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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Program: Counseling and Psychological Studies
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA
Specialization in Human Services for Student Affairs and Research

Master of Education: Guidance and Counseling
Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX
May 2015

Bachelor of Business Administration: Marketing
Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
August 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Instructor, August 2017 – Present
Department of Curriculum & Instruction, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX
- Instruct graduate level courses in the field of professional school counseling.
- Coordinate course delivery to engage students and enrich student learning.
- Provide support and engage students in a meaningful and rigorous manner.
- Monitor Class Café to provide support and guidance to students as they collaborate and work through each module.
- Communicate with candidates through email, announcements, feedback, scoring, and virtual visits.
- Utilize Blackboard Learning Management System to facilitate online learning.
- Integrate technology tools, such as FlipGrid, Prezi, Padlet, Canva and other various websites into courses to promote diverse learning.
- Assist candidates with technical issues that arise throughout the course.
- Utilize professional experiences to supplement course content through practical experience and perspectives.
- Provide constructive feedback during the evaluation of candidate work using Turnitin and Blackboard GradeBox.
- Stimulate critical thinking skills through rigorous assignments, discussions, and diverse activities.

- Develop online course curriculum and design while upholding accessibility standards.
- Conduct relevant research to contribute to departmental, program, college and university teaching goals.

Graduate Courses Taught (online):
- EDG 6303 Lifespan Development – Spring A 2019, Spring B 2019
- EDG 6331 Role of the School Counselor – Fall A 2017, Spring A 2018, 2018 Summer 2018, Fall A 2018, Spring A 2019, Summer 2019, Spring A 2020, Summer 2020, Fall A 2020
- EDG 6324 Career/Occupational Counseling – Spring B 2018, Summer 2018
- EDG 6325 Practicum in Counseling – Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020
- EDG 6320 Individual Counseling – Fall B 2017, Spring B 2018, Spring B 2019
- EDG 6323 Theories of Counseling - Fall B 2017, Spring A 2018, Spring B 2020
- EDG 6321 Group Counseling - Fall A 2017, Fall A 2018, Fall A 2019
- EDG 6327 Dysfunctional Behaviors – Summer 2019, Summer 2020
- EDSC 6301 Comprehensive School Counseling Programs – Fall A 2019, Fall A 2020
- EDSC 6301 School Counseling Techniques – Spring B 2020

Course Builds
- EDSC 6301 Comprehensive School Counseling Programs
- EDSC 6302 School Counseling Techniques
- EDG 6325 Practicum in School Counseling
- EDG 5361 Internship in School Counseling
- EDSC 6300 Capstone in School Counseling

Adjunct Instructor, August 2016 – July 2017
Department of Curriculum & Instruction, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX
- Assisted the professor with candidate contact through email, announcements, feedback, scoring, and any other requirements for the online graduate courses

Graduate Courses Taught (online):
- EDG 6321 Test and Measurements – Fall A 2016, Fall B 2016, Spring A 2017, Spring B 2017, Summer 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Grape Creek Middle School, San Angelo, TX
- School Counselor, 2015-2017

