

# CURRICULUM VITAE OF

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### EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

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| 2021           | <b>Social Security Administration</b><br>Qualification as Vocational Expert   |
| 2018           | <b>Certified Ergonomic Assessment Specialist</b><br>The Back School   |
| 2018 - Present | <b>State of Illinois</b><br><i>Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor</i><br><i>License 180.009222</i>                                |
| 1998 – Present | <b>Commission on Rehabilitation<br/>Counselor Certification</b><br><i>Certified Rehabilitation Counselor</i><br><i>License 00016814</i> |
| 1998           | <b>Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois</b><br>Master of Arts: Rehabilitation Counseling                                      |
| 1996           | <b>Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois</b><br>Bachelor of Arts: Rehabilitation Counseling                                    |

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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2011 – Present

**Independent Rehabilitation Services, Inc.,** Naperville, Illinois

*President/Vocational Consultant*

- Provides Vocational Expert Opinion on employability, earning capacity, labor market research and other vocational matters.
- Experience with litigation cases, including Workers' Compensation, liability, marital dissolution, long term disability, and employment.
- Implements comprehensive vocational case management, job seeking skills training, vocational testing, resume writing and career counseling to clients.
- Designs and implements individualized rehabilitation plans which can include education and retraining to assist injured workers back to gainful employment.
- Meets directly with clients on a weekly to bi-weekly basis to assess their progress in their individualized programs and provide guidance and further instruction if necessary.
- Collaborates with prospective employers to identify viable and stable positions within the local labor market.
- Perform vocational testing to identify aptitude, interest and work temperaments when necessary.

1999 – 2001

**Sedgwick James Insurance Company,** Chicago, Illinois

*Return-to-Work Specialist*

- Served as Vocational Counselor for grouping of short-term and long-term disability and workers' compensation case managers handling Ameritech account.
- Obtained job descriptions, reviewed medical files to ascertain clients' work restrictions and functioning, contacted clients to discuss return-to-work opportunities and provided recommendations for job placement.
- Created comprehensive database tracking effectiveness of return-to-work program.
- Collaborated with Ameritech to provide educational support which discussed the benefits of job accommodations, assisted in returning employees back to work with restrictions to minimize disability costs to the employer, and assessed ergonomic workstation safety.
- Established and implemented Return-to-Work training program within disability unit for case managers.

1998 – 1999

**Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital**, Wheaton, Illinois  
*Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor*

- Delivered vocational rehabilitation services to patients with brain injury, stroke, spinal cord injury and amputation including vocational assessment, obtainment of job description and recommendations for returning to work successfully.
- Provided job coaching for clients within the workplace to support transition from disability to employment.
- Coordinated with physicians to determine patients' physical and cognitive functioning and limitations.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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2017 – Present

**American Board of Vocational Experts**  
Member

2016 – Present

**Donka, Inc.**  
Member – Board of Directors

2013 – Present

**Coalition of Illinois Counselors Organization**  
Board Member/Secretary

2010 – Present

**Illinois Chapter/International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals**  
President (current)  
Education Committee Chair (2014-2017)  
Board Member (2013 – current)

1999-2000

**Illinois Rehabilitation Association**  
President

## PRESENTATIONS

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March 2022

**American Board of Vocational Experts Annual Conference**  
Presenter: *Dropping the Mic: Out with the Old, in with the New.*

September 2019

**International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals Illinois Conference**  
Presenter: *The ABCs of Ethics; From Twitter to Trial Testimony*

June 2015

**DRI Trucking Litigation: A Primer for Young Lawyers**  
Presenter: *Assembling and Disassembling the Deposition of a Vocational Rehabilitation Expert*