AREA OF EXPERTISE

An experienced healthcare professional with specific, hands-on learning in life care planning, medical review, vocational evaluation, disability management, and healthcare compliance. With more than a decade of professional experience, I have developed specialized knowledge in various healthcare and vocational evaluation processes, as well as in the medical-legal field. I hold multiple certifications, including Certified Disability Management Specialist (CDMS), Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS), and former Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT).

EDUCATION

- Education Specialist in Adult Development South College
- Post-Master's Certificate in Rehabilitation Counseling and Disability Studies
 University of Utah State
- Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management Western Governors
 University
- Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management Western Governors University
- Associate of Science in Health Information Technology Rasmussen College-Minnesota
- Associate of Science in Human Services Addiction Lonestar College
- Certificate in Emergency Medical Technician

Relevant Certifications

- Certified Life Care Planner (ICHCC)
- Certified Disability Management Specialist (CDMS)
- Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS)

Scope of Practice:

- Assessment of the impact of disabilities on work and daily activities
- Recommendations for return-to-work strategies, accommodations, and vocational rehabilitation

- Evaluation of vocational assessments (e.g., transferable skills, job task analysis)
- Analysis of disability management program effectiveness, including long-term disability (LTD) and workers' compensation claims
- Interpretation of disability law, including compliance with federal and state regulations
- Development and evaluation of comprehensive life care plans for individuals with disabilities or brain injuries
- Analysis of care needs, future medical requirements, and assistive technologies
- Assessment of life care planning reports for compliance with industry standards (e.g., ICHCC)
- Evaluation of the medical, cognitive, and functional impacts of traumatic and acquired brain injuries
- Opinions on future needs related to brain injury
- Review of medical records and neuropsychological assessments for brain injury cases
- Development of educational strategies for individuals with disabilities in vocational and healthcare settings
- Evaluation of training programs for disability management and healthcare professionals
- Expert advice on adult learning capacities and development
- Assessment of the accuracy, clarity, and completeness of medical reports
- Expert review of medical records, billing, and coding practices
- Expertise in health information management, medical billing, and coding

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

- Certification of Disability Management Specialist (CDMS)
- Certified Life Care Planner (ICHCC)
- Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS), ACBIS/BIAA
- Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT), AHIMA
- Project+ Certification, CompTIA
- Six Sigma Green Belt Certification
- Certified Specialist in Business Intelligence (CSBI)

RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Medical Reviewer and Expert

LCPMD | Remote (2022 - Present)

- Reviews medical records for forensic medical cases, evaluating causality, permanency, and future medical needs.
- Compose reports upon request for disability-related issues.

Vocational Evaluation & Long-Term Disability Specialist

O'Hara & Hunter Consulting | Remote (2021 – Present)

- Conducts vocational evaluations, Transferable Skill Analysis, and Occupational Analysis.
- Provides professional opinions for individuals experiencing disabilities, addressing barriers to return-to-work solutions.
- Specializes in brain injury, cerebral infarct, post-COVID (PASC), and related neurological conditions.

Medical Reviewer/Editor and Quality Assurance

Pacific Evaluations | Remote (2021 – 2024)

- Reviews Independent Medical Examination reports (QME, IME, AME, PQME), ensuring compliance with medical and legal standards.
- Identifies errors, ambiguities, and areas of improvement for clarity and alignment with AMA guidelines.
- Provides insight and opinions for QME providers regarding work-related aspects and abilities as related to diagnoses and clinical findings.

Adjunct Faculty – Health Sciences

Rasmussen University | Remote (2020 – 2022)

- Delivered instruction on Health Information Management in a CAHIIM-accredited program.
- Adapted teaching methods to meet diverse student needs and fostered engagement.
- Remained abreast of medical billing, coding, and compliance regulations and changes to facilitate student learning and evolution of knowledge.

Head of Medical Report Writing

National Brain Injury Institute | Remote (2019 – 2021)

- Composed medical reports for traumatic brain injury patients, supporting legal processes and care continuity.
- Spearheaded organizational growth, expanding services and locations.
- Developed templates, manuals, and process maps to improve efficiency and compliance.
- Completed a year-long practicum in neuropsychology evaluation and assessment under licensed and practicing neuro/clinical psychologist(s).

Health Information & Informatics Professional

Bell County Public Health District | Temple, TX (2018)

- Led clinical workflow projects, optimizing documentation and reducing inefficiencies; implementation project head for PHIN.
- Delivered training sessions on eClinicalWorks (EMR) and health information management.
- Provided oversight for compliance and regulations related to PHI governance.

Medical/Communications Writer (Freelance)

Contractual (Ongoing)

- Specializes in policy and procedure development for healthcare organizations and vocational/medical needs.
- Provides research dissemination, medical education, and expertise in both compliance and workplace disability management.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA)
- Member, Certified Disability Management Specialists (CDMS)
- Member, American Rehabilitation Economics Association (AREA)
- Member, International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP)
- Member, American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional professional courses/certificates in:

- FHIR/HL7 (Georgia Institute of Technology)
- HIM for Clinical Research (Vanderbilt University)
- Neurodiagnostics (Johns Hopkins University)
- Neuropsychology (Tomsk State University)
- Writing in the Sciences (Stanford University)