Yimeng Zhang (Clara) Drama Therapist Candidate

PROVISIONAL REGISTERED DRAMA THERAPIST (P-RDT) LICENSED CREATIVE ARTS THERAPIST LIMITED PERMIT (LCAT-LP)

EDUCATION

(September 2017 .September 2020)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY WITH MINOR IN STATISTICS

(August 2022 - May 2024)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF ARTS IN DRAMA THERAPY

Master Thesis: Menopause Multiverse-An Etanodramatic Exploration

SKILLS

- Bilingual in Mandarin and English
- Online and In person Workshop Design and Facilitating
- American Council on Exercise (ACE) Certified Personal Trainer

WORK & INTERNSHIP

November 2024 - Present • EAST

EAST BAY ART THERAPY

Drama Therapist: Provide trauma-informed, culturally sensitive group drama therapy or services to adolescents in an inpatient acute psychiatric unit. Complete clinical group progress notes & relevantreports using hospital HER. Clinical populations: Adolescents (In-patient)

July 2024 - Present

WELLNESS COUNSELING SERVICES, PLCC

Drama Therapist

Clinical populations: Minors, Adults (virtual), Families

May 2023 - May 2024

NEW YORK CREATIVE ARTS THERAPISTS

Drama Therapist Intern

Clinical populations: Minors, Adults (virtual), Families

May 2023 - December 2023

THE PATIENT PALETTE

Drama Therapist Intern

Clinical populations: Patients with Alzheimer's Disease, Elders in nursing home, Minors

January 2023 - April 2023

COLLIDEOSCOPE REPERTORY THEATRE COMPANY

Support youth as a production manager through the weekly rehearsal process, and support the production as a dramaturg.

September 2022 - March 2023

THEATRE WORKS USA

Support actor wellness sessions by facilitating warm-ups, discussions, embodiment, and de-role.

September 2022 - December 2022

TISCH ACTOR WELLNESS PROGRAM

Supported the brainstorming session to generate session protocols.

Co-facilitated one session and collected feedbacks. Presented experience and observations at the NYU Theatre & Health Lab Annual Symposium.

EXPERIENCES

June 2025 - Present

ROOT-HERE MANDARIN PLAYBACK GROUP IN BAY AREA

• Funding member

February 2024 & February 2025

NYU CROSS-CULTURAL AWARENESS FOR CREATIVE ARTS

THERAPY/ARTS EDUCATION

• Guest Lecturer for The Distancing of Therapeutic Narratives, 2024

• Guest Lecturer for Sitting with Stories: Ethics, Artistry, Mutuality and Healing in Documentary Filmmaking, 2025

February 2023 & February 2025

NYU THEATRE & HEALTH LAB ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

• Co-Presenter & tech support for Lifespan Perspective: DramaTherapy and Aging, with Dr. Cecilia Dintino & Shoshi Keisari, 2023

• Co-Presenter for Tisch Actors' Wellness Program, with Dr. Nisha Sajnani, 2023

• Co-Presenter for Framing Distance: Documentary as a Mirror for Projection & Connection, 2025

March 2024

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S GRIEF CONFERENCE

• Co-presenter for The Multiverse of Grief with Adam Stevens

November 2022 - December 2024

OUCHTHEATRE ONLINE DRAMA THERAPY & PSYCHODRAMA SESSIONS

• Initiator & Interpreter: Initiate the collaboration between OuchTheatre and licensed creative arts therapists to provide online drama therapy and psychodrama trainings to the Chinese public. Co-facilitate thesessions as interpreter.

January 2023 - January 2024

NORTH AMERICAN DRAMA THERAPY ASSOCIATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE & NYU LIFE-DRAMA CONNECTION COUNSEL

• Student representative: Attend to monthly meetings. Brainstorm, initiate, and co-facilitate life-drama-connection activities (Same Page, Same Stage; Creative Arts Therapy Day at NYU, 2023).