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VITA HIGHLIGHTS

- Founder of S.T.E.P.S. With Horses, a nonprofit equine assisted activities and therapies program exclusively devoted to mental health.
- Founder and Clinical Director of Equine Connection Counseling, a private equine assisted counseling and psychotherapy practice located near Fort Worth, TX serving up 50 clients per week.
- Developed evidence-informed models for the practice of equine assisted counseling: Relational Equine-Partnered Counseling and Equine-Partnered Play Therapy.
- 26 peer-reviewed presentations at state, national, and international conferences
- PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Horseback Riding Instructor (Registered) and Certified Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning (ESMHL). Faculty Candidate for PATH Intl. ESMHL Workshop. Trained in Equine Assisted Growth and Learning (EAGALA) Model for equine assisted counseling.
- Instructor for undergraduate-level Diversity and Cultural Awareness. Teaching assistant for 9 graduate counseling courses including CACREP courses. Co-Instructor for Animal Assisted Therapy courses.
- Awarded recognitions include the Chi Sigma Iota International Outstanding Practitioner Award, Marjorie V. Kittredge Equine-Facilitated Psychotherapy and Learning Scholarship, and Texas Counseling Association Educational Endowment Fund Award
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Registered Play Therapist (RPT), and National Certified Counselor (NCC).
- Counseled over 500 clients in clinic, school, and equine assisted counseling settings with diverse populations. Experienced in child, adolescent, and adult counseling; family counseling; couples counseling; and group counseling.
- Advanced research training in qualitative and quantitative in research methods. Completion of 6 doctoral level research analysis courses.
- Four years of clinical supervision in individual, triadic, and group formats. Facilitated weekly, semester-long supervision for over 14 supervisees at the master's advanced skills and practicum. Facilitated supervision for two graduate-level counseling interns in equine assisted counseling and psychotherapy.

CURRICULUM VITA

Hallie E. Sheade, Ph.D., LPC, RPT, NCC
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Education

- 2015 **Ph.D. in Counseling**
University of North Texas, CACREP-accredited
Specialty Areas: Animal Assisted Therapy, Equine
Assisted Counseling, Multicultural and Diversity
Considerations, Supervision, Military Veterans, Child &
Adolescent Counseling/Play Therapy
Dissertation Title: *Effectiveness of Relational Equine-
Partnered Counseling (REPC) in Reducing the Symptoms
of PTSD in Military Veterans: A Single Case Design*
- 2010 **M.S. in Professional Counseling**
Georgia State University, CACREP-accredited
Specialty Areas: Community Counseling, Equine Assisted
Counseling
- 2007 **B.S. in Psychology**
B.S. in Biology
University of Miami
Minor: Spanish

LICENSURES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND TRAINING

- June 2014 **National Certified Counselor (NCC) #344728**, National Board for
Certified Counselors
- June 2014 **Registered Play Therapist (RPT) #T-2452**, Association for Play Therapy
- January 2014 **Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) #67848**, TX
- December 2011 **Certified Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning #75331**
Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International
- August 2011 **Registered Pet Partner**
Pet Partners

- June 2011 **Certified Equine Specialist #22821**
Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association
- June 2011 **Certified Mental Health Specialist #22821**
Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association
- May 2011 **Licensed Professional Counselor-Intern #67848, TX**
- February 2008 **Certified Registered Therapeutic Horseback Riding Instructor #75331**
Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship

GRANTS, AWARDS, HONORS

- 2015 Outstanding Practitioner Award, Chi Sigma Iota International
- 2014 Outstanding Practitioner Award, Chi Sigma Iota, Rho Kappa Chapter
- 2013 Marjorie V. Kittredge Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy and Learning National Conference and Annual Meeting Scholarship, Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International
- 2013 Honoring Pet Companions Scholarship, University of North Texas
- 2013 Educational Endowment Fund Award, Texas Counseling Association
- 2011, 2012 College of Education Graduate Student Travel Award, University of North Texas
- 2010-2013 Graduate Assistantship Tuition Scholarship, University of North Texas
- 2010-2013 Academic Achievement Scholarship, University of North Texas
- 2010 Cynthia Chandler and Rusty Therapy Dog Scholarship, University of North Texas
- 2010 Honoring Pet Companions Scholarship, University of North Texas
- 2003-2007 Henry King Stanford Scholarship, University of Miami

