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Education

- August 2014 **Certificate of Completion**, Columbia University's Summer Public Health Scholars Program.
- May 2014 **Bachelor of Science, Nursing (BSN)**, Central Connecticut State University, GPA 3.87

Licenses & Certifications

- Aug. 2014 – Present Registered Nurse, Licensed in CT & VT
- Jul. 2014 – Present ServSafe: Food Protection Manager Certification
- 2010 – Present Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers, American Heart Association

Professional Experience

- Sep. 2014 – Present **Public Health Nurse**, Vermont Department of Health, Springfield, VT
- **Epidemiology Designee**
 - Completed hundreds of case investigations of reportable diseases, including common foodborne and tickborne illnesses, illnesses with large contact investigations (e.g., Pertussis, Tuberculosis), and less common illnesses (e.g., Q Fever, Leptospirosis)
 - Provided Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) and nurse case management for multiple active tuberculosis cases, including those with HIV coinfection
 - Delivered nursing services in multiple clinics responding to public health events, including placing and reading TSTs in school aged children following exposure to a teacher with active TB, and drawing serology for abattoir workers exposed to *Brucella suis*
 - Participated in the Healthcare Associated Infections/Multi-drug Resistant Organisms (HAI/MDRO) prevention network, including statewide infection control meetings, regional prevention 'cluster' meetings, and hospital-based antimicrobial stewardship teams
 - Presented to healthcare providers, town health officers, local emergency planning commissions, and the public on an array of infectious disease topics, from tickborne illness to Zika virus disease
 - **HIV/STI/Hepatitis (HSH) Designee**
 - Provided office and field-based Counseling, Testing, & Referral (CTR) for HIV and Hepatitis C
 - Provided HIV/STI/Hepatitis education and in-services for the public and providers
 - **School Liaison**
 - Oversaw the State's Medicaid Administrative Claiming program for the four supervisory unions/school districts in my region, including monitoring of compliance and participating in the annual budgeting process
 - Provided guidance and content expertise to administration and school boards to revise and pass comprehensive wellness policies in 3 supervisory unions/school districts
- May 2014 – Aug. 2014 **Public Health Scholar**, Columbia University's Summer Public Health Scholars Program, New York, NY

- One of four programs comprising the competitive CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholars Program
- Attended a week-long orientation at CDC Headquarters in Atlanta with training on current priorities and developing programs
- Completed intensive academic programming
 - Courses included: Introduction to Public Health, Introduction to Epidemiology, and Health Disparities/Cultural Competence
- Researched shifting opiate abuse demographics and readiness for response, culminating in a literature review and final presentation to Columbia senior faculty
- Completed an internship component with BOOM!Health's Harm Reduction Center in the South Bronx
 - Developed client education materials and performed administrative tasks for South Bronx meal and food pantry services

Jul. 2009 – May 2014

Pharmacy Technician, CVS Pharmacy, Winsted, CT

- Electronic health record creation and management
- Real time insurance adjudication and remediation
- Extensive exposure to pharmacological concepts and medication management

Professional Development

Nov. 2017

TB Case Management for Nurses, Online

- Three-week interactive online training in TB case management, hosted by the Global Tuberculosis Institute

Jun. 2017

New England TB Intensive Workshop, Worcester, MA

- Three-day training by the Global Tuberculosis Institute covering LTBI and TB disease, hosted at UMass Medical School

Sep. 2015

APIC Education for the Prevention of Infection (EPI) 101, Austin, TX

- Three-day training by the Association of Professionals in Infection Control (APIC), covering disease of concern, relevant microbiology, reporting processes, and more

Honors & Awards

- Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) Community Recognition Award recipient, 2015
- Ebenezer D. Bassett Student Achievement Award recipient, 2014
- Man Enough Support Initiative Student Excellence and Merit Citation recipient, 2014
- Rensselaer Medal recipient, 2007

Professional Memberships

- Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC)
- American Public Health Association (APHA)
- American Nurses Association (ANA)

Volunteer Experience

Apr. 2016 – Present

Syringe Services Program Community Advisory Board, HIV/HCV Resource Center – Springfield Site, Springfield, VT

- Founding community advisory board member for this site, involved in the initial scoping/planning process, site selection, and more

Apr. 2016 – Jun. 2017

Advisory Board Member, Greater Falls Connections, Bellows Falls, VT

- Greater Falls Connections is a community-based substance abuse prevention coalition
- Served on the finance subcommittee and as a board-rep to numerous monthly community/coalition meetings

Jun. 2014 – Jul. 2014

New York Cares Volunteer, Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, New York, NY

- Participated in 6 weekly health outreach programs, building and distributing safe-sex and IDU harm-reduction kits

Jan. 2014

Vision Screening Initiative Volunteer, Lions Club International, New Britain, CT

- Volunteer participant in vision screening program at local elementary schools

Oct. 2013 – Mar. 2014

Sidekicks Program Member, Community Central, New Britain, CT

- Founding member, assistant grant writer
- Provided case management and skills building workshops (e.g., resume writing) for homeless and at-risk populations