation Evaluator and Rehabilitation Therapist; NeuroCognitive, Vocational, and Educational Evaluator/Diagnostician** for Acquired Brain Injury (BI), attentional disorders, memory/learning and other neurophysiological disorders, and related adjustment/transitional issues for pediatrics, adolescents, and adults.

February 1999 to August 2000 at *Combined Case Management, Inc.* as **Vocational Case Manager** for injured workers. Provide vocational rehabilitation services for RTW. Evaluate, coordinate medical/disability services, administer and/or interpret vocational and related testing/information; perform job and/or transferability skills analysis; develop and implement RTW plans; conduct and analyze Labor Market Surveys; provide counseling and job readiness training; conduct job development and placement services; and provide follow-up for maintenance.

March 1996 to January 2000 at *D. Scott Cutting, Ph. D., & Associates/LifeWorks* of Morganton, Hickory, and Lenoir, NC, as **Rehabilitation Therapist, NeuroCognitive Rehabilitation Therapist, Clinical Instructor, Vocation/Transition Consultant, Biofeedback Therapist, and NeuroCognitive/Vocational/Educational Evaluator and Diagnostician** for Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Attention Disorders, and other neurophysiological, learning/memory and related adjustment disorders for pediatrics, adolescents, and adults.

January 1995 to 2008 at Ervin Batchelor, Ph. D./Carolina Development and Rehabilitation Center, Charlotte and Hickory, NC, contracted services as a **NeuroCognitive Rehabilitation Therapist, Vocation/Transition Consultant and Therapist, Biofeedback Therapist, and NeuroCognitive/Vocational/Educational Psychometrist, Evaluator and Diagnostician** for Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Attention Disorders, and other neurophysiological, learning/memory and related adjustment disorders for pediatrics, adolescents, and adults.

April 1990 to December 1995 at *Head Injury Centers* of Charlotte and Hickory, NC, (started at *Frye Regional Medical Center*, Hickory, NC,) as **Clinical Coordinator, Case Manager, NeuroCognitive Rehabilitation Therapist, Biofeedback Therapist, Vocation/Transition Consultant, Psychoeducational Diagnostician and NeuroCognitive Psychometrist** for Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Attention Deficit Disorders, and other neuro-physiological and memory/ learning Disorders, and related adjustment issues for pediatrics, adolescents, and adults.

January 1974 to August 1990 with the Veterans Administration, Winston Salem, NC, as a **Rehabilitation Therapist, PsychoEducational Evaluations, and Educational Consultant and Therapist for Memory and Learning Disorders** for injured veterans.

September 1979 to August 1990 at *The Learning Center* and *Carolina Academy*, Hickory, NC, as **Founder, Center and Program Director, Case Coordinator, Cognitive/Educational Psychometrist and Diagnostician** for attentional disorders, behavioral disorders, acquired and developmental learning disorders (LD), and other neurophysiological disorders for pediatrics, adolescents, and adults.

1972 –1990 at *Catawba Valley Community College* and *Appalachian State University* as part-time **Instructor** for teachers and teacher assistants for Pre-school, Early Childhood, and Exceptional Children programs.

1972--1984 with *NC-DPI-Region #7, Raleigh, NC*, as a **State Field Consultant for Early Childhood and Special Education Services**. Evaluated programs, developed and provided in-service training for schools, LEAs

1977--1979 with *Alexander County Schools*, Taylorsville, NC, as **Psychometrist, Diagnostician and Therapist for Special Services** in all exceptionalities, **Teacher for Learning Disabilities** and **Coordinator and Teacher for Gifted and Talented Services** for Grades K-12.

1972-1977 with *Hickory City Schools*, Hickory, NC **Program Director and Lead Teacher** for a nationally recognized transdisciplinary program for K-2. Program and curriculum development and in-service training.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

NC Biofeedback Society—member in 1993-5 and since 2000—Board Member & Secretary since January 2004-2008 & current President since 2009 to present

Catawba Valley Association of Counselors and Therapists- member since 1996 and Board member since 2005

Catawba Valley Brain Injury Association—since 2001—cofounder

Brain Injury Association of NC--member and volunteer since 1989

Brain Injury Association of America—member since 1989

The Society of Cognitive Rehabilitation—member since 1991, Special Interest Committee-Professional Liason (2006-2007), and Board member and Treasurer (2007-present)

NC Association for Insurance Rehabilitation Professionals-associate member since 1991

HONORS, AWARDS, AND COMMENDATIONS:

Numerous honors, awards, commendations, and special recognition for my work and contributions in the field of Brain Injury, Special Education, and Early Childhood

HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Planning Committee for NC Biofeedback Society's Annual Conference from 2004 to present

Planning Committee for SE Regional Conference for Applied Physiology, Neurofeedback, & Biofeedback in Raleigh, NC (2006)

Hosted NC Biofeedback Society's 2005 statewide conference in Hickory, NC (2005)

Member of the NC Advisory Council for TBI (2002-2004)

Assisted with the revision of the TBI State Action Plan (2003) and a new bill that was proposed and passed for a governor appointed TBI Advisory Board for Legislative action

Organized the Catawba Valley Brain Injury Association and initiated a Brain Injury Support Group in 2001 and Benfield & Podger continue to sponsor their activities

Regional and local training for NC-DDD/MH/LME on the Functional Impact of TBI, Basic Introduction to TBI, and Empathy Training (2001-present)