- Provide individual counseling and planning to guide students as they plan, monitor, and manage their own educational, career, personal, and social development with appropriate interventions that assist in personalized goal-setting.
- Provide small group counseling as a needed part of responsive services in a comprehensive school counseling program. The type of group used will depend upon the crisis response.
- Administer, review, and evaluate career standardized data profiles, such as the O*NET, in order to assist students with career and vocational awareness, exploration, and planning.
- Consult with school staff, parents, and community members to promote understanding of human relations and student development, human behavior (including exceptionalities), and environment.
- Identify, analyze, and address through intervention academic, behavioral, social, and emotional barriers that may interfere with growth.
- Provide individual and group guidance to assist students in developing and applying skills for maximum educational, career, and interpersonal relations.
- Use accepted theories in addressing personal, social, career, cognitive, and educational development.
- Monitor growth and development of students throughout childhood and adolescence, noting environmental, social, and cultural factors that affect learner's development.
- Provide leadership for the campus school counseling program.
- Advocate for a school environment in which diversity is acknowledged and respected, resulting in positive interactions across all cultures, genders, ethnicities, and learning styles.
- Adhere to, follow, and promote legal, ethical, and professional standards. Adhere to federal, state, district and campus legal standards, policies, regulations, and procedures.
- Interpret standardized test results and other formal and informal assessment data to guide students in individual goal setting and planning in collaboration with school personnel.
- Apply research-based practice to improve the school guidance and counseling program.
- Use counseling-related research techniques and practices as well as technology and other resources to facilitate continued professional growth.
- Implement guidance curriculum designed to provide lessons systematically to students that facilitate growth and development in the areas of educational, career, personal, and social development. Four strategic curricular content areas in Texas include Intrapersonal
- Effectiveness, Interpersonal Effectiveness, Post-Secondary Education and Career Readiness, and Personal Health and Safety.
- Collaborate to refer students as needed for special programs or outside agencies for additional support.
- Utilize the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders classification system for obtaining descriptions, symptoms and criteria for mental disorders.

Grape Creek ISD and San Angelo ISD, San Angelo, Texas
- Special Education Teacher, Grape Creek High School   20012-2015
- Career and Technology Teacher, Lake View High School   2011 – 2012
- Mathematics Teacher, Central High School   2010 – 2011
- Career and Technology Teacher, Central High School   2009 – 2010

  - Developed and implemented lesson plans that fulfilled the requirements of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the district's curriculum and showed written evidence of preparation as required.
  - Prepared lessons that reflected differentiated instruction, accommodations, and modifications for differences in student learning styles, abilities, and cultural backgrounds.
  - Established well-organized classroom routines, set appropriate academic expectations, and provided positive experiences to build self-esteem.
  - Developed interactive, inclusive, lesson plans that accommodated and challenged all students.
  - Integrated computer technology into daily classroom activities.
  - Planned, prepared, and organized materials for thematic units in culturally diverse settings.
  - Assessed student data of formative and summative assessments to revise curriculum as needed.
  - Employed a variety of instructional techniques and media consistent with the needs and capabilities of the student populations served.
  - Collaborated with other members of the staff in planning and implementing instructional goals, objectives, and methods in accordance with state and district requirements.
  - Analyzed and disaggregated data to inform teaching practice and assist in meeting students' academic needs.
  - Assumed responsibility for extracurricular activities, including class sponsorship, Business Professionals of America, Yearbook Sponsor and event committees (eg. Junior/Senior Prom, athletic events, etc.)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Texas State Board of Education Certifications
- School Counselor, EC-12
- Special Education, EC-12
- Business Education, 6-12
- Mathematics, 6-8

PROFESSIONAL HONORS
- Nominee: K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award, 2020
- Auxiliary Professional of the Year, Grape Creek Middle School, 2017

- Nomination: Auxiliary Professional of the Year, 2014-2015, 2015-2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American School Counselor Association
- Texas Counseling Association
- Texas High School Coaches' Wives Association
- Texas Classroom Teachers Association

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

- Course Evaluations Committee, 2018-2019
- Community Relations Committee, 2017-2018
- Educational Counseling Committee, 2017-Present

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Texas CASA Advocate Volunteer**, Brush Country CASA, July 2020 - Present

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Peer Reviewed Articles

Agan, T. L., Anderson, D. A., **Atwood, A**., Casarez, L. L., Heron, A., & Self, R. N. (2019, March). FlipGrid to enhance communication in distance education. *Delta Kappa Bulletin: Collegial Exchange, 85(*4).

Published Proceedings

Kelly, T., & **Atwood, A**. (2019, November). Integrating Technology and Education: A Look at the Implementation of Advanced Technology to Diversify Online Learning and Teaching. Paper presented at E-Learn World Conference. New Orleans, TX. (accepted)

Heron, A. B., **Atwood, A. M**. (2019, February). Designing Online Assessments with Confidence. Workshop presented at Southwest Educational Research Association. San Antonio, TX.

