

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## CHRISTIAN JORDAL, PH.D.

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### EDUCATION

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE & STATE UNIVERSITY** – Blacksburg, VA  
Ph.D. in Human Development, Concentration: Marriage & Family Therapy (2011)

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO** – San Diego, CA  
M.A. in Marital and Family Therapy (2006)

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY** – University Park, PA  
B.S. in Psychology (1994)

**LASALLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL** – Wyndmoor, PA  
H.S (1990)

### POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY** – Cambridge, MA  
Institute for Management and Leadership in Education  
Graduate School of Education (2025)

**WIDENER UNIVERSITY** – Chester, PA  
Post-graduate Certificate: Advanced Training in Transgender Mental Health (2018)

**COUNCIL FOR RELATIONSHIPS** – Philadelphia, PA  
Certificate Program in Sex Therapy (2014)

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

<b>DREXEL UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS</b> – Philadelphia, PA	2012-Present
<b>Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Counseling and Family Therapy</b>	
<i>Chair, Department of Counseling and Family Therapy</i>	2019-Present
<i>Director, Master of Family Therapy degree program</i>	2016-Present
<i>Interim Director, Human Development-Counseling undergraduate degree program</i>	2021-Present
<i>Coordinator of Student Experiential Learning</i>	2012-2021

- Oversee a team of 7 faculty and 2 professional staff.
- Manage and maintain annual budget including 2 undergraduate degree programs, 4 graduate degree programs, one certificate program, one community-based healthcare clinic, four research laboratories, and continuing education enterprise.
- Departmental student graduation rate of 90% plus across all programs
- Provide strategic
  - Alumni relations and development
  - Annual new student recruitment plan
  - Maintenance of program professional accreditation including achievement of MFT program reaccreditation, with no stipulations (2018-present)
  - Faculty and professional staff recruitment, retention, and development including two (2) tenure-track and one non-tenure track faculty hire (2022-2023)
  - Oversee curricular review and development with aim of workforce development across areas of public health need (e.g., trauma, substance-use disorders, telehealth) (ongoing)

**NORTHCENTRAL UNIVERSITY, THE GRADUATE SCHOOL** – Prescott, AZ 2012  
**Graduate School Dissertation Chair (Virtual position)**  
Dissertation oversight of 40 doctoral students across three university colleges, utilizing automated, web-based learning

management system (LMS) platform

**THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON** – Eugene, OR

2010-2011

**Visiting Instructor & Clinical Supervisor-in-Training, Couples & Family Therapy Master's Program**

*Department of Counseling Psychology and Human Services*

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE & STATE UNIVERSITY**– Blacksburg, VA

2007

**Instructor, Department of Human Development**

## FUNDED RESEARCH

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Patton, R., Chou, J., Swint, P., Ewing, S., Jordal, C., Garcia, K., Sponseller, L., and Tyszka, A. Strengthening Healthcare through Interprofessional Networks and Education (The SHINE Project): 2025-2028. Funding Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Grant Type: Training Grant Amount: \$2,400,000 Role: Co-investigator

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Referred Journal Publications

Chou, J., Lynch, L., Brooks, S., Krauthamer-Ewing, E.S., Jordal, C., Herbert, D., and James, A.V. (2022). Couple/Marriage and Family Therapist Extent of Training for Working with Families Impacted by Substance Use. *Family Relations*.

Allen, K. R., Husser, E. K., Stone, D. J., and Jordal, C. (2008). Agency and error in young adults' stories of sexual decision-making. *Family Relations*, 57, 517-529.

Piercy, F., Banker, J., Traylor, R., Krug, S., Castanos, C., Cole, E., Ciafardini, A. J., Jordal, C., Rodgers, B., Stewart, S., and Goodwin, A. (2008). A Virginia Tech ethics class reflects on the shootings at Virginia Tech. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 34, 210-226.

### Invited Professional Publications

Brown, T. B., Jordal, C., Linville, D., & Todahl, J. (2011). Embracing flux: Faculty and student partnerships toward a rich and evolving training environment. *Family Therapy Magazine*, Sept.-Oct., 38-40.

### Invited Book Chapters

Ashton, D., & Jordal, C. (2019). *Revisioning Gender* in M. McGoldrick and K. V. Hardy (Eds.), *Re-visioning Family Therapy: Race, Culture, and Culture in Clinical Practice*. New York: The Guilford Press.

