

Curriculum Vitae
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General Information

University address: College of Social Work
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Professional Preparation

- 2006 MSW, University of Central Florida. Major: Clinical Social Work.
- 2006 Certificate Program, University of Central Florida. Major: Marriage and Family Therapy.
- 1996 B.S., Indiana University. Major: Public Affairs. Management Concentration.

Nondegree Education and Training

- 2023 DBT-based Programming for Families with Loved Ones Diagnosed with Comorbid BPD and SUD.
- 2023 Domestic Violence.
- 2023 Ethics and Boundaries.
- 2023 Introduction to the U.S. Opioid Crisis & Treatment Options.
- 2023 Laws and Rules of the Board Renewal Course.
- 2023 Medical Errors.
- 2023 Supervisor Continuing Education Course.
- 2022 Partnering with Families to Seek Racial Justice in Child Welfare.
- 2022 Children's Mental Health in the Aftermath of Disasters.

- 2022 Working with Parents and Families that Experience Substance Abuse Disorder.
- 2022 Substance Use Disorders and the Link to Childhood Trauma.
- 2021 Florida Substance Use Disorder Symposium: Emerging Trends and Critical Issues.
- 2021 Quality Matters Training and Course Development.
- 2021 Florida Telehealth.
- 2021 HIV/AIDS.
- 2020 Information Security Awareness Training.
- 2020 Kognito At-Risk for Faculty.
- 2019 Understanding Neurotransmission and the Disease of Addiction.
- 2019 Ethics in Social Work Counseling.
- 2019 Human Trafficking in the United States: Foreign and Domestic Victims.
- 2019 The Heroin Abuse Epidemic in America: Identification, Treatment, and Prevention.
- 2018 The Role of the Social Worker in Advanced Care Planning.
- 2016 Children's Behavioral Summit.
- 2016 Interventions to Help Heal Traumatized Children.
- 2016 Understanding Panic Disorders.
- 2016 16-Hour Field Educator's Training.
- 2011 Exploring the Dimensions of Adult Grief: The Caregiver's Role.
- 2008 ADL5000 for Online Course Design.
- 2008 Baker Act.
- 2006–2008 Play Therapy.

- 2005–2008 Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy.
- 2006 Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy.
- 2005 Techniques in Psychodrama.
- 2002 Assisted Living Facility Administration.

Professional Credential(s)

- 2015–present Qualified Supervisor, Florida Board of Clinical Social Work.
- 2008–present Licensed Clinical Social Worker.
- 1991–present Professional Broadcaster's License.

Professional Experience

- 2020–present Assistant Teaching Professor/Teaching Faculty I, College of Social Work, Florida State University. Secure field placements for Generalist and Clinical MSW students. Teach Field Education and Integrative Field Seminar courses. Teach both required courses and electives in the Online MSW program.
- 2008–present Adjunct Instructor, School of Social Work, The University of Central Florida. Teach clinical courses for the Online MSW program.
- 2008–2021 Bereavement Program Director and Medical Social Worker. HospiceCare, Advent Health Palm Coast. Provided grief counseling services to individuals and families. Facilitated both in-person and virtual bereavement support groups. Oversaw the MSW team. Created and hosted a semi-annual memorial service. Trained volunteers. Completed assessments on patients and families and provided direct services. Provided on call services to hospice patients and their caregivers. Provided community education.
- 2006–2008 Children's Therapist, Behavioral Health Division, Winter Haven Hospital. Provide individual and family counseling. Completed biopsychosocial assessments. Created treatment plans. Diagnosed clients using the *DSM*. Facilitate group therapy. Worked with the IOP program on campus.
- 2004–2006 Program Director, DriveABLE, Area Agency on Aging. Completed comprehensive psychological testing for individuals with dementia to determine ability to continue driving. Spoke at state conferences on transportation alternatives for seniors Met with judges, law enforcement, and congress persons regarding senior driving issues. Served on the Governor's

Advisory Board for Transportation Alternatives. Provided community education.