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Department of Counseling and Higher Education (CACREP-accredited)

Instructor/Teaching Fellow

Fall 2012 COUN 2620: Diversity and Cultural Awareness
Responsible for 100% of course development and instruction under supervision

Co-Instructor

Summer 2011, 2012 COUN 5530: Animal Assisted Therapy
Responsible for 50% of course instruction under supervision

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2013 COUN 5740: Group Counseling Theories and Procedures
Responsible for 30% of course instruction under supervision

Fall 2012 COUN 5680: Basic Counseling Skills
Responsible for 30% of course instruction under supervision

Summer 2011 COUN 5790: Counseling Culturally Diverse Clients
Responsible for 30% of course instruction under supervision

Summer 2011 COUN 5610: Addiction Counseling
Responsible for 30% of course instruction under supervision

Spring 2011 COUN 5200: Counseling Adolescents
Responsible for 30% of course instruction under supervision

Spring 2011 COUN 5710: Counseling Theories
Responsible for 30% of course instruction under supervision

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

February 2014-
Present

Founder/Counselor (Equine Assisted Counseling)

Equine Connection Counseling, PLLC

Provide equine assisted counseling to adults, adolescents, and children; parent consultation; group counseling for children and adolescents; couples and family counseling; form partnerships with community agencies to serve populations in need; manage business and administrative tasks for practice; provide clinical supervision to counseling interns and equine specialists; design and develop play therapy area

January 2012-
January 2014

Contract Counselor (Equine Assisted Counseling)

Victory Therapy Center (formerly Rocky Top Therapy Center),
Non-Profit Organization

Provided individual equine assisted counseling to adults, adolescents, and children; parent consultation; group counseling for children and adolescents; couples and family counseling; developed manual for practice of Relational Equine-Partnered Counseling, implemented protocol and guidelines for development of equine assisted play therapy program, provided ongoing peer supervision and consultation, assisted in management of equine husbandry

Fall 2011-
Summer 2012

Assistant Director of Clinical Services

Counseling and Human Development Center, University of North Texas

Provided consultation for doctoral and masters practicum students, and administrative staff, oversaw intakes and prepared files for distribution among counselors, assisted with program development and organization, and assisted with general clinic management

Fall 2011-
Spring 2012

Mental Health Counselor in Schools

Denton Independent School District, Denton TX

Provided weekly group play therapy services to students and consultation to parents, teachers, and school counselors.

Summer 2010-
Spring 2013

Staff Counselor

Child and Family Resource Clinic, University of North Texas

Provided individual counseling to adults, adolescents, and children; parent consultation; group counseling for children and adolescents; couples and family counseling; conducted intake interviews, administered and scored client assessments

Spring 2013

Group Counselor

Counseling and Human Development Center, University of North Texas

Facilitated weekly process group of master's students participating in group counseling course

Fall 2010-
Spring 2011

Staff Counselor

Counseling and Human Development Center, University of North Texas
Provided individual counseling services to adults and children; provided parent consultations and filial therapy, conducted intake interviews, administered and scored client assessments

Fall 2009-
Spring 2010

Counselor Intern

Pathways Transition Programs (HorseTime)

Provided individual and group equine assisted counseling services to sexually abused and at-risk children and adolescents; provided parent consultation; administered and scored assessments, co-facilitated support groups for children who had been sexually abused; participated in weekly case staffing; conducted intake interviews; participated in community outreach projects and advocacy; assisted in equine management and husbandry

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Department of Counseling and Higher Education (CACREP-accredited)

Summer 2016

Site Supervisor

Internship

Provide weekly individual supervision and training for one intern in equine assisted counseling and equine assisted play therapy.

Spring 2016

Site Supervisor

Internship

Provide weekly individual supervision and training for one intern in equine assisted counseling and equine assisted play therapy.

Summer 2015

Site Supervisor

Internship

Provide weekly individual supervision and training for one intern in equine assisted counseling and equine assisted play therapy.

Spring 2015

Site Supervisor

Internship

Provide weekly individual supervision and training for one intern in equine assisted counseling and equine assisted play therapy.

