

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education:

A.A. Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Irvine Valley College June 2019
A.A. Psychology, Saddleback College, July 2020
B.A. Psychology, University of California, Riverside, June 2021
Minor Organizational Behavior/Human Resources

Honors & Awards:

Dean's Honors List, UCR, December 2019
CPR Certified (American Heart Association Course), October 2021-October 2023
Completion certificate from UCLA's Executive Programs in Health Policy, September 2019
Exemplary Health Scholar Award for the Labor & Delivery Floor, September 2019
Inducted to Psi Chi, UCR- International Honor Society in Psychology, June 2021
Inducted into Tau Sigma Honor Society, January 2020
Board Certified Autism Technician- March 2024

Clinical Experience:

Applied Behavior Interventionist, Cortica, February 2024-Present. Duties: Geared towards developing and implementing treatment programs to help children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and neurodivergent with a collaborative team consisting of ABA, medical, and developmental therapies.

Crisis Volunteer, Samaritans, Hey Sam Program, November 2023-Present. Duties: As a crisis counselor at the Hey Sam peer-to-peer texting service, I reach out to peers who are struggling, need someone to talk to, suicide prevention, or need support.

Medical Assistant, Mission Dermatology Center, June 2022-June 2023. Duties: As an MA, I have a dual role in working in the front and back office assisting the doctor and the clinical office staff to provide the best patient care. Supervisor: Doctor Shireen Guide MD & Monica Sartori.

Clinical Research Coordinator, Mission Dermatology Center, December 2022-June 2023. Duties: As a CRC, I am trained in conducting clinical studies and have been certified in GCP, IATA courses and familiar with Electronic Data Capture (EDC), Medidata, Interactive Response Technology (IRT) and Suvoda.

Applied Behavior Analysis Therapist, Accel Therapies, October 2021- June 2022. Duties: Geared towards developing and implementing treatment programs to help children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

Playroom Volunteer, Children's Hospital of Orange County, June 2018- July 2019. Duties: Volunteered in the pediatric playroom.

COPE Health Scholar, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, Newport Beach, CA, July 2018-September 2019. Duties: Shadowed doctors, assisted hospital staff in labor and delivery rooms and on different specialty floors to provide the best patient care.

Research Experience:

Research Assistant, [UCR Life Events Lab](#), University of California, Riverside, June 2020- January 2022. Duties: The Life Events Lab examines two questions about how people cope with uncertain waiting periods and studies doctor patient communication. Mentor: Kate Sweeny, Ph.D.

Research Assistant, UCR TEACH Lab, University of California, Riverside, July 2021-March 2022. Duties: Geared towards archival research and literature review, focused on analyzing and interrogating different research articles and publications and creating PowerPoint presentations on various topics, such as the United Nations, mental health, and psychology behind teaching. Mentor: Annie Ditta, Ph.D.

Research Assistant, [UCR Perception Action and Development Research Lab](#), University of California, Riverside, January 2020-June 2020. Duties: Focused on natural visual and motor experiences of infants, children, and adults in everyday tasks. Mentor: John Franchak, Ph.D.

Research Assistant, IVC Group Research Project, Psych 11 Research Methods, Irvine Valley College, Irvine, January 2019-May 2019. Duties: Research focused on whether individuals assimilate or make friends with others who share the same ethnicity and cultural background or they have a diverse social circle. Mentor: Michael Cassens.

Professional & Honor Societies:

Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology

American Psychological Association (student affiliate)

Tau Sigma Honor Society

Publications:

Brandon Q. Tran, Madeline M. Mendoza, Sunil K. Saini & Kate Sweeny (2023). *Let the Kid Speak: Dynamics of Triadic Medical Interactions Involving Pediatric Patients*, *Health Communication*, 38:9, 1762-1769, DOI: 10.1080/10410236.2022.2031450. Collaborated in a team along with the author to code, transcribe, and analyze the recordings and data using SPSS and Audacity.

Campus Activities & Leadership:

College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences (CHASS) Peer Mentor, UCR, 2020-2021
Her Campus UCR, UCR, staff writer (2019-2021) and Vice President (2020-2021)
Her Campus UCR, UCR, Vice President (2020-2021)
Psi Chi member, 2019-Present
A Friend In Me, UCR, member, 2020 - 2021
Rside Bhangra, UCR, dancer, 2019 - 2021
UCR Mock Trial, UCR, witness, 2020-2021

Professional References:

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