Jordal, C., Carneiro, R., & Russon, J. (2016). The Hows and Whys of Journaling as a Course Assignment. In H. Aponte and K. Kissil (Eds.), *Training the Person-of-the-Therapist: Theory and Implementation*. Rutledge, New York, NY.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Refereed Professional Presentations

Chou, J., Patton, R., Katafiasz, H. Dang, Y., Jordal, C., Zaarur, A. (2020). *Bridging the Gap: Substance Use Training and C/MFTs*. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Orlando, FL.

Chou, J., Lynch, L., Ewing, S., Brooks, S., and Jordal, C. (2019). *C/MFTs Preparedness Working with Families Impacted by Substance Use Disorders (SUDs)*. Presented at the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Austin, Texas.

Piercy, F., Crane, R., Jordal, C., Lerner, G., Lebow, J., and Sexton, T. (2017). *Writing for Family Therapy Journals*. Presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Family Therapy Association, Malaga, Spain

Jordal, C. (2015). *Queering Commitment: A Grounded Theory of Intact Bisexual-Heterosexual Marriages*. Brief presentation prospectus at 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, & Therapists, Minneapolis, MN.

Jordal, C. (2014) *Queering Commitment: A Grounded Theory of Intact Bisexual-Heterosexual Marriages*. Brief presentation prospectus at 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.

- Jordal, C. (2014). *Using Simulated Learning Environments to Test Clinical Readiness of CFT Master's Students*. Presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the International Family Therapy Association, Panama City, Panama.
- Zimmerman, K., Jordal, C., and Schwartz, L. (2014). *Commitment in Mixed Orientation Relationships*. Presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- Traylor, R., Krug, S., Piercy, F., Goodwin, A., Banker, J., Jordal, C., Rodgers, B., & Cole, E. (2008). *Ethical Reflections on the Shootings at Virginia Tech*. Presentation at the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Memphis, TN.
- Jordal, C. (2006). *What Constitutes Support? Facilitating Sexual Identification & Inclusion Among College Students—A Prospective Group Exercise*. Presentation at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Southeast Symposium on Child & Family Development. Blacksburg, VA.
- Kimel, S. Y., Brouillard, C. R., Ching, H. A., Gelle, S. A., Sandoval, A., Jordal, C., & Sieber, W. J. (2006). *Cultural Differences in the Estimation of Health Status*. Presented at 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Society of Behavioral Medicine Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- Sarkin, A., Seiber, W., Santoso, J., Harvey, J., Jordal, C., Patterson, J., & Kallenberg, G. (2005). *Gender, age and cohabitation moderate the relationship between mobility and depressive symptoms*. Presented at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Society of Behavioral Medicine Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Sieber, W. J., Lang, A., Sarkin, A., Kallenberg, G., Santoso, J., & Jordal, C. (2005). *Identifying best items for assessing anxiety in primary care*. Presented at 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Society of Behavioral Medicine Meeting, Boston, MA.

### Invited Professional Presentations

- Jordal, C. (2022-Present). *Clinical Supervision*. Presented at the Sino-American Family Therapy Institute, Shanghai, China.
- Jordal, C. (2021). *Wellness: Mindset and Actions. What Constitutes Support? Facilitating Sexual Identification & Inclusion Among College Students—A Prospective Group Exercise*. Presentation at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Southeast Symposium on Child & Family Development, Blacksburg, VA.
- Gambescia, S., Kaimal, G., and Jordal, C. (2020-2022). *Writing for publication*. Presentation as part of biannual new faculty orientation, College of Nursing and Health Professions, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

**DREXEL UNIVERSITY** – Philadelphia, PA

2012-Present

### Professional

- Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) Job Task Analysis Task Force (2021-Present)

### University

- Chair, Budget, Planning, and Development Committee (2024-Present)
- Member, Faculty Senate Steering Committee (2024-Present)
- Senator, University Faculty Senate, College of Nursing Health Professions (Anticipated 2025)
- Alternate Senator, University Faculty Senate, College of Nursing Health Professions (2022)
- Human Development AEO Committee (2022)
- 5+2 Co-op Committee (2022)
- Provost Fellow (2021-2022), *Project: Capitalizing on transfer student recruitment via articulation agreements with institutional partners*
- Faculty, Staff, and Alumni Interdisciplinary Committee, LGBTQ Student Advocate Office, Center for Cultural Inclusion and Diversity (2016-2017)