Fall 2012

Supervisor

COUN 5660: Advanced Counseling Skills
*Provided weekly group supervision for 4 master's-level students on
CMHC and child specialty/play therapy track*

Summer 2012 **Supervisor**
Counseling and Human Development Center, University of North Texas
Provided weekly individual supervision for one masters practicum student

Summer 2012 **Supervisor**
COUN 5660: Advanced Counseling Skills
*Provided weekly group supervision for 4 master's-level students on
CMHC*

Fall 2011 **Supervisor**
COUN 5690: Practicum
*Provided weekly individual and triadic supervision for 3 master's-level
students in practicum and weekly group supervision for 7 master's-level
students on CMHC and child specialty/play therapy track*

Spring 2011 **Supervisor**
COUN 5660: Advanced Counseling Skills
*Provided weekly group supervision for 2 master's-level students on
CMHC*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of North Texas, Denton, Texas,
Department of Counseling and Higher Education (CACREP-accredited)

Fall 2013-
Summer 2015 **Dissertation:** *Effectiveness of Relational Equine-Partnered Counseling
(REPC) in Reducing the Symptoms of PTSD in Military Veterans: A Single
Case Design*
Major Professor: Dr. Cynthia Chandler

Spring 2013 **Research Assistant** for Animal Assisted Therapy Study
Chandler, C. K. (In progress). *People and Pets*.
Denton, TX: University of North Texas.
Conducted literature review to support study design

Fall 2011-
Spring 2012 **Research Assistant** for Supervision and Teaching Study
Kern, C. (2013). *Supervising and teaching resilience*.
Denton, TX: University of North Texas. A

Assisted with literature review regarding assessment instruments to measure resilience; collaborated in development of teaching and supervision techniques to facilitate resilience

Fall 2010-
Summer 2011

Research Assistant for School Counseling Study
Fineran, K. *Mental health needs of middle school students.*
Denton, TX: University of North Texas.
Assisted with literature review to support justification for study; analyzed survey data; participated in manuscript development

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA,
Department of Educational Psychology

Spring 2009

Research Assistant for Educational Psychology Project
Anggoro, F. *Science learning in elementary-school age children*
Atlanta, GA: Georgia State University
Assisted with administration of science learning intervention for middle school students; analyzed and compiled data

Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis, MO
Exotic Animal Hospital

Summer 2006

Research Assistant for Animal Behavior Study
Asa, C. *Sociosexual behavior in Grevy's zebra and Somalian Wild Ass*
St. Louis, MO: Saint Louis Zoo
Assisted in developing observation protocol for animal observations; assisted in creating operational definitions for behavior observation; conducted behavioral observations; trained staff on operational criteria; analyzed and coded observational data

Summer 2006

Research Assistant for Animal Behavior Study
Asa, C. *Breeding success in Channel Island Foxes*
St. Louis, MO: Saint Louis Zoo
Assisted in developing observation protocol for animal observations; assisted in creating operational definitions for behavior observation; conducted behavioral observations; analyzed and coded observational data

University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL
Department of Biology

Spring 2007

Research Assistant for Animal Behavior Study
Wolovich, C. *Acoustic communication in owl monkeys*
Coral Gables, FL: University of Miami

Observed and analyzed acoustic communication in owl monkeys; assisted in data analysis

Spring 2006

Research Assistant for Animal Behavior Study

Murray, K. *Time-activity budgets in Buffy Flower Bats*

Coral Gables, FL: University of Miami

Assisted in creating operational definitions for behavior observations; conducted behavioral observations; coded behavioral data; assisted in data analysis; created a poster for presentation

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

Sheade, H. Equine-partnered play therapy with children with oppositional behavior. (*Chapter manuscript in preparation for Trotter and Baggerly's upcoming book, Equine Assisted Therapy Activities for Counselors: Harnessing Solutions to Common Problems*).

Sheade, H. Equine-assisted counseling and psychotherapy: Healing through horses. (*Book manuscript in preparation for Routledge*).

Sheade, H., & Box, L. (2017, Spring). EFP Ethics and Skills for ESMHLs. *PATH Intl. Strides.*, 23(2), 22-28.

