

MEGAN TOOTHAKER, MSW

EDUCATION

Master of Social Work Walla Walla University, School of Social Work <i>Counsel on Social Work Education</i> accredited	March 2015
Bachelor of Communication, Public Relations Washington State University, College of Communication Minor of Hospitality Business Management	August 2010

LICENSE, CERTIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) Washington State Department of Health License #SWI.LW.61228716 <i>In Process</i>	2024
Clinical Instructor Appointment University of Washington, Seattle	2023

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Teaching Professor, UW Tacoma School of Social Work and Criminal Justice	September 2022 to Present
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COURSES TAUGHT – UW TACOMA

BASW

TSOCWF 301 – Professionalism in Social Work
TSOCWF 101 – Introduction to Social Work
TSOCWF 405 – Field Seminar I

MSW

TSOCWF 524 Generalist Practicum
TSOCWF 525 Specialization Practicum

FIELD EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

MSW Field Faculty University of Washington (UW), Tacoma	2022-Present
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Support students and Field Instructors during their MSW practicum placement through consultation and feedback.

Field Education Advisory Council (FEAC) Co-Chair

University of Washington (UW), Seattle **2021-2022**

Provide support, consultation and feedback to UW SSW Field Faculty, instructors and students around policies, program development and curriculum development.

Field Education Advisory Council (FEAC) Field Instructor Consultation Group Co-Lead

University of Washington (UW), Seattle **2018-2022**

2021- *Peer Based Support and Strategies for Those Hosting APP and CCIP Placements*

2020- *Field Instructors and Advocacy*

2019- *Identities, Intersectionality, and the Parallel Process*

2018- *Giving Feedback Students Can Hear*

2018- *General Field Instructor Consultation*

Field Education Advisory Council (FEAC) Member

University of Washington (UW), Seattle **2018-2022**

Assisted in the coordination of UW SSW Field Instructor support and appreciation.

FIELD EDUCATION EXPERIENCE CONT.

Northwest Field Education Consortium Attendee

January 2020

University of Washington, Seattle

Advancing Environmental, Social and Economic Justice in Field Education

Practicum Instructor, Seattle University

2018 to 2022

Medical Case Management, Lifelong

- Supervise Bachelor of Social Work Practicum Students over a nine-month placement.
- Developed students' knowledge and proficiency in working with the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ community.
- Guided students in creating a framework to advance their proficiencies in serving the LGBTQ+ and HIV-positive communities.
- Lead educational trainings with students surrounding therapeutic frameworks including Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT).

Field Instructor, University of Washington

2017 to 2022

Medical Case Management, Lifelong

- Supervise Master of Social Work Foundation Practicum Students over a nine-month placement.
- Introduce clinical skills to students around providing connections to medical care and additional services to individuals living with HIV and other chronic illness.

- Support and assist student research that focuses on cultural awareness and barriers to accessing social services for the LBGTQ+ populations and communities of color.
- Strengthen students' proficiencies around providing services and case management to individuals' facing significant health disparities, mental health, unstable housing, and substance use.

PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare **2022 - 2023**
Co-Presenter

Developing Screen-based Virtual Simulations for Interprofessional Students

Seattle University, School of Social Work **2019 - 2022**
Guest Lecturer

2021- Intro to Case Management

2021- BSW Social Work Professional Development

2020- Social Work Professional Development

2019- Intro to Social Work, SOCW 1510-01

University of Washington/Fred Hutch, Center for AIDS Research **2018-2020**
Guest Presenter

Principle of STI and HIV Research and Public Health Practice

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Program Manager, Lifelong **August 2017 to August 2022**
Medical Case Management

- Supervise and engage a diverse staff of 11 Medical Case Managers, including individuals who identify as BIPOC, foreign-born, non-binary and/or transgender.
- Train staff on the utilization of Harm Reduction, Motivational Interviewing, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy when working with diverse and high-need populations.
- Cultivate a positive and collaborative team morale that centers around equity, individuality and shared values when working with individuals living with HIV.

Assistant Program Manager, Lifelong **February 2017 to July 2017**
Medical Case Management

- Supported four case managers in managing complex, high-need client cases, where substance use, homelessness and mental health created obstacles to accessing HIV and medical care.
- Collaborated with external services providers through interdisciplinary meetings to identify access and barriers to care for communities of color, transgendered and non-binary individuals.

- Coached staff to provide quality clinical service delivery to 950+ clients in a culturally mindful manner that aligns with the National Association of Social Work Code of Ethics.

**Medical Case Manager, Lifelong
Medical Case Management**

August 2015 to January 2017

- Managed a caseload of 60+ individuals living with HIV and other chronic illnesses, where client-led individual services plans were developed to support achieving optimal wellbeing in multiple life domains.
- Assisted clients with accessing medication, insurance benefits and medical care through the DOH-funded Early Intervention Program (EIP).
- Counseled clients on the risks of HIV transmission, safe sex practices, disclosure, and developing healthy relationships with current or potential partners to decrease the rate of new infections of HIV and other STIs in King Co.

**Practicum Student, Kadlec Regional Medical Center
NICU/Pediatrics/Maternity Unit, Richland, WA**

June 2014 to February 2015

- Performed daily assessments with three to six patients and families to create an effective care plan that identified and evaluated current supports systems, social concerns and interventions or referrals needed for level of care.
- Addressed and delivered support to patients and families where complex issues, such as child abuse or neglect, chemical dependency or domestic violence were present.
- Provided patients and patients' family with psychosocial counsel regarding medical diagnosis, treatment options and the impact of short and long-term health concerns.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONT.

**Practicum Student, Grace Clinic
Rural/Clinical Care, Kennewick, WA**

October 2014 to May 2014

- Utilized cognitive behavioral therapy and techniques when counseling adults dealing with depression, anxiety, domestic violence, and health-related issues.
- Implemented and led a 3-month emergency nutritional program that provided food assistance to patients at Grace Clinic.
- Aligned clients with community agencies that provide housing, employment, and financial assistance.

TRAININGS

**Strengthening Educational Excellence through Diversity (SEED) Institution 2023
University of Washington, Tacoma, WA**

Five-day training that supports instructors developing anti-racist and oppressive teaching practices that support students of diverse backgrounds.

- Open Educational Resources (OER) Workshop** **2023**
 University of Washington, Tacoma, WA
 Multiple day workshop that trained educators to utilize open educational resources for better student access.
- HIV: Intersections of Culture, Health & Equity Institute** **2019**
 African American Teach & Reach, Tacoma, WA
 Two-day workshop that examines and trains professionals on the intersection of institutional racism and social determinants of health among marginalized communities.
- Reframing Racism Workshop** **2018**
 Center for Equity and Inclusion, Portland, OR
Language and Tools for Advancing Equity
 Three-day workshop which educated professionals on the construct of race, common language around equity, diversity and inclusion and tools to support enhancing DEI work in the professional field
- Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk** **2016**
 Forefront: Innovations in Suicide Prevention, Seattle, WA
Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals
 Two-day training that informs healthcare professionals on identifying and assessing suicidal risk with adults and youth.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Lifelong** **August 2012-2013**
 Food Delivery & Special Events Volunteer, Seattle, WA,

OTHER

- Member, National Social Work Honor Society **April 2015-Present**
 Walla Walla University, Pi Xi Chapter of Phi Alpha