Casarez, L. L., Anderson, D., Heron, A. B., **Atwood, A. M**. (2019, February). FlipGrid as a Communication Tool in Online Courses. Paper presented at Southwest Educational Research Association. San Antonio, TX.

Professional Presentations

Heron, A.B., **Atwood, A**., &. Casarez, L.L. (2020, May). You can do that online: Integrating group work that works. Virtual Presentation: Annual TxATE Conference.

Casarez, L.L., Heron, A.B., Lyons, K., **Atwood, A.M**., Kelly, T. (2019, October). The New Teacher's Guide to Self-Care: Wellness Dimensions for Everyday Educators. Presentation: Ballinger New Teacher Academy 2019. Ballinger, TX.

Atwood, A., Heron, A. B. (2019, April). *Collaborating Our Way to Success: Counselors and Counselor Educators Joining Forces to Increase School Counselor Preparedness*. Presentation: Gulf Coast Counseling Association Conference. Corpus Christi, TX.

Lyons, K. N., Casarez, L. L., **Atwood, A. M.,** Heron, A. B. (2018, November). *Stir it Up! Use of Technology in Suicide Prevention*. Presentation: TCA Professional Growth Conference. Dallas, TX.

Heron, A. B., Casarez, L. L., **Atwood, A. M**.., Lyons, K. N. (2018, November). *Keeping It Cool: Navigating Difficult Conversations in the School Counseling Setting*. Presentation: TCA Professional Growth Conference. Dallas, TX.

Casarez, L. L., **Atwood, A. M**., Heron, A. B., Lyons, K. N. (2018, October). *Suicide Prevention in a Virtual World. Presentation*: CSOTTE Conference. San Antonio, TX (Accepted).

Heron, A., **Atwood. A,** Anderson, D. (August 2018). *Transparency in Online Assessment Design*. Presentation: 1st Annual Angelo State University BbX: Blackboard Excellence in Teaching and Learning Conference. San Angelo, TX.

Atwood, A.M., Carlisle, S., Heron, A. (October 2017). *Bridging the Gap; Easing the Communication Overload*. Presentation: CSOTTE Conference. Corpus Christi, TX.

Atwood, A.M. (2017, May). *College Readiness for Middle School Students: What Parents Should Know*. A presentation for parents of middle school students describing current college readiness standards and strategies for successful transition to high school and beyond, Grape Creek Middle School, San Angelo, TX.

Atwood, A.M. (2017, February). *STAAR Test Administrator Training 2017.* A training for test administrators and monitors regarding STAAR testing procedures and state policies, Grape Creek Middle School, San Angelo, TX.

Atwood, A.M. (2016, February). *STAAR Test Administrator Training 2016.* A training for test administrators and monitors regarding STAAR testing procedures and state policies, Grape Creek Middle School, San Angelo, TX.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

- Kaltura Training for Faculty, Angelo State University eLearning, 08/2020
- 3rd Annual ASU BbX. Conference, Angelo State University eLearning, 08/2020
- Texas CASA Volunteer Training, Brush Country CASA, 07/2020