Sheade, H. (2015). *Effectiveness of relational equine-partnered counseling (REPC) on reduction of symptoms of PTSD in military veterans: a single case design.* (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from ProQuest Dissertations and Theses. (ProQuest Number 10034403).

Sheade, H., & Box, L. (2014, Summer). Playtime with horses: Equine-partnered play therapy. *PATH Intl. Strides*, 20(3), 18-21.

Sheade, H., & Chandler, C. K. (2014, Fall). Diversity considerations in animal assisted counseling. *VISTAS Online*.

Sheade, H. (in progress). *Playing with horses: A case for equine assisted play therapy.*

Sheade, H. (in progress). *Guidelines for the practice of equine assisted play therapy.*

Sheade, H., & Chandler, C. K. (in progress). *Supervision in equine assisted counseling.*

Sheade, H., & Chandler, C. K. (in progress). *Teaching a course on equine assisted counseling: A constructivist-developmental perspective.*

Sheade, H., & Chandler, C. K. (in progress). *Integrating Adlerian theory with equine assisted counseling.*

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- Sheade, H., & Crandall, D.** (2017, November). *Addressing PTSD in military Veterans using equine-assisted counseling*. Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, Galveston, TX.
- Sheade, H., & Crandall, D.** (2017, November). *Bringing the session to the pasture: Ethics and best practices in equine assisted counseling*. Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, Galveston, TX.
- Sheade, H., & Crandall, D.** (2017, November). *Playing with horses: Equine-partnered play therapy for children with trauma*. Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, Galveston, TX.
- Sheade, H., & Crandall, D.** (2017, November). *Relational equine-partnered counseling: A new framework for EFP*. Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Conference and Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- Crandall, D., **Sheade, H.**, & Ziehe, P. (2017, November). *Healing trauma: Hope through horses*. Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Conference and Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- Crandall, D., Hightower, T., Ziehe, P., & **Sheade, H.** (2017, November). *EAAT and military clients: Providing culturally-sensitive services*. Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Conference and Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- Sheade, H. & Ziehe, P.** (2016, November). *Addressing ptsd in military veterans using equine facilitated psychotherapy: Result of a dissertation study*. Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Conference and Annual Meeting, Williamsburg, VA.
- Sheade, H., & Chandler, C.K.** (2014, November). *Healing through horses: Equine assisted counseling with at-risk youth*. Texas Counseling Association Annual Conference, Dallas, TX
- Sheade, H., & Yterdal, H.** (2014, October). *Psychotherapy 101: Equine-facilitated psychotherapy ethics and skills for equine specialists*. Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Conference and Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Sheade, H., & Yterdal, H.** (2013, November). *Playing with horses: Equine assisted play therapy*. Texas Counseling Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX
- Sheade, H., & Box, L.** (2013, November). *Playing with horses: Equine assisted play therapy*. Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Conference and Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Sheade, H., & Box, L. (2013, November). *The power of equine-facilitated psychotherapy in working with military veterans*. Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Conference and Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Chandler, C., & **Sheade, H.** (2013, October). *Teaching graduate courses in counseling techniques with the assistance of canines and equines*. Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Denver, CO.

Sheade, H. (2012, November). *Multicultural and diversity considerations in animal-assisted therapy*. Texas Counseling Association Annual Conference, Galveston, TX.

Sheade, H., Knox, B., & Box, L. (2012, November). *The power of equine-assisted psychotherapy in working with military veterans*. Texas Counseling Association Annual Conference, Galveston, TX.

Kern, C., & **Sheade, H.** (2012, January). *Resilience: Supervising & teaching from an innovative perspective*. Texas Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Akay, S., & **Sheade, H.** (2011, December). *The courage to be imperfect: Reaching children with perfectionism through play*. North Texas Chapter of the Texas Association for Play Therapy, Coppell, TX.

Sheade, H. (2011, October). *Incorporating equine-assisted counseling into your counselor education program*. Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Nashville, TN.

Invited Presentations and Panels:

Sheade, H., & Crandall, D. (Invited presentation) (2017, October). *Healing through horses: The power of EAC in treating trauma*. Mental Health Community Connection of Johnson County, Cleburne, TX.

Sheade, H. (Invited webinar). (2017, September). *Understanding trauma in working with participants in EAAT*. PATH Intl.

