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EDUCATION

- M.S.** The University of Alabama, May 2015
Major: Human Development and Family Studies
Thesis Topic: *Child Life iPad Distraction: A Psychosocial Tool for Children Receiving an Injection*
- B.S.** The University of Alabama, May 2013
Major: Human Development and Family Studies
Concentration: Child Life

CERTIFICATION

CCLS Certified Child Life Specialist, #25877, August 2013 – present
Association of Child Life Professionals

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Clinical Assistant Professor, Child Life Clinical Coordinator, August 2022 – present
Appointment Assignment: 87.5% teaching; 12.5% administration
University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Adjunct Instructor, August 2015 – May 2023
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Academic Advisor, November 2021 – May 2022
Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH

Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, August 2013 – May 2015
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Child Life Specialist II (PRN), October 2022 – present
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

Child Life Specialist II (Full Time), May 2016 – November 2021
 Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

Child Life Specialist (Full Time), July 2015 – April 2016
 Children’s of Mississippi, Jackson, MS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia

Course	Level	Semester/Year	Total Enrollment	<u>M</u> Student Evaluation (1-5 scale)
HDFS 4820/6820: Child Life Interventions	UG/GR	Spring 2023		
HDFS 4900S/6900S: More than a Four-Legged Friend: The Benefits of Animal-Assisted Therapy*	UG/GR	Spring 2023		
HDFS 5910: Applied Community Internship in HDFS	UG	Spring 2023		
HDFS 3900: Prenatal and Infant Development	UG	Fall 2022	43	4.97
HDFS 4810/6810: Hospitalized Child And Family	UG/GR	Fall 2022	75	4.98
HDFS 4830S/6830S: Grief, Loss, and Bereavement	UG/GR	Fall 2022	35	4.98

*Courses developed
 S = Service-learning

The University of Alabama

Course	Level	Semester/Year
HD 203 (O): Medical Terminology	UG	Fall 2015 – Spring 2023
HD 401 (W, O): Cultural Influences on Children, Youth, and Families	UG	Fall 2016 – Spring 2019

W = Writing

O = Online

GUEST LECTURES

Therapeutic Relationships, August 31, 2022

First Year Odyssey, University of Georgia

CLINICAL STUDENT SUPERVISION AND PROGRAMMING

Beyond the Classroom Committee, 2020 – 2021

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Internship and Practicum Committee, 2017 – 2021

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Intern Supervisor, 2017 – 2020

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Membership Criteria Committee, October 2022 – present

Child Life Academic Society

HDFS Awards Committee, October 2022 – present

University of Georgia

HDFS Undergraduate Program Committee, September 2022 – present

University of Georgia

Founders Council, July 2022 – present

Child Life Academic Society

Professional Member, July 2022 – present
Florida Association of Child Life Professionals

Bulletin Committee – Editorial Member, June 2022 – present
Association of Child Life Professionals

Mentorship Program – Mentor, January 2020 – present
Association of Child Life Professionals

Professional Member, August 2013 – present
Association of Child Life Professionals

Child Life Huddle Co-Coordinator, 2021
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

Bereavement Committee (Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center), 2020 – 2021
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

Child Life Certification Commission – Exam Item Writer, June 2018 – June 2020
Association of Child Life Professionals

Somatic Symptom Related Disorders (SSRD) Guideline Committee, 2019
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

Patient and Family Experience Council, 2018
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

Comfort Promise Initiative Committee, 2017 – 2018
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

PUBLICATIONS

Burns-Nader, S., **Whitten, S.**, Davis, F., Lacour, W., Chavez, M., Bodden, T., & Hudson, C. (2017). Then and Now: Examining Memories of Pediatric Experiences and Their Influence on Opinions about Healthcare as an Adult. *Journal of Human Sciences and Extension*, 5(1).

Burns-Nader, S., **Atencio, S.**, & Chavez, M. (2016). Computer Tablet Distraction in Children Receiving an Injection. *Pain Medicine*, 17(3), 590-595.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Whitten, S. & Simpson, H. This Couldn’t Have Been an Email: The Benefits of a Daily Team Huddle. Poster Presentation at the 40th Annual Child Life Conference, Association of Child Life Professionals, National Harbor, MD & Virtual, May 26-29, 2022.

Whitten, S., & Westbrook, J. Assessment of Understanding Following Diagnosis Education. Presented at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, October 2020.

Whitten, S., & Rivera, A. Assessment of Self-Care Practices. Presented at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, August 2020.

Whitten, S., & Sherrill, L. Introduction to Child Life Services at the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center. Presented at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, January 2020.

Whitten, S. PEDS 101. Presented at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, November 2019.

Whitten, S., & Garrett, F. Non-Pharmacological Pain Management Interventions. Presented at Beyond the Classroom at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, October 2019.

Whitten, S. PEDS 101. Presented at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, May 2019.

Whitten, S., & Carrick, L. Therapeutic Interventions. Presented at Beyond the Classroom at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, October 2017.

Atencio, S., Burns-Nader, S., Hernandez-Reif, M., & Tucker, M. Child Life iPad Distraction: A Psychosocial Tool for Children Receiving an Injection. Poster presented at the 16th Annual Rural Health Conference, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, April 2015.

Atencio, S., Burns-Nader, S., Hernandez-Reif, M., & Tucker, M. Child Life iPad Distraction: A Psychosocial Tool for Children Receiving an Injection. Poster presented at the 7th Annual CCHS Research and Scholarly Activity Day, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, April 2015.