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EDUCATION

The University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

Master of Science: Clinical Mental Health Counseling

January 2018

Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

Bachelor of Science: Major Counseling/Human Services, Minor Theology/Religious Studies

May 2015

Council for Standards in Human Services Education

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

United Kingdom Rugby Tour: Wales, United Kingdom; London, England

Spring 2015

- International coordination

Study Abroad Program: Uganda, East Africa

January 2013

- Traveling across Africa learning about Christianity

Community Service: Uganda, East Africa

January 2013

- Provide essential supplies to the locals, and learned about their daily day of living
Fiji, New Zealand, Australia

June 2009

- Participated as a Student ambassador

- Learned about local government

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Counseling Association

2020- Present

National Board Certified Counselors

2018-Present

Pennsylvania Counseling Association

2016-Present

PS-SAIGE

2016-Present

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS/AWARDS

- National Certified Counselor (NCC#1092021)

September 2018- Present

- Student Employee Award- at Jane Kopas Women's Center

April 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Level Practitioner, Friendship House, Scranton, PA

October 2019- Present

- Work with Community Care to provide support for at risk youth
- Develop treatment plans and crisis plans for individual clients
- Collaborate with families, school and other agencies regarding care for students in the program
- Counsel students daily to help them accomplish their familial, and behavioral goals,

President, Pennsylvania Society for Sexual, Affectional Intersex and Gender Expansive Identities (PS-SAIGE)

Formerly known as PA Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Individuals in Counseling July 2019- Present

- Participate as a board member for the PA Counseling Association
- Disseminate responsibility for PS-SAIGE among the officers and committee chairs
- Oversee and delegate LGBT competency trainings for various helping professionals

Counselor, Resilience Counseling Associates, Scranton, PA

March 2019-Present

- Provide individual and group counseling to clients with various psychosocial issues, concentrating on individuals within the Trans community and children
- Work on sliding scale to provide counseling services

Publicity Chair, PS-SAIGE

April 2018- July 2019

- Created and disseminated educational material, and event fliers
- Maintained social media outreach

- Mental Health Professional, Scranton Counseling Center, Scranton, PA** August 2018- October 2019
- Work with Community Care to provide support for students in school
 - Develop treatment plans and crisis plans for individual clients
 - Collaborate with families, school and other agencies regarding care for students in the program
 - Counsel students daily to help them accomplish their personal goals
- Family Inter-Systems Team, Scranton Counseling Center, Scranton, PA** March 2018- August 2018
- Thorough knowledge and implementation of Ecosystemic Family Therapy
 - Worked with Children and Youth Services to help reunite families
 - Created various treatment plans, crisis safety plans, and emergency interventions
 - Conducted individual, family and couple therapeutic sessions
- Elementary School Partial Program, Therapist, Elk Lake; NHS, Springville, PA** Aug. 2017- Mar. 2018
- Graduate level internship- 600+ hours
 - Planned and conducted group and individual sessions with clients with various diagnosis
 - Created treatment plans, keep notes/medical records, attended interagency and coordination of care meetings
 - Taught coping skills, ABCs of Behavior, anger management, trauma therapy, crisis therapy
- Behavioral Health Worker, Scranton Counseling Center, Scranton, PA** February 2017- August 2017
- Worked with Community Care to provide support for students in elementary school
 - Collaborated with families, school and other agencies regarding care for students in the program
 - Counseled students daily to help them accomplish their personal goals and get through crisis
- Leahy Clinic Counselor, The University of Scranton, Scranton, PA** August 2016- December 2016
- Provided individual counseling sessions
 - Learned use of counseling with translator, and those who have language barriers
- Crisis Worker, Scranton Counseling Center, Scranton, PA** May 2016- October 2019
- Intervene during crisis in Emergency Room setting, and on a Mobile Team
 - Implement voluntary (201) and involuntary (302, 303, 309) placements as needed
 - Work with a team and individually to determine what treatment would be best for client
 - Develop individual crisis safety plans to help client to avoid future crisis situations
- Practicum, The University of Scranton, Scranton, PA** August 2016- December 2016
- Completed 50+ hours of direct service and 100+ hours of indirect service
 - Counseled college age individuals on various issues during individual and groups sessions
- Therapeutic Support Staff Worker, Scranton Counseling Center, Scranton, PA** August 2015- Feb. 2017
- Worked with children who have autism, in schools and residential settings
 - Guided children in addressing learning, socialization, and behavioral goals and objectives
 - Taught children calming techniques and communication skills
- Intern, Office of Youth and Family Services, Scranton, PA** February 2015- May 2015
- Developed a thorough understanding of Trauma Focused-CBT, Psychodynamic, System Theory and Person in Environment while working with mandated clients
 - Gained understanding of standardized assessments: FAST/CANS, semi-structured interviews, and engagement skills
- Intern, Drug & Alcohol Treatment Service, Scranton, PA** February 2014- May 2014
- Observed group therapy and individual intake sessions for clients from various backgrounds
 - Conducted research study on the effectiveness of treatment services for those struggling with addiction

GUEST LECTURING EXPERIENCE

Petitto, D., (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, Fall and Spring) *Transgender life*. Guest Lecture presented in undergraduate Counseling LGBT Persons Course. The University of Scranton, Scranton, PA.

Petitto, D., (2016,2017, Spring) *Transmen*. Guest lecture in undergraduate counseling boys and Men course. The University of Scranton, Scranton, PA.