Sheade, H. (Invited presentation). (2017, September). *Equine assisted counseling for military*. VETCO meeting, Fort Worth, TX.

Sheade, H. (2016, October). *Equine assisted counseling for military clients*. Cleburne, VFW, Cleburne, TX.

Sheade, H. & Crandall, D. (2016, June). *Healing through horses: The power of equine assisted counseling for children and teens*. Millwood Hospital, Arlington, TX.

- Sheade, H.** (2016, April). *Equine assisted counseling for sexual abuse survivors*. Annual Tarrant County Sexual Abuse Advisory Council (TCSAAC) Conference, Fort Worth, TX
- Sheade, H., & Yterdal, H.** (2015, August). *Equine assisted counseling for trauma*. Millwood Hospital, Arlington, TX.
- Sheade, H.** (2015, November). *Equine facilitated psychotherapy (EFP) community*. Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Conference and Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH.
- Sheade, H.** (2014, October). *Equine assisted counseling for veterans* (Invited Keynote Address). American Legion 6th District Convention, Waxahachie, TX.

SERVICE

2018	Committee Member , Health and Education Advisory Committee, PATH Intl.
2017-2018	Board Member , Mental Health Community Connection of Johnson County
2015	Ad Hoc Reviewer , Society & Animals
2011-2013	Community Engagement Co-Chair , Chi Sigma Iota International <i>Served as co-chair of community engagement committee; organized event for counseling students to provide service to university community; developed ideas for future community engagement involvement; initiated relationships with community agencies</i>

Membership in Professional Organizations

International/National

American Counseling Association (ACA)	2009-present
Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)	2011-2016
Association for Play Therapy (APT)	2011-present
Chi Sigma Iota, International Honor Society in Counseling (CSI)	2011-2016
Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA)	2011-2013
Military and Government Counseling Association	2016-present
Pet Partners	2011-present
Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH-Intl.)	2007-present

State

Texas Counseling Association (TCA)	2010-present
Texas Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (TACES)	2011-2015
Texas Association for Play Therapy (TAPT)	2011-present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Specialized Graduate Courses

Research & Statistics

University of North Texas, Denton, TX
Department of Counseling and Higher Education (CACREP-accredited)

COUN 6130: Research in Counseling, Spring 2012
COUN 5800: Quantitative Research in Play Therapy, Summer 2011

Department of Educational Psychology

EPSY 6210: Multiple Regression and Related Methods, Fall 2012
EPSY 6010: Statistics for Educational Research, Fall 2010
EPSY 6020: Research Methods, Summer 2011

Department of Educational Development and Curriculum Instruction

EDCI 6280: Qualitative Research, Fall 2012

Clinical Practice

University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
Department of Counseling and Higher Education (CACREP-accredited)

COUN 5630: Transpersonal Counseling, Spring 2013
COUN 6900: Neurobiology in Animal Assisted Therapy, Spring 2013
COUN 6900: Couple Counseling, Fall 2012
COUN 6900: Adlerian Techniques, Summer 2012
COUN 6900: Advanced Animal Assisted Therapy Clinical Experience, Summer 2012
COUN 5000: Filial Therapy, Spring 2012
COUN 6900: Animal Assisted Therapy Clinical Experience, Spring 2012
COUN 6140: Advanced Multicultural Counseling, Fall 2011
COUN 6250: Advanced Crisis Counseling, Fall 2011
COUN 5640: Group Play Therapy/Activity Therapy, Fall 2011

COUN 6652: Teaching Counselor Education, Spring 2011
COUN 6090: Counselor Supervision, Spring 2011
COUN 5530: Animal Assisted Therapy, Summer 2010
COUN 5700: Introduction to Play Therapy, Summer, 2010

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
Department of Counseling and Psychological Services (CACREP-accredited)

CPS 8400: Introduction to Play Therapy, Spring 2010
CPS 8460: Biopsychosocial Aspects of Addiction, Summer 2009
CPS 8380: Family Systems and Interventions, Summer 2009

Specialized Training

<i>Downunder Horsemanship Fundamentals Clinic</i>	Summer 2013
<i>Fundamentals of EAGALA Model, Part 1 and 2</i>	Spring 2011
<i>Teaching Assistant and Teaching Fellows Orientation, University of North Texas</i>	Spring 2011
<i>Pet Partners</i>	Summer 2010