- Open Textbook Review/Faculty OER Resources, Angelo State University Library, 01/2019
- E-Learn World Conference, Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education, 11/2019
- Meeting Accessibility Requirements with Kaltura, 8/2019
- Bb World Conference 2019, Blackboard, 07/2019
- House Bill 3 in 30 Video Series, Texas Education Agency, 07-08/2019
- Gulf Coast Counseling Association Annual Conference (5.5 Total CEU), 04/2019
- Skills for Psychological Recovery, NCTSN, 04/2019
- Psychological First Aid, NCTSN, 04/2019
- Conducting Research in a Post-Disaster Setting, NCDP, 04/2019
- Mass Fatality Management a NYC Perspective, NCDP, 04/2019
- State of the Science: The Health and Mental Health Consequences of Catastrophic Events, NCDP, 04/2019
- Workplace Security Awareness, FEMA, 04/2019
- Active Shooter: What You Can Do, FEMA, 04/2019
- Diversity Awareness Course 2018, FEMA, 04/2019
- Including People with Disabilities & Others with Access & Functional Needs in Disaster Ops, FEMA, 03/2019
- Planning for the Needs of Children in Disaster, FEMA, 03/2019
- Animals in Disaster: Awareness and Preparedness, FEMA, 03/2019
- Social Media in Preparedness and Response, NCDP, 02/2019
- Introduction to Mental Health Preparedness, NCIPH, 02/2019
- Decision Making and Problem Solving, FEMA, 02/2019
- An Intro to National Incident Management System (NIMS), FEMA, 02/2019
- Introduction to the Incident Command System, FEMA, 01/2019
- Protecting Your Home or Business from Disaster, FEMA, 01/2019
- Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone, FEMA, 01/2019
- FEMA Initial Ethics Orientation, 01/2019
- Blackboard Excellence in Teaching and Learning Conference, 8/2018
- Human Trafficking, 3/2018
- Blackboard Exemplary Course Cohort Training, 03-04/2018
- Blackboard Exemplary Rubric Training, 02/2018
- Getting Technical with Rubrics, 12/2017
- Developing Effective Rubric, 12/2017
- Continuous Improvement Processes, 11/2017
- TXEIS Scheduling, 04/2017
- Differentiation, 03/2017
- DTC State Assessment Training, 01/2017
- LPAC Training, 01/2017
- Choices 360, 10/2016
- LPAC Training, 0/2016
- Beginners Section 504, 06/2016

- LPAC, 04/2016
- DTC State Assessment Training, 01/2016
- Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, 11/2015
- G/T Administrator Training, 09/2015
- Inclusion Training, 01/2015
- STAAR DTC Training, 01/2015
- P.A.P.A, 10/2013
- Teacher In-service, 08/2013
- Back to School, 08/2012
- CTE Textbooks, 05/2012
- Back to School, 08/2010

SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM AWARDS

- Blackboard's Exemplary Course Program Winner, School Counseling Techniques, 2020
- #1 of Top 20 Best Master's in School Counseling Online by TopEducationDegrees.org, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2019
- #2 of Top 30 Master's in Educational Counseling Online by TopCounselingSchools.org, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2019
- #7 of 20 Best Master's in School Counseling Online by BestCollegeReviews.org, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2019
- #14 of 25 Best Online Master's in School Counseling Degrees by SuccessfulStudent.org, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2019
- #19 of 25 Best Online Master's in School Counseling Programs by BestColleges.com, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2019
- #5 of 20 Most Affordable Master's in School Counseling Degrees Online by GradSchoolHub.com, MS in Professional School Counseling, 2019
- #5 of the Most Affordable Online Master's in Educational Counseling Degrees by CollegeChoice.net, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2019
- #8 of the Best Online Master's in Educational Counseling Degrees by CollegeChoice.net, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2019
- #20 of the Best Online Master's in School Counseling Programs and Best for Collegiate Counseling by OnlineMasters.com, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2019 A. Heron 18
- #21 Most Affordable Online Colleges for School Counseling, SR Education Group, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2019
- #2 of Top 35 Most Affordable Online Educational Counseling Degree Programs, BestValueSchools.com, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2018
- #22 Best Online Schools Offering a Master's in School Counseling, GuideToOnlineSchools.com, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2018
- #22 Most Affordable Online Colleges for a Master's in School Counseling, OnlineU.org, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2018
- #32 of 35 Best Online Master's in School Counseling Degrees, CollegeChoice.net, M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, 2017-18

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- Blackboard
- TaskStream
- TurnItIn
- FlipGrid
- Google
- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.)
- Video Conferencing (Zoom, Skype, Blackboard Collaborate, etc.)
- Presentation Software (Prezi, Padlet, Adobe Spark, etc.)
- SPSS and Qualtrics