- 2000–2004 Medicaid Waiver Specialist, Community Care for the Elderly & Alzheimer's Disease Initiative, Area Agency on Aging. Completed auditing visits for Medicaid Waiver service providers. Reviewed documentation for Medicaid billing. Ensured compliance with program funding. Completed home visits to service recipients to ensure program compliance.
- 1998–2000 Area Staff, Young Life. Served in mentoring program for at-risk youth. Assisted in grant writing and fund raising for the program. Completed office administrative duties such as budgets, accounting, and marketing. Trained volunteers.
- 1997–1998 Customer Service Representative/Claims Adjuster, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida. Assisted with policy holders' inquiries regarding their benefits. Reviewed and adjusted medical claims for payment. Assisted in utilization review.
- 1996–1997 Program Assistant, Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center. Assisted Program Director in developing health education curriculum for high schools and community colleges. Marketed Physician Assistant program to at-risk youth. Office administrative duties as assigned.

Areas of Expertise

End of Life Issues
Grief and Loss
Medical Social Work
Clinical Social Work
Mental Health
Gerontological Social Work

Current Membership in Professional Organizations

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Teaching

Courses Taught

Clinical Practice with Families (SOW 6612)
Social Work Practice II: Intervention Practices (SOW 5306)

Graduate Field Instruction I (SOW5532)
Graduate Field Instruction II (SOW5535)
Integrative Seminar in Advanced Social Work Practice (SOW5369)
Social Work in Health Settings (SOW 5603)
Graduate Field Instruction I (SOW 5532)
Graduate Field Instruction II (SOW 5535)
Social Welfare Policy & Services (SOW 5235)
Clinical Field Education I (SOW 6940)
Clinical Field Education II (SOW 6940)
Clinical Field Education III (SOW 6940)
Foundations of Behavioral Health Care Policy & Social Work Practice (SOW 5217)
Generalist Field Education I (SOW 5940)
Generalist Field Education II (SOW 5940)
Generalist Field Education III (SOW 5940)
Integrative Clinical Field Seminar I (SOW 6561)
Integrative Clinical Field Seminar II (SOW 6562)
Integrative Clinical Field Seminar III (SOW 6563)
Integrative Generalist Field Seminar I (SOW 5565)
Integrative Generalist Field Seminar II (SOW 5566)
Integrative Generalist Field Seminar III (SOW 5567)
Clinical Practice with Groups (SOW 6324)
Diverse Client Populations (SOW 5132)
Clinical Practice with Individuals (SOW 6348)
Social Work Practice I: Generalist Practice (SOW 5305)
Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (SOW 5105)

Invited Presentations

Legaspi, B. (2023). *Treating Grief and Loss in Children and Youth*. The Florida Behavioral Health Association's Training for Florida Behavioral Health Providers

Legaspi, B. (2021). *The Road to Unity: A Self-Awareness Workshop*. Community Education, The Village Church, Saint Augustine, FL

Legaspi, B. (2020). *Handling Anticipatory Grief of Cancer Patients and Their Families*. The Florida Society of Oncology Social Workers' Annual Conference, Orlando, FL

Legaspi, B. & Carlin-Rogers, F. (2007) *To Drive or Not to Drive*. The Florida Council on Aging Conference, Miami, FL

Legaspi, B. (2004). *Transportation Alternatives for Seniors: Remaining Independent*. Oak Park Senior Living Community, Orlando, FL

Supervision of Clinical Practice

MSW Social Work Students.
Registered Clinical Social Work Interns.

Service

Florida State University

FSU College Service

Member, Field Committee (2020–present).

Member/Reviewer, Admissions Committee (2020–2022). MSW Program.

Syllabus Review, Academic Affairs Committee (2022-2023). MSW Program.

The Community

Volunteer, Assist with programs and events organized by the Parent-Teacher Organization, Pacetti Bay Middle School (2022–present).

Member, Racial Unity Committee, The Village Church (2021–present).

Room Mom/Parent-Teacher Organization Member, Assist teachers with projects in the classroom; provide supervision during class special events; assist with communicating information with parents, Picolata Crossing Elementary School (2017–present).

Volunteer, Assist with various service projects sponsored by the church such as community outreach, Blessings in a Backpack, Hunger Fight, Vacation Bible School, and GriefShare support groups, The Village Church at World Golf Village (2016–present).

Den Leader, Facilitated and lead weekly den meetings for children ages 7-8; coordinated service projects in the community, Cub Scouts of America (2020–2021).

Member, Bioethics Committee, AdventHealth Palm Coast (2016–2021).

Member, Advisory Board, Hospice of the Comforter (2005–2006).

Consultation

AdventHealth. Provided professional consultation to hospital staff regarding bereavement, grief, and loss resources for patients and their families (2020–2021).