### College of Nursing and Health Professions

- Member, Budget, Planning, and Development Committee (2023-2024)
- Member, Bylaws Committee (2018-2020)
- Chair, CISC Simulation Learning Committee (2018-2019)
- Member, Health Professions Chairs (2019-Present)
- Chair, Interdisciplinary Education, Practice, and Research Committee (2017)
- Member, PhD Council (2020-2022)
- Member, Search Committee, Faculty Chair and Program Director, Physician Assistant Program (2022-Present)

- Member, Workplace Gender Transition Guidelines Committee (2016)
- Member, Search Committee, Assistant Director of Development (2023-Present)

#### **Department of Counseling and Family Therapy**

- Chair, Department Meeting (2019-Present)
- Chair, Graduate Programs Team (2018-2020)
- Chair, MFT Committee (2017-Present)
- Chair, MFT Adjunct Instructor Meeting (2017-Present)
- Chair, Search Committee for three COFT faculty positions (2019-2022)
- Member, Clinical Administration and Services Meeting (2020-2023)
- Member, Clinical Services and Student Clinical Development (2016-2020)
- Member, DCFT Committee (2020-2024)
- Member, MFT Supervisors Meeting (2017-Present)
- Member, PhD Committee (2019-Present)
- Member, Program Alignment & Review (PAR) Committee (2016-2017)

#### **THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON – Eugene, OR**

2010-2011

##### **Couples & Family Therapy Master's Program**

- Administrative Oversight Committee
- Capstone Project Review Committee
- International Students' Advisory Board
- Students' Advisory Board
- Adjunct Faculty Evaluation & Inclusion Committee

### **EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

**Editor, *Journal of Family Psychotherapy***, International Family Therapy Association 2017-2020  
Provide editorial leadership for peer-reviewed quarterly journal with 2,300 subscribers.

**Editorial Assistant, *Family Relations***, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University 2007-2008  
Editor: Dr. Joyce A. Arditti | Prepared manuscripts for blind peer review, facilitated review process and rendered editorial decisions for interdisciplinary research journal produced by National Council on Family Relations

**Editorial Assistant, *Marital and Family Therapy Program***, The University of San Diego 2005-2006  
Editor: Dr. Jo Ellen Patterson | Provided editorial support for *Psychopharmacology Simplified, Collaborative Care Clarified: Essential Skills for the Contemporary Therapist*, Patterson et al., New York: Guilford Press (2006).

### **RESEARCH ADVISEMENT**

#### **DREXEL UNIVERSITY – Philadelphia, PA**

2012-Present

##### **Dissertation Committee Member**

- Nerlie Clark, Ph.D. (2023). *Parent Receptivity to Therapist Feedback: An Exploratory Change Event Study of the MacArthur Story Stem Battery Feedback Session*
- Katherine Dilks, Ph.D. (2022). *Foster Parents' Trauma Knowledge and Understanding of Emotions as Correlates of Placement Stability*.
- Marjorie Nightengale, Ph.D. (2021). *Emotionally Focused Therapy: A Culturally Sensitive Approach for African American Heterosexual Couples*.
- Emily C. Stasko, Ph.D. (2018). *Sexting & Fertility: An Intervention on Sexual Communication & Empowerment*
- Florina Hart, Ph.D. (2016). *Perceived Impact of Person-of-the-Therapist Training (POTT) Model on Drexel University Master of Family Therapy Postgraduates' Clinical Work: A Grounded Theory Study*.
- Nicole McKinney, Ph.D. (2016). *Biracial Adult Children Raised by White Mothers: The Development of Racial Identity and Role of Racial Socialization*.

