

## **PATRICIA E. IRWIN**

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### **PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION<sup>43</sup>**

- 2009-2010     Graduate Certificate Career Counseling, December 2010  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2000-2004     Master of Arts In Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, 2004  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
Major: Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling  
Concentration: Marriage & Family Therapy
- 2000-2002     Graduate Certificate Marriage & Family Therapy, 2002  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 1985-1989     Bachelor of Arts, 1989  
Queens College, Charlotte, NC  
Major: Business Administration

### **INTERNSHIPS**

- 09/03-03/04    Rehabilitation Counseling Intern, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Tampa, FL  
Participated in the School to Work Program for students with disabilities as an intern in Hillsborough County High Schools. Worked closely with job coaches and employers to determine the progress of the students. Consulted with the teachers and rehabilitation counselors on a regular basis.
- 05/02-07/02    Mental Health Intern. The Center for Women, Tampa, FL  
Provided individual and group counseling to women approximately 20 hours per week, focusing on substance abuse issues, depression, anxiety, bi-polar disorder and emotional abuse. I helped the clients who had been incarcerated for drug abuse and prostitution transition back into society and work.
- 08/02-12/02    Mental Health Intern. Hillsborough County Child & Family Services, Tampa, FL  
Provided counseling to individuals, couples, and children (7-16yrs.). Provided intake and assessments. Counseling issues I dealt with were depression, anxiety, substance abuse, marital counseling, parenting problems. Team-taught a workshop every week on effective parenting skills..

### **COUNSELING AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 1/11-4/12     Career Specialist, Counseling and Advising, SPC, Tarpon Springs, FL  
Provide career counseling to student, alumni, and non-student population. Assist clients through needs assessment and development and individualized career plans. Conduct workshops at least twelve a month to students and facilitate use of computer-assisted career guidance systems and print materials. Organize and facilitate career fairs on Tarpon Springs campus.

- 4/08-12/10 Career Development Specialist (Volunteer), The Career Center, SPC, Clearwater, FL  
Provide career counseling to campus population and alumni. Rotate between the Clearwater, Seminole, St. Pete/Gibbs, and Downtown St. Petersburg campuses. Assist clients through needs assessment and development and individualized career plans. Conduct workshops twice a month to students and facilitate client use of computer-assisted career guidance systems and print materials.
- 8/04-8/06 Counselor, The Samaritan Counseling Center of Tampa Bay, Tampa, FL  
Provided mental health, marriage & family, and career counseling as an LMH and MFT intern to community populations. Assisted approximately 30-50 clients per week through the use of Cognitive Behavioral, Adlerian, and Client Centered techniques; needs assessments, and individualized plans. Administered the Myers-Briggs, Strong Campbell Interest Inventory, and Self-Directed Search to individuals seeking career direction.
- 08/99-4/00 Assistant Teachers, H.B. Plant High School, Tampa, FL  
Taught and tutored approximately 30 students techniques to achieve a passing score on the High School Competency Exam; increased students passing rate to 90%.
- 08/98-08/99 Substitute Teacher, Hillsborough County School District, Tampa, FL  
Taught in elementary, Jr. High, and Senior High Schools as a substitute, primarily in South Tampa area.
- 08/11-present Executive Director, GirlSkills, Inc., Clearwater, FL  
Founded the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which is designed to expand the skill sets of girls from elementary school to college. The program consists of Career Exploration, Social Skills, Health & Fitness and Community Service. Duties include community outreach, school outreach, fundraising, program development, curriculum design, collecting and analyzing data for program success, organizing and making presentations related to program and student success initiatives, developing successful partnerships with other nonprofits in Tampa Bay area.
- 01/95- 12/99 Real Estate Home Staging, More Curb Appeal, Inc., Tampa, FL  
Created first publicly recognized home staging business for the Real Estate market in Tampa Bay area. Services included interior and exterior consultations, staging for the sale of the home, painting and landscaping referral.
- 01/96-12/1167 Interior Decorator, More Curb Appeal, Inc. d/b/a Patricia Irwin Interiors, Tampa, FL  
Owned and operated interior design business specializing in residential projects. Oversaw all projects including meeting with clients, assessing the space, creating a vision and working plan, determining a budget, and hiring and scheduling sub-contractors and installers to complete the job.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Sun Coast Mental Health Association, (2009-present)

National Career Development Association member (2010-present)

Florida Adlerian Society (2003-present)

**COMMUNITY**

**President of Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin (2015 - 2017)**

**Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin Board (2013 -2015)**

**Girlfriends Mentoring Program, Sandy Lane Elementary School, Clearwater, FL ( 2010-2015)**

**Belleair Historical Board (2009)**