

MELANIE NORTON

EDUCATION

Advanced Diploma in Behavioural Science Technology**2011 - 2012**

Lawrence College: Kingston, ON

Trained in and able to apply the strategies and principles of behavioural, cognitive-behavioural, intensive behaviour, and dialectic-behavioural therapy. Studied populations with mental health issues, addictions, and acquired / traumatic brain injuries. Learned to support individuals through the Recovery Model and a holistic approach. Skilled in applied functional analysis and observational assessment tools. Knowledge of psychosocial rehabilitation

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**2008 - 2011**

The University of Guelph: Guelph, ON

WORK EXPERIENCE

Rehabilitation Support Worker**Present**

Wright Rehab

Provide consistent support to individuals living with ABI to progress toward their rehabilitation goals. Effectively work with a multi disciplinary team to implement strategies to promote independence and skill development in management of daily activities in the home and community. Encourage client coping mechanisms to manage issues of pain, fatigue and frustration. Develop professional session notes to record progress and identify challenges for team review.

Behavioural Therapist – Educational Placement**2012**

Brain Injury Services of Hamilton: Hamilton, ON

Client – Focused Perspective; used assessment tools and academic research to produce individualized and practical coping strategies for clientele as well as recommendations usable by caregivers to reduce or eliminate dysfunctional behaviors.

Assertive Community Treatment Plan (A.C.T.T.) – Educational Placement**2012**

Frontenac Community Mental Health Services: Kingston, ON

Cognitive – Behavioural Therapy Experience; developed multiple one-on-one social skills programs, each adapted to the individual's needs and diagnosis; conducted therapeutic

sessions for A.C.T.T. clients as part of the Mental Health Diversion plan or case management program.

Classroom Support Staff – Educational Placement**2011 - 2012**

J.E. Horton Public School

Successfully implemented an ABA program targeting a young child's non-verbal and aggressive behaviors; provided the best available resources for the students' needs.

Steel Slab Inventory Worker**2010**

Arcelor Mittal Dofasco: Hamilton, ON

Analytical and multi-tasking experience; coordinated multiple projects simultaneously; analyzed aspect of potential change of structure; provided data entry via Microsoft Excel for the inventory of steel slabs; researched potential investors; classified data using the Internet.

Summer Student**2009 – 2010**

AbleLiving: Burlington, ON

Exceeded in support, commitment and persistence; assisted brain injured clients with cooking, cleaning, and budgeting; taught life skill and gave personal support to 12 clients with dual diagnosis; performed clerical work and data entry.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Classroom Support Staff – Volunteer**2010 – 2011**

Taylor Evens Public School: Guelph, ON

Reliable and dependable qualities; organized, created, and implemented lesson plans for youth with learning disabilities

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- ASIST Suicide Intervention Training
- CPI Nonviolent Crisis Intervention
- Stigma Training at Frontenac Community Mental Health Services
- Picture Exchange Communication System (P.E.C.S.) Training