# EDUCATION

*Illinois Institute of Technology* 2019-Present

Ph.D. Candidate in Rehabilitation Counseling Education

Anticipated graduation date: 2022

Leadership and Advocacy Scholar: 2019

*Illinois Institute of Technology*  2013-2015

Master’s Degree in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

RSA (Rehabilitation Services Administration) Scholar: 2013-2015

Vice President of the IIT organization American Rehabilitation Counseling

Association (ARCA)

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign* 2011-2013

Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology

Dean’s List: 2012, 2013

*Parkland College* 2009-2011

Associate’s Degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences

Dean’s List: 2011, 2012

NJCAA Academic All-American Award

**LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) #180.011427 2017-Present

State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) #00166957 2015-Present

Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification

**HONORS**

Illinois Institute of Technology Lewis College of Science and Letters Multicultural Scholarship (2021)

Illinois Institute of Technology Lewis College of Science and Letters Student Leadership and Advocacy Scholarship (2019)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Adjunct Professor*

PSYC 561 - Applied Counseling Techniques – Illinois Institute of Technology Summer 2020

* Master’s level course focused on the development of skills necessary to implement group counseling strategies across various settings including: theory, techniques, multicultural considerations, family therapy
* Responsible for development and implementation of course materials, assignments, lectures, grading, and student support

*Guest Lecturer*  2019-Present

Illinois Institute of Technology

* PSYC 563 – Human Growth & Career Development
* PSYC 586 – Concepts of Supervision

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Research/Program Consultant* 2020-Present

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

* Consultation on research interventions’ manuals and supplemental materials
* Facilitation of Random-Control Trial (ASSET): 10-Week Employment Soft-Skills Training Program
* Develop and implement training sessions for research-based interventions
* Provide ongoing supervision to implementers of research-based curriculum

*Vocational Counselor and Staff Therapist* 2015-Present

New Connections Academy, South Campus, & Virtual Connections Academy, Palatine, IL

Chair of Diversity and Inclusion Committee

* Provide vocational/transition services to students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) in a therapeutic day school setting
* Facilitating within-school research and interventions
* Provide individual and group counseling
* Vocational Assessment and IEP reporting
* Site Supervision for Rehabilitation Counseling trainees
* Provide ongoing consultative services and trainings
* Coordination of community and familial resources

*Internship II: Mental Health Professional* Jan 2015-May 2015

Ada S. McKinley, Chicago, IL

* Provide outpatient mental health services to individuals with psychiatric disabilities, including: individual, group, and family psychotherapy
* Assess mental health and medication adherence of clients
* Document case notes and progress reports in a timely manner for billing
* Responsible for community outreach and referrals as needed

*Practicum, Internship I: Vocational Counseling Intern* Jan 2014-December 2014

New Connections Academy, Palatine, IL

* Provide vocational/transition services to students with Autism Spectrum Disorder in a therapeutic day school setting
* Assess current level of employability/functioning and vocational needs of each child on caseload
* Collaboration of IEPs with teachers, transition director, job coach, therapists

*Respite Care Provider*  2011-2015

Developmental Services Center, Champaign, IL

* Provide at-home care to families with children with Developmental Disabilities
* Promote community integration and elasticity within the household
* Coordinate with Behavior Analyst and run appropriate programs in promotion of independence

*Direct Support Personnel* 2011-2014

Developmental Services Center, Champaign IL

* Provide a wide range of supports that promote independence to adults with Intellectual Disabilities in the group home setting including: daily living skills, economic self-sufficiency, behavior support, and community integration
* Certified in CPR and First Aid
* Certified under a Registered Nurse (R.N.) to administer medications
* CPI Trained and certified

*Student Advocate*  2012-2013

Community Advocacy Project (CAP) - University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Urbana, IL

* Classroom training through the University of Illinois in effective advocate strategies
* Provided individual referrals, advocacy, and goal assistance to women survivors of intimate partner abuse
* Coordinated community resources  based on individual’s self-identified goals

**PRESENTATIONS, PROCEEDINGS, & PAPERS**

Ditchman, N., & Boyd, A. (2020, June). *Factors impacting sense of community for young adults*

*with Autism Spectrum Disorder.*Poster presented at the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) conference, virtual.

Kundert, K., Qin, S., Nieweglowski, K., Boyd, A. (2020, June) *Navigating the Ethical Waters of*

*Social Media as a Tool for Empowerment.* Poster presented at the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) conference, virtual.