##### **Thesis Committee Member**

- Emily Stasko (2016). *Sexting and Intimate Partner Relationships Among Adults*

### **TEACHING**

#### **Graduate Courses**

**DREXEL UNIVERSITY** – Philadelphia, PA  
*Department of Counseling and Family Therapy*

2012-Present

- CFTP 510 Sex Therapy
- CFTP 610 Sex Therapy
- CFTX 533 Clinical Practicum Supervision IV
- CFTX 534 Clinical Practicum Supervision V
- CFTP 535 Clinical Practicum Supervision VI
- CFTX 536 Clinical Practicum Supervision VII
- CFTP 561 Group Practicum Supervision I
- CFTP 562 Group Practicum Supervision II
- CFTP 563 Group Practicum Supervision III
- CFTP 564 Group Practicum Supervision IV

**ROSEMONT COLLEGE** – Rosemont, PA  
*Department of Professional Psychology*

2014-2015

**CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE** –Philadelphia, PA  
*Department of Professional Psychology*

2012

**THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON** – Eugene, OR  
*Department of Counseling Psychology and Human Services*

2010-2011

### Undergraduate Courses

**DREXEL UNIVERSITY** – Philadelphia, PA  
*Department of Counseling and Family Therapy*

2018-Present

- BACS 210 Behavioral Disorders

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE & STATE UNIVERSITY** – Blacksburg, VA  
*Department of Human Development*

2007

### Community-based Courses

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES** – Rock Island, IL

2009-2011

- [\*Transparenting\*](#)

### PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICE

**COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EDUCATION** – Alexandria, VA  
*Commissioner*  
*Site Visitor*

2019-2021  
2015-Present

- Elected position
- Develop and implement accreditation policy and policy revisions applicable to accredited programs throughout North America
  - Distance Education subcommittee
  - Education and Training subcommittee

**STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA** – Harrisburg, PA

*Board Member*

2018-2022

- Legislature-nominated, governor-appointed public service position
- Review and make recommendations on individual applicants for state MFT licensure.
- Evaluate and provide assessment on ethical violation allegations by state MFT licensed persons.
- Deliberate and craft interpretation statements to support public understanding and adherence to state law.

**PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY** – Glenside, PA  
*Treasurer*

2016-2018

- Managed \$75K annual budget and board financial transactions; generated bimonthly financial reports for presentation to board and submission to national organization.
- Served as financial liaison between national and state organization.

#### **Regional Director, Philadelphia and Delaware Counties**

2014-2015

- Represented region of 200+ mental health practitioners as voting member at bimonthly board meetings
- Facilitated communication of (state) licensure legislative changes to regional membership
- Coordinated and marketed educational and social events to support professional development and foster network.

#### **AMERICORPS\*NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS – Charleston, SC**

##### **Corpsmember**

1996-1997

- Developed, planned, and implemented inaugural “Neighborhood Accomplishment Day” community rehabilitation effort across 12 sites in Charleston County that enlisted 1,200 volunteers.
- Raised \$10,000 in endorsements through direct solicitation to local and regional businesses.
- Initiated and maintained ongoing communication between organization, local community and neighborhood boards; and promoted organization via local (radio/news) and national media outlets (ESPN)
- Earned certifications in Firefighting (U.S. Dept of Agriculture) and Certified Disaster Relief Worker (Red Cross)

#### **ABINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL- Abington, PA Pre-medical Volunteer, Emergency Treatment Center**

1994-1996

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE, INC. – Beverly Hills, CA**

##### **Marketing Coordinator**

1998-2003

- Assisted team of 130 sales agents and brokers and coordinated sale of print advertisements for local and national publications ensuring timely delivery of copy and photography to vendors and maintaining advertising schedules.

#### **LAUFER GREEN ISAAC, PUBLIC RELATIONS – Los Angeles, CA**

##### **Account Coordinator, LA County Dept of Water & Power's Household Hazardous Waste Round-up**

1997-1998

- Recruited, trained and supervised 15 campaign employees and managed coordination of special events and conferences for up to 300 people to support Account Executive and Manager on multimillion-dollar citizen-focused campaign throughout Southern California; Co-authored multimedia presentations to procure corporate financial partnerships.

