

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

- 2010 **MS** Child Development, emphasis in Child Life
 Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas
- 2007 **BS** Child and Family Studies
 Cum Laude
 Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- 2010-Present Certified Child Life Specialist, Association of Child Life Professionals
2019-Present Certified in Human Development and Family Studies, American Association of Family and
 Consumer Sciences

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2019-Present American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
2008-Present Association of Child Life Professionals
2007-Present Kappa Omicron Nu, Nu Delta Chapter

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- July 2019-Present Department Chair, Family & Consumer Sciences, Harding University
- Supervised faculty and staff in the Department of Family & Consumer Sciences
 - Maintained budget and endowment funds for the department
 - Created new courses and degree programs for the university
- Aug 2017-Present Assistant Professor, Family & Consumer Sciences, Harding University
- Taught child development and child life courses to university students
 - Advised over 25 child life students
 - Created curriculum for new child life courses for ACLP endorsement
- Jan 2013-Dec 2017 Adjunct Instructor, Tarleton University, Stephenville, Texas
- Created the first Introduction to Child Life class at the university
 - Mentored future child life specialists through education about the field
 - Facilitated discussion board postings and research assignments
- Dec 2015-July 2017 Child Life Supervisor, Medical City Children's Hospital, Dallas, Texas
- Supervised team of 8 Certified Child Life Specialists and pediatric volunteers
 - Developed core competencies to educate child life staff
 - Facilitated and coordinated all special events and donations for pediatric patients
- May 2010-July 2017 Certified Child Life Specialist, Medical City Children's Hospital, Dallas, Texas
- Provided psychosocial support to hematology/oncology patients
 - Prepared patients and siblings for procedures, surgeries, and life changes
 - Provided emotional support to the entire family during the loss of a patient
- Jan 2010-April 2010 Child Life Intern, Children's Medical Center, Dallas, Texas

- Provided psychosocial support for renal and general pediatric patients
 - Created a preparation book for the Hemodialysis clinic
 - Prepared patients for MRIs, CT scans, and VCUG procedures in an outpatient setting
- Jan 2008-Jan 2010 Child Life Assistant, Medical City Children's Hospital, Dallas, Texas
- Facilitated developmentally appropriate play opportunities for hospitalized patients
 - Managed playroom maintenance and supplies
 - Supervised volunteers and special event activities

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Courses Taught Include:

- Adolescent Healthcare Transitions
- Child Growth and Development
- Ethics in Child and Family Services
- Families in Global Society
- Family Relationships
- Field Experience
- Guidance in Early Childhood
- Infant/Toddler Educare
- Lifespan of Human Development
- Pediatric Nutrition, Health, and Safety
- Research in Family and Consumer Sciences
- Therapeutic Perspectives of Play

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

National Presentations

Blake, B. & Gaspard, J. (2020, May). Exploring a Unique Method of Preparation Using a Mock OR. Virtual Presentation for the 38th Annual Association of Child Life Professional Conference.

Blake, B. & Hood, E. (2019, April). Establishing the Role of Child Life as the Stem Cell Transplant Donor Advocate. Conference Presentation for the 37th Annual Association of Child Life Professionals Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

Blake, B. & Morrison, C. (2014, May). Assessing the Value of Child Life at Your Facility. Poster Presentation for the 32nd Annual Child Life Conference on Professional Issues, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Blake, B. & Gaspard, J. (2013, May). Exploring a Unique Method of Preparation Using a Mock OR. Conference Presentation for the 31st Annual Child Life Conference on Professional Issues, Denver, Colorado.

Local Presentations

Cumbie, B (2023, Oct). The Importance of Play. Harding University, Inter-professional Education.

Blake, B. (2020, Feb). Using Comfort Positions with Pediatric Patients. Harding University, Inter-professional Education.

Blake, B. (2019, April). Using Developmentally Appropriate Language. Harding University, Inter-professional Education.

Blake, B. (2016, Sept). Too Young for This: How to Talk to Your Child About Cancer. Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Blake, B. (2015, Nov). Child Life and Preparation in the Hospital. Medical City Dallas.

Blake, B. (2015, Aug). Communicating to Kids About Cancer. Medical Center of Lewisville.

Blake, B. (2014, April). What is Child Life? Tarleton State University.

Blake, B. (2011, March). How to Work with Children with Autism in the Hospital. Medical City Children's Hospital.

SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Service to the Profession

Association of Child Life Professionals

2021-present: Member of the Education and Training Committee

2019-2021: Chair-Elect of the Professional Development Committee

2018-2019: Chair of the Conference Planning Committee

2017-2018: Chair-Elect of the Conference Planning Committee

2016-2017: Member of the Conference Planning Committee

2015-2016: Member of the Conference Abstract Review Committee

2013-2015: Member of the Bulletin Committee

Service to the Community

2023-Present: Board Member of the Adult Learning Alliance of Arkansas

2018-Present: Court Appointed Special Advocate of White County volunteer

2011-2020: Program Director at Camp iHope, Plano, Texas

2011-2017: Volunteer group facilitator at Journey of Hope Grief Support Center, Plano, Texas

Service to the Institution

2022-Present: Member of University IDC

2020-Present: Child Life Student Association Faculty Advisor

2020-Present: Honors College Capstone Faculty Advisor

2019-Present: Harding University Academic Leadership Committee

2019-Present: Cooking Matters Volunteer

2019: McNair Scholar Faculty Advisor

2018-2023: Faculty sponsor for Shantih Social Club

2017-Present: Night at the Round Table Inter-professional Event

2017-Present: Faculty advisor for Nu Delta Chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019 Faculty Development Grant, Harding University

2018 Faculty Development Grant, Harding University

2014 Bartlebaugh Service Excellence Award – Medical City Children's Hospital, Dallas, Texas

2012 Nursing Research Innovation Award, Medical City Children's Hospital, Dallas, Texas

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2023: 41st Annual Association of Child Life Professionals Conference, Grapevine, TX

2022: 40th Annual Association of Child Life Professionals Conference, Washington DC

2021: 39th Annual Association of Child Life Professionals Conference, Virtual

2020: 38th Annual Association of Child Life Professionals Conference, Virtual
2019: 37th Annual Association of Child Life Professionals Conference, Chicago, IL
2018: Midwest Child Life Conference, St. Louis, Missouri
2018: 36th Annual Association of Child Life Professionals Conference, Washington DC
2017: Child Life Webinar, “Recognizing Physiological and Psychological Signs of Stress in Parents”
2017: 35th Annual Association of Child Life Professionals Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada
2017: Child Life Webinar, “Squad Goals: Building Therapeutic Relationships with Adolescent Patients”
2017: Child Life Webinar, “An Exploration of Child Life Ethics”
2017: Children’s Disaster Services Training, Fort Worth, Texas
2017: Child Life Webinar, “Shifting the Paradigm: Assessment and Intervention in Legacy Building”
2016: Child Life Webinar, “Phone a Friend: When to Call Play Therapy”
2016: Child Life Webinar, “Embodying Self-Care: Why Mindfulness Matters”
2016: Child Life Webinar, “The Use of an Ethical Framework in Pediatric End of Life Decision Making”
2016: Child Life Webinar, “Beyond the Pediatric Wards: Providing Child Life Consults in the Adult World”
2016: 34th Annual Child Life Conference on Professional Issues, Orlando, Florida
2016: Child Life Webinar, “Yellow Belt, Purple Belt, Black Belt: Introducing Operational Efficiency & Lean Six Sigma to the Field of Child Life”
2015: Child Life Webinar, “Leadership Development Institute Webinar: Conflict Management”
2015: Child Life Webinar, “Leadership Development Institute Webinar: Leadership Styles and Adaptive Leadership”
2014: Child Life Webinar, “Quantifying our Work: Understanding the Psychosocial Risk Assessment in Pediatrics (PRAP) and its Role in Child Life Practice”
2014: Child Life Webinar, “Co-Creating Loose Parts in the 7th Dimension”
2014: Child Life Webinar, “Language of Play: Indicators of Concern”
2014: Child Life Webinar, “Difficult Conversations Do Not Come with a Script”
2014: 32nd Annual Child Life Conference on Professional Issues, New Orleans, Louisiana
2014: Child Life Webinar, “Improving Your Presentation and Facilitation Skills”
2014: Child Life Webinar, “Trauma Processing in Child Life Practice: Utilizing Trauma Processing as a Key Intervention”
2013: 31st Annual Child Life Conference on Professional Issues, Denver, Colorado
2013: 3rd Annual Texas Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Conference, Fort Worth, Texas
2013: Child Life Webinar, “One Voice”
2012: “Sudden Death, Trauma Loss, and Suicide Grief”, Plano, Texas
2012: Child Life Webinar: “Clinical Supervision in the Child Life Profession”
2012: Child Life Webinar: “Mental Illness, Teen Suicidal Thoughts and Behavior”
2011: Performance Based Development: Coaching with the End in Mind, Dallas, Texas
2011: Child Life Webinar, “Child Life Specialists Working in Hospice and Palliative Care Settings”
2011: Texas Child Life Conference, Texas Children’s Hospital, Houston, Texas
2011: Child Life Webinar, “Making Play Accessible: Adapting Toys, Computers and Play Materials for Children with Disabilities”
2011: “Adolescent and Young Adult ALL Patients: A Look at the Issues and Comparison of Clinical Treatment Protocols”, Medical City Children’s Hospital, Dallas, Texas
2011: “Psychological Conditions in Children”, Children’s Medical Center, Dallas, Texas
2011: Child Life Webinar: “Recognizing Your Inner Researcher”
2011: Child Life Webinar: “Changing the Culture of Comfort and Care in Pediatric Healthcare”
2011: Child Life Webinar: “Strategies and Techniques for Working with Children Diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder”
2011: Child Life Webinar: “Getting Ready for Research: Choosing a Research Topic”
2010: Assessment and Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder: Birth to 5, Dallas, Texas
2010: Child Life Webinar, “We’re All in This Together: Collaborative Care in a Pediatric Hospital Setting”