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Education

2002- 2004 University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI
Master of Public Health in Health Behavior and Health Education
Women's and Reproductive Health Interdepartmental Concentration

1998-2002 North Carolina State University Raleigh, NC
Bachelor of Science in Textile Chemistry and Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry
Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

Professional Experience

Institute of Public Policy, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

Policy Analyst

August 2007-Present

- Conduct contract/grant related research on a variety of public policy issues
- Write reports to granting agencies and policy briefs for decision makers
- Manage research and service projects related to nutrition, physical activity, violence against women, college wellness, transportation, and other policy issues

Health Education, San José State University, San José, CA

Prevention Education Program Coordinator

November 2004-July 2007

- Coordinated campus-wide alcohol, drug, and sexual assault prevention
- 2006-07 Chair, campus Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Committee (Coalition of community members, students, faculty, and staff)
- Conducted one-on-one education sessions with students using motivational interviewing techniques (approximately 300 per year)
- Coordinated three peer education programs directed towards fraternity and sorority members, residential students and the general student body
- Developed and coordinated alternative spring break program
- Coordinated administration of the National College Health Assessment in 2005 and 2007
- Campus coordinator for Safer California University grant (\$30,000) through Prevention Research Center (2006-07)
- Wrote and received mini-grant (\$12,000) for campus "Intelligent Drinking" alcohol prevention initiative
- Co-coordinated new wellness initiative "Treat Yourself Well"
- Member, University Planning Council Student Experience Panel (2005-2007)
- Supervised one professional administrative assistant, five student assistants, and 15 student volunteers
- Managed annual program budget of \$26,000

College of Applied Science and Arts, San José State University, San José, CA

Lecturer

Fall 2005 and Fall 2006

- Instructor for General Education course “Understanding Your Health”
- Content included a survey of health issues across the lifespan, their behavioral and environmental determinants and health disparities
- Received 3.9/4.0 overall rating on teaching evaluations

Health Promotion and Community Relations, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Graduate Assistant

September 2002-April 2004

- Developed and presented workshops about alcohol use, sexual health, and eating issues to university student groups
- Developed and revised health education materials
- Conducted and analyzed surveys with hundreds of respondents and as many as 350 questions

Health Education, Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco, CA

Graduate Intern

Summer 2003

- Conducted hepatitis vaccine needs assessment in the medical center
- Developed and led three hepatitis vaccine trainings for over 50 health care providers
- Researched and wrote articles for provider and patient newsletters distributed throughout the medical center
- Developed appropriate evaluation plan for hepatitis vaccine promotion efforts

Planned Parenthood of the Capital and Coast, Raleigh, NC

Intern

August 2001-May 2002

- Founded first reproductive health student activist group at NC State University
- Organized emergency contraception and other sexual health education programming

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA

Research Technician

Summer 2001

- Researched HIV viral load of cells co-infected with HIV and tuberculosis

SATELLITE (Science and Technology Enriching Lifelong Leadership in Tomorrow's Endeavors), Raleigh, NC

Funding Chair and Activities Chair

January 2000-May 2002

- Secured funding for entire program (over \$12,000) through foundation grants and other donations
- Planned activities for five-day SATELLITE program for 40 high school students
- Served as program counselor during the program

Computer Skills

Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Publisher, Outlook, Stata, SPSS

Conference Presentations

California State University Alcohol Education Conference, April 2007
Student Organization Awards and the Promotion of Alcohol Free Activities

American College Health Association Annual Meeting, June 2006
New Peer Health Educator Perspectives: Using a Lay Health Advisor Model to Enhance Residential Communities

California State University Alcohol Education Conference, April 2006
DUI Trial in Schools: Hosting a DUI trial on your campus

Awards

- 2007 Provost's Award for Excellence in Service Learning, San José State University
- 2007 Outstanding Staff Award from the Greek Community, San José State University

Public Service

- City of Columbia, MO Board of Health (December 2007-present)
- City of Columbia, MO Mayor's Committee on Physical Fitness (December 2007-present)