### **MEDIA**

#### **Podcasts**

**Sexual Medicine Society of North America. (2025).** Nurturing Love and Intimacy: Strengthening Your Relationship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gnvxvxxvwwU>

**Sexual Medicine Society of North America. (2022).** Peyronie's Emotional Distress: Helping Men Cope with PD: <https://www.smsna.org/patients/recourses/books?view=article&id=781:smsna-advanced-practice-provider-webinar-series&catid=58>

#### **Television**

**NBC 10 Philadelphia (2020):** <https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/health/drexel-professor-discusses-bipolar-disorder-and-mental-health/2478286/>

#### **Web Articles**

**Newsweek (2022):** <https://www.newsweek.com/woman-urged-dump-husband-suspicious-relationship-work-wife-1756678>

**Healthline (2021):** <https://www.healthline.com/health/peyronies-disease/peyronies-disease-stress-tips>

**Newsweek (2017):** <https://www.newsweek.com/teens-less-sexual-intercourse-cdc-report-628129>

**Philly Voice (2015):** <https://www.phillyvoice.com/risk-humiliation-hacks-etc-why-do-people-cheat/>

**The Christian Post (2015):** <https://www.christianpost.com/news/marriage-infidelity-cheating-spouse-behavior-philanderers->



## Print Articles

**Attorney At Law Magazine (2025):** <https://attorneyatlawmagazine.com/stories/vendor-interview/christian-jordal>

**Philadelphia Inquirer (2019):** <https://www.inquirer.com/health/vyleesi-fda-approval-low-libido-hsdd-amag-sprout-20190621.html>

**Washington Post (2015):** <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2015/11/06/whether-youre-a-serial-monogamist-or-have-a-tendency-to-stray-may-be-partly-programmed-into-your-genes/>

## ACTIVE LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

**Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist**, Pennsylvania – License MF000699

**Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist**, New Jersey—License 2430578

**Approved Supervisor**, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

**Certified Sex Therapist**, American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists

**Certified Sex Therapist Supervisor**, American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

<b>RELATIONSHIPPED, LLC</b> – Philadelphia, PA <b>Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist</b> Provide mental health and sex therapy services for individuals, couples and families.	2015-Present
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<b>REGROUPTHERAPY.COM</b> – Virtual <b>Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist</b>	2014
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<b>CENTRA COMPREHENSIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY &amp; PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATES</b> – Philadelphia, PA <b>Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist</b>	2013-2014
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<b>CENTER FOR FAMILY THERAPY, THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON</b> – Eugene, OR Marriage and Family Therapist Intern Supervisor: Jeff Todahl, Ph.D.	2010-2011
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<b>MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICE</b> – Rock Island, IL Marriage and Family Therapist Intern Supervisor: Bill Hiebert, D. Min.	2009-2010
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<b>THE FAMILY THERAPY CENTER OF VIRGINIA TECH</b> – Blacksburg, VA Marriage and Family Therapist Intern Supervisor: Scott Johnson, Ph.D.	2006-2008
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<b>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN DIEGO MEDICAL CENTER</b> – San Diego, CA <b>Department of Pediatrics &amp; Adolescent Medicine</b> Marriage and Family Therapist Intern Supervisor: Leita McIntosh-Koontz, M.A. MFT	2005-2006
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<b>SAN DIEGO HEALTH &amp; FAITH ALLIANCE</b> -- San Diego, CA <b>Marriage and Family Therapist Intern</b> Supervisor: Todd Edwards, Ph.D.	2004-2005
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## POST-GRADUATE SUPERVISEES

<b>AAMFT Approved Supervisor Certification</b> Bertranna Muruthi, Ph.D., LMFT	2023-2025
Brian Swope, M.Ed., LMFT	2022-2025

**AASECT Certified Sex Therapist Certification**

Colby Agnostelli, M.Ed., LMFT	2020-2022
Shelley Clymer, Ph.D., LMFT, CST	2022-2023
Brittany Farrow, M.S., LMFT, CST	2018-2019
Shadeen Francis, M.A., LMFT, CST	2018-2019
Taniek Gentles, MFT, LMFT	2023-Present
Nitasha Strait, M.Ed., LMFT, CST	2016-2017

**AASECT Certified Sex Therapist Supervisor Certification**

Colby Agnostelli, M.Ed., LMFT	2020-2024
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**HONORS & AWARDS**

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<b>Service Award</b> , <i>International Family Therapy Association</i>	2017-2020
<b>Service Award</b> , <i>Commission for Accreditation of Marriage and Family Therapy Education</i>	2019-2021

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- Clinical Fellow, *American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)*
- Professional Member, *American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT)*
- Member, *International Family Therapy Association (IFTA)*
- Member, *Society for Sex Therapy and Research (SSTAR)*
- Member, *International Centre for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy (ICEEFT)*