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Career Objective:

A position in gerontological social work utilizing skills in client assessment, individual and group counseling, and advocacy while working towards the betterment and welfare of the older adult population.

Education:

University of Michigan — Ann Arbor, MI
M.S.W. in Aging and Interpersonal Practice — Anticipated Graduation: December 2002
Hartford Foundation Geriatric Fellowship
Specialist in Aging Certificate Program
School of Social Work Merit Scholarship

University of Michigan — Ann Arbor, MI
Bachelor of Arts in Latino Studies — May 2001
Scholar Recognition Award

Internship Experience:

University of Michigan Hospital – Ann Arbor — May 2002 – Present
Turner Geriatric Center — Intern

- Engaged in clinical assessments and evaluations of new geriatric patients, including strategic planning of care management and resource referrals.
- Member of a month-long peer-evaluated team focusing on student participation in a interdisciplinary setting of patient intervention, coordination, and treatment
- Co-facilitation of community educational series on Caring for Aging Relatives
- Involvement in patient home visits and assessments
- Exposure to conducting psychotherapy sessions
- Co-facilitation and organization of older adult outreach group to increase population's socialization and knowledge of community resources
- Engaged in social work mentorships involving hospital staff and peer discussions on Grief and Loss and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Participation in weekly supervision and team meeting

Citizens For Better Care — January 2002 – April 2002
Detroit, MI — Intern

- Responded to concerns and questions of residents within Southeastern Michigan's long term care facilities
- Served as an advocate through active mediation between staff and residents of long term care facilities
- Involvement in procedures of a nursing home closing and resident relocation process
- Partook in inter- as well as statewide staff development sessions
- Attendance in collaborative office program with the Wayne County Sheriff Department to establish advocate program against elder abuse and exploitation

- Expanded personal knowledge of long term care system through personal research on non-partisan ombudsman programs, state and federal policies and procedures, and delivery and utilization of long term care services

Activities:

Michigan Campaign For Quality Care January 2002 – Present

- Attendance and involvement in bimonthly state-wide meetings
- Organization and co-facilitation of Washtenaw County meetings
- County-wide networking and recruitment of interested community members

Society of Latino Social Workers (SOLASW) September 2001 – Present
Steering Committee – Secretary

- Organization of cultural roundtable discussions to promote issues of diversity with the school environment
- Participation in multi-organizational facilitation of a hate crime discussion panel
- Representation and involvement at National Association of Chicano/a Studies (NACCS) Conference
- Active recruitment of underrepresented students for the School of Social Work
- Involvement in organizational and community fundraising
- Partook in Detroit-area service project, "Take back the Alley" to clean up and repair alleyways surrounding downtown schools
- Active commitment in organization's meetings with peers, faculty, and school administration

University of Michigan Hospital – Ann Arbor November 2000 – Present
Turner Geriatric Center Volunteer

- Continuation of undergraduate involvement through weekly home visits with local older adults
- Conducted respite care for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease
- Co-facilitated nursing home group for residents with depression
- Maintained relationships with community elders through provision of companionship and support
- Assisted in personal, financial, and clerical tasks while displaying characteristics of reliability and integrity

References:

Available upon request