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## **Education**

Doctoral Student,  
Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology  
Antioch University Seattle **2012 - anticipated graduation date 2019**

Masters in Social Work  
Eastern Washington University **August 2006**

B.S. Psychology  
Eastern Washington University **August 2001**

## **Honors and Awards**

Psi Chi, 2001

## **License and Certifications**

State of Washington  
Licensed Mental Health Counselor **June 2010**

## **Doctoral Clinical Training**

**Pre-Internship** **October 2016 - present**  
Briar Rose Center: The Home of Hope and Healing  
Providing psychological testing and co-facilitating group therapy for trauma survivors. Receiving training in the assessment of psychological trauma and PTSD.  
Supervisor: Kimberly Cole, Psy.D.

**Pre-Internship** **October 2016 – present**  
Antioch University Counseling Clinic  
Provide individual, family therapy, and assessment services to underserved populations.  
Supervisor: Chris Heffner, Psy.D., Ph.D.

**Social Justice Service Project** **April 2014 – August 2014**  
Hospice of Spokane  
Provided aid to hospice patients and their families. Assisted with running errands, provided respite for caregivers, and bereavement support.  
Director of Volunteer Services: Dave McDougall, MSW  
Supervisor: Jude Bergkamp, Psy.D.

## **Master's Level Clinical Training**

### **MSW Clinical Practicum Student**

**September 2005 – June 2006**

Spokane Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Center

Emphasis was on parent education, family therapy, crisis intervention, and attachment and bonding assessments using Circle of Security Protocol.

Supervisor: Wendy Folsom, MSW

### **MSW Clinical Practicum Student**

**March 2004 – August 2004**

Washington State Children's Administration, Indian Child Welfare Unit

Emphasis was providing case management to children in foster care. Provided education to foster parents as needed (i.e., nutrition, behavior modification, trauma).

Supervisor: Robert Stirling, MSW

## **Additional Professional Experience**

### **Licensed Mental Health Counselor**

**June 2010 - current**

Briar Rose Center: The Home of Hope and Healing

Provide individual and group therapy, as well as EAP services. Provide pre-surgical mental health evaluations for bariatric surgery candidates.

### **Behavioral Case Manager/Team Lead**

**July 2012 – April 2014**

Cenpatico

Provide intensive case management, crisis intervention, referral, and utilization management for those with serious mental illness receiving Medicaid. Supervise a team of four, including case managers and care coordinators.

### **Therapist**

**September 2010 – August 2011**

Pend Oreille Crime Victim Services

Provided individual and group therapy to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse.

### **Psychology Associate**

**April 2008 – May 2010**

Pine Lodge Correction Center for Women

Provided individual and group therapy to female offenders, as well as crisis intervention. Completed intake and assessment, including diagnosis. Designed and implemented groups in Domestic Violence and Stress & Coping. Facilitated groups in Anger Management, Holiday Blues, and Trauma Empowerment.

### **Discharge Planner/Care Coordinator**

**June 2006 – March 2008**

Behavioral Healthcare Options

Coordinated discharge from local psychiatric units and Eastern State Hospital for those with severe mental illness. Developed crisis plans and provided referrals to community resources as needed. Authorized voluntary inpatient hospitalization based on clinical presentation.

### **Case Manager**

**August 2001 – September 2005**

Spokane Mental Health

Provided community case management services to those with persistent and pervasive mental illness.

Completed crisis plans and provided referral to community resources as needed. Facilitated groups for dually diagnosed individuals.

## **Community Service**

**Crisis Line Volunteer**  
Spokane Mental Health Crisis Services

**August 1997 – September 2005**

## **Research Experience**

### **Student Research Team**

**April 2016 - present**

Antioch University, Seattle, Washington

Duties: Assisted in qualitative research project entitled “They Never Asked Me: Phenomenological qualitative research of the bariatric experience one year post bariatric surgery.” Assisted in all phases of the phenomenological method process. (3 – 4 hours per week).

Supervisor/Instructor: Dana Waters, Psy.D., ABPP

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Psychological Association, Student Member

International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, Student Member

## **Presentations and Publications**

Cole, K. and Van Wormer, S. (2010). *What is Trauma?* Provided CE training to Spokane area Chemical Dependency Professionals at Spokane Regional Health District.

Cole, K. and Van Wormer, S. (2012). *What is Trauma?* Presentation to advocates, case managers, counselors, and school personnel involved with Coeur d’Alene Women’s Shelter Domestic Violence Services.