
EDUCATION

- Ph.D** May 2019 **Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling**
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
Dissertation: The impact of career counseling on junior and senior students in their universities academic program
Areas of Specialty: Counseling, K-12 Education
- M.Ed** May 2015 **Master of Educational Psychology and Research**
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Honors: Summa Cum Laude
Master's Thesis: Analyzing the effect of technology on student self-efficacy and student-advisor relationships
- B.A.** May 2013 **Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education**
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Minor: Psychology
Honors/Awards: Summa Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, August 2016 - Present

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

- Instruct a lecture hall of 120 undergraduate students and design course content to meet the standards of the College of Education at Florida Atlantic University
- Co-teach an online section of EDS 2000: Introduction to Educational Psychology
- Evaluate student test results and short essays to measure knowledge acquisition
- Collaborate with Dr. Murray on the design and theme of classroom presentations
- Record attendance and send proactive emails to students to promote student success

Tutor, August 2013 - December 2014

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

- Assisted students in understanding the following subjects: statistics, sociology, psychology, and english
- Collaborated with other colleagues in organizing end of the year study sessions
- Organized tutoring sessions for groups of up to 40 students
- Coached undergraduate students in creating a study action plan (SAP) in order to improve their grades

Student Teacher, August 2012 – May 2013

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

- Created lesson plans, activities, and presented course material to elementary school students grades 4-6 in subjects including: English, History, and Math.
- Communicated effectively between students, staff, and parents and used student development theories to promote behavioral change in low-performing students
- Utilized cooperative learning techniques and provided both individual and group lessons to students in order to engage various learning styles

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant I, August 2013 – July 2015

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Under the supervision of Dr. Harry Highfell, students under academic probation were asked to complete a survey indicating their interactions with student affairs and academic departments. A mid-semester survey was collected after the students were required to seek advising in the ACCESS office. The final survey was conducted at the end of the semester and additional data such as GPA was collected. The results indicated that by requiring students who are under probation to meet with an ACCESS advisor, student retention and GPA can improve.

- Converted survey data to mathematical models to report to the Provost and Academic Deans of each department
- Managed a survey sample of approximately 200 undergraduate students
- Communicated survey results to Dr. Highfell, and analyzed their results using SPSS

RECENT AWARDS

- Recipient of “**TA of the Semester**” at Florida Atlantic University May 2016
- Recipient of the **NASPA Travel Grant** at University of South Carolina March 2015
- Recipient of “**Student Teacher of the Year**” at University of Central Florida May 2013

PUBLICATIONS

*Highfell, H. and Vitae, C.C. (2016, Sept.). Student perceptions of academic probation and support. *Journal of Educational and Social Research*, 3(3).

Vitae, C.C. (2015, Mar.) Using educational psychology to increase retention in first generation minority students. *8th Vector*.

Vitae, C.C. (2014, Nov.) Self-efficacy and appreciative advising: Implications for student success. *Journal of Appreciative Advising*, 2(1).

SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

Graduate Panelist , <i>Is Graduate School Right For You?</i> , FAU	2016
Graduate Advisor , Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break	2015
Peer Educator & Mentor , University of South Carolina	2014 - 2015
Coordinator of New Memberships , UCF Alumni Association	2013 – 2014
Alternative Spring Break , University of Central Florida	2012
Youth Leader , Community Church	2006 – 2012

POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

Commuter students' and retention: A qualitative study of student preferences. Presentation at **NASPA** in Columbus, OH. March, 2016

Academic probation in university retention rates. Poster presented at **iLead Conference**, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. Nov, 2015

Analyzing the effect of technology on student self-efficacy and student-advisor relationships. Thesis presentation at University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL. April, 2015



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