Petitto, D. (2016, Fall), *Transgender Life*, Guest Lecturer in undergraduate Multicultural Counseling Class. The University of Scranton, Scranton, PA.

Gross, G., & Petitto, D. (2015, December), *Understanding Gender Identity*. Guest Lecturer in undergraduate psychology class King's College, Wilkes Barre, PA.

INVITED NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL PRESENTATIONS

Charette, J., Connell, A., Datti, P. A., Gruber, R., & Petitto, D. (2019, November). *Being LGBT+ in today's social and political climate-advancement, challenges, and counseling implications*. Half-day pre-conference institute to be provided at the annual Pennsylvania Counseling Association fall conference, State College, PA.

Petitto, D., & Datti, P.A. (2018, November). *Inclusivity and the queer community: Are you aware of what you say and project?* Presentation provided at the annual Pennsylvania Counseling Association fall conference, Pittsburg, PA.

Datti, P. A., Connell, A., Dalton, S, Marsili, R., & Petitto, D. (2018, November). *A multidimensional understanding of gender identity, affectional orientation, and intersections with other identities*. Half-day pre-conference institute provided at the annual Pennsylvania Counseling Association fall conference, Pittsburg, PA.

Datti, P.A., Edwards, J., Marsili, R., & Petitto, D. (2017, November). *Transgressing binaries: Towards understanding gender, sexuality, and intersections with other identities*. Half-day pre-conference institute provided at the annual Pennsylvania Counseling Association fall conference, King of Prussia, PA.

Petitto, D., & Datti, P.A. (2017, April). *Affirmative practice for working with transgender persons*. Presentation provided at University of Scranton's Graduate Counseling Alumni CEU/Networking Program, Scranton, PA.

Gross, G., & Petitto, D. (2016, Spring), *How to be more inclusive?* Presentation provided at the annual ignite conference. The University of Scranton, Scranton, PA.

Petitto, D., & Datti, P.A. (2016, November). *Transgender life in college*. Presentation provided at the annual Pennsylvania Counseling Association, State College, PA.

Dalton, S., Datti, P. A., Marsili, R., Petitto, D., & Smith, K. (2016, November). *LGBT affirmative practices*. Half-day pre-conference institute provided at the annual Pennsylvania Counseling Association fall counseling, State College, PA.

Gross, G., Petitto, D., & Soeder, K. (2015, November). *The Emotional Neglect of Siblings of Terminally Ill Patients: Strategies for Intervention*. Professional Issues for Counselors Poster Session Workshop. The University of Scranton. Scranton, PA.

Petitto, D., (2015, Fall). *Social Justice Movements*. Presentation at Building Bridges Ally Development Institute. The University of Scranton. Scranton, PA.

Datti, P., Dougherty, L., Petitto, D. (2014, Fall), *LGBT+ Panel*. Panel member during and interactive presentation. Marywood University, Scranton, PA.

Carmen, K., Datti, P., Petitto, D. (2014, Fall), *LGBT+ Panel*. Panel member during and interactive presentation. The University of Scranton, Scranton, PA.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Rugby Coach, University of Scranton. 2016-Present. Coach college age women the basics of rugby, plays and lead training sessions three times a week.

Counselor, Camp Aranu'tiq. July 2018, July 2019, Summer 2020. Help provide a safe space for transgender children 8-15 and their family have a safe space to just be themselves.

Counselor/Staff Member, Camp Fatima, Lebanon, NJ. Summers 2013-2015, 2017-2019. Participated in a camp for individuals with disabilities ages 5-21, providing 1-on-1 support for a fun summer.

Work Study, The University of Scranton's Jane Kopas Women's Center, September 2012-May 2017. Working with college students and local community providing training and educational events to help better the university community.

Babysitter, The Avione Family, Nesconset, NY. 2005-2015. Provide day and overnight care to children from infant to 15years old, providing support, food and activities.

Art Counselor, JCC of Oceanside, NY. Summer 2015. Provided support in Art summer programing help kids ages 6 to 12 to complete various projects.

Unit Leader, JCC of Oceanside, NY. Summer 2014. Provided support to 10th graders on various trips on the east coast of the US, ensuring their safety, and fun.

Assistant Unit Leader, Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Summer 2013. Provided a summer of safe, fun activities for 6-8 year olds.

Presenter, P.A.C.T. Presenter, The University of Scranton, Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Served as a peer presenter to help educate college students on consent, healthy communication, and local resources.

Student Representative, Student Alliance for Equity (SAFE), University of Scranton, August, 2013 –2015. Serve as student committee member on this initiative to promote a safer and more inviting campus environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students, including several trainings.

President, Pennsylvania Society for Sexual, Affectional Intersex and Gender Expansive Identities (a division of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association), July 2018 - Present. Act as liaison between the PS-SAIGE and PCA; Plan division events, presentations, outreach activities, trainings, and related professional activities.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| ● Pennsylvania Counseling Association | 2017- Present |
| ● Pennsylvania Society for Sexual, Affectional Intersex and Gender Expansive Identities | 2017- Present |

TRAINING/SKILLS

Safety Crisis Management, CPR, First Aid, Suicide Prevention Training, SAFE Space, P.A.C.T., Bystander Intervention, Carelogic, Assessment skills, Violence Free Zone, Basic American Sign Language Skills, Citi Training, Strong Microsoft Office Applications