

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

FIELD EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

MSW Field Faculty University of Washington (UW), Tacoma Support students and Field Instructors during their MSW practicum placement through consultation and feedback.	2022-Present
Field Education Advisory Council (FEAC) Co-Chair University of Washington (UW), Seattle Provide support, consultation and feedback to UW SSW Field Faculty, instructors and students around policies, program development and curriculum development.	2021-2022
Field Education Advisory Council (FEAC) Field Instructor Consultation Group Co-Lead University of Washington (UW), Seattle 2021- <i>Peer Based Support and Strategies for Those Hosting APP and CCIP Placements</i> 2020- <i>Field Instructors and Advocacy</i> 2019- <i>Identities, Intersectionality, and the Parallel Process</i> 2018- <i>Giving Feedback Students Can Hear</i> 2018- <i>General Field Instructor Consultation</i>	2018-2022

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

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

Assistant Teaching Professor, UW Tacoma **September 2022 to Present**
School of Social Work and Criminal Justice

- Develop curriculum for bachelor-level social welfare course with incorporation of the NASW Code of Ethics and CSWE competencies.
- Act as an academic advisor to over ten BSW and MSW students, providing guidance regarding their academic and professional goals.
- Create an environment of cultural humility through teaching an anti-racist and anti-oppressive framework.

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 **August 2015 to January 2017**
Medical Case Management

- 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 June 2014 to February 2015
NICU/Pediatrics/Maternity Unit, Richland, WA

- 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 October 2014 to May 2014
Rural/Clinical Care, Kennewick, WA

- 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

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

Food Delivery & Special Events Volunteer, Seattle, WA,

August 2012-2013

OTHER

Member, National Social Work Honor Society
Walla Walla University, Pi Xi Chapter of Phi Alpha

April 2015-Present