Psychoeducational Assessments of Adults and Children

Experienced in administration and interpretation of the following instruments:

Adult Behavior Checklist (ABC)
Adult Self Report (ASR)
Child Behavior Checklist (CBC) for 1 ½- 5 year olds
Child Behavior Checklist (CBC) for 6-18 year olds
Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS)
Parenting Stress Index (PSI)
Pediatric Symptom Checklist
PTSD Checklist
Quality of Life
Stress Index for Parents of Adolescents (SIPA)
Teacher Report Form (TRF)

EQUINE EXPERIENCE

February 2014-
Present

Equine Specialist (PATH Intl. Certified ESMHL)

Equine Connection Counseling, PLLC – Fort Worth, TX

Provide equine assisted counseling to adults, adolescents, and children as both a counselor and as an equine specialist; parent consultation; group counseling for children and adolescents; couples and family counseling; form partnerships with community agencies to serve populations in need; manage business and administrative tasks for practice; provide clinical supervision to counseling interns and equine specialists; design and develop play therapy area.

January 2014-
January 2017

Volunteer – Horse Schooling/Training

Wings of Hope Equitherapy – Cleburne, TX

Non-Profit Organization

Provided schooling and training both mounted and on the ground for horses used in therapeutic riding lessons.

June 2010-
December 2011

PATH Certified Registered Instructor

ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship – McKinney, TX

Non-Profit Organization

Created lesson plans and taught therapeutic riding lessons designed for people with cognitive, physical, or emotional disabilities; assisted in facilitating volunteer trainings and special events.

August 2009-
May 2010

Counseling Intern

Pathways Transition Programs/HorseTime – Covington, GA

Conducted individual and group counseling sessions with a diverse base of child and adolescent clients in the office and at the HorseTime program using equine-facilitated psychotherapy, specifically vaulting and experiential groundwork; conducted assessments and wrote progress notes for clients; counseled primarily at-risk youth and children with trauma.

September 2008-
May 2010

PATH Certified Registered Instructor

Chastain Horse Park – Atlanta, GA

Created lesson plans and taught therapeutic riding lessons designed for people with cognitive, physical, or emotional disabilities; taught “Little Bits” riding lessons to able-bodied children ages 3-7 years old; schooled lesson horses to decrease problem behaviors and increase usability; gained business skills as an independent contractor.

May 2008-
March 2009

PATH Certified Registered Instructor

Special Equestrians of Georgia – Alpharetta, GA

Created lesson plans and taught therapeutic riding lessons designed for people with cognitive, physical, or emotional disabilities; assisted in various aspects of equine care.

August 2003-
December-2005

Volunteer – Horse Training

South Florida SPCA – Miami Lakes, FL

Provided mounted and unmounted training and schooling for rescued horses who had been neglected and abused; assisted with equine medical care.

August 2003-
December 2005

Interim President (2005), Volunteer Coordinator (2004-2005)

University of Miami Equestrian Team – Coral Gables, FL

Competed on Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) circuit; coordinated operations and horse showing for the Equestrian team; scheduled and evaluated volunteers to assist with horse training for the South Florida SPCA.

Summer 2003-2005

Equine Director (2005); Instructor (2003-2005)

Kelly's Camp – Vernon Hills, IL

Managed instructors providing riding lessons and pony rides to young children; coordinated and administered equine daily care and medical care.

1994-2000

Working Student

Red Coat Farm – Hawthorn Woods, IL

Trained with an established hunter/jumper trainer, Mary Goldman; participated in local circuit horse shows in Hunter, Equitation, and Jumper classes; shared-boarded a horse; completed barn chores such as grooming, tacking, administering medical care, taught beginner riding lessons; schooled horses both mounted and unmounted; coordinated day camp activities; assisted with billing.

1993-1994

Student

Palatine Farm – Palatine, IL

Continued English riding lessons focusing on trot, canter, and jumping.

1990-1993

Student

Hunter Hill Stables - IL

Began English riding lesson; achieved proficiency at walk, trot, canter, and jumping cross-rails