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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy Counselor Education & Supervision (CACREP)

Dissertation: *Hearing It All: Traumatic Stress and the 911 Telecommunicator*

Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA. 2024

Master of Arts in Community/Clinical Counseling

Eastern University; St. Davids, PA. 2001

Bachelor of Science in Bible

University of Valley Forge; Phoenixville, PA. 1998

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSURE

September 2023	Approved Clinical Supervisor	Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc
September 2023	Certified Clinical Trauma Professional	Evergreen Certifications
April 2020	Licensed Professional Counselor	Professional Counselor Examiners Committee; Harrisburg, PA
March 2011	National Certified Counselor	National Board of Certified Counselors; Greensboro, NC
February 2005	Licensed Professional Counselor	Professional Counselor Examiners Committee; Trenton, NJ

GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

June 2024 – Present	Evangel University; Springfield, MO		
	Associate Professor, Graduate Counseling Program		
	Mental Health Foundations	Online & Residency	3 Credit Hours
	Group Counseling Lecture & Lab	Online & Residency	3 Credit Hours
	Counseling Professional Capstone	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Counseling Practicum	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Counseling Internship	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Psychodiagnostics	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Child & Adolescent Counseling	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Crisis, Trauma, & Recovery	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Counseling Skills Lecture & Lab	Online	3 Credit Hours
August 2024- Present	Kutztown University; Kutztown, PA		
	Instructor, Counselor Education & Student Affairs Department		
	Field Experience in Clinical Counseling	Seated	3 Credit Hours
January 2024 – May 2024	Evangel University; Springfield, MO		
	Adjunct Professor, Graduate Counseling Program		
	Counseling Practicum	Online	3 Credit Hours

January 2024- May 2024	Kutztown University; Kutztown, PA Instructor, Counselor Education & Student Affairs Department		
	Professional Orientation & Ethics for the Mental Health Professional - Seated		3 Credit Hours
August 2023- May 2024	Kutztown University; Kutztown, PA Instructor, Counselor Education & Student Affairs Department		
	Field Experience in Clinical Counseling	Seated	3 Credit Hours
August 2023- December 2023	Immaculata University; Immaculata, PA Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychology and Counseling		
	Assessment for Counselors	Seated	3 Credit Hours
August 2022- July 2023	Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA Adjunct Professor, School of Psychology & Counseling		
	Crisis, Trauma, & Community Mental Health	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Counseling & Christian Thought	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Counseling Skills & Techniques	Residency & Online	3 Credit Hours
	Crisis, Trauma, & Community Mental Health	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Treatment Planning	Online	3 Credit Hours
June 2022- July 2022	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; Philadelphia, PA Adjunct Professor, Department of Counseling School of Professional & Applied Psychology		
	Group Therapy	Seated	3 Credit Hours
August 2021- August 2022	Regent University; Virginia Beach, VA Teaching Research Assistant, School of Psychology & Counseling		
	Counseling Skills & Techniques (Residency TA)	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Crisis, Trauma, & Community Mental Health	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Internship in Community Mental Health Counseling	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Concepts of Family Systems	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Qualitative Research Methodology	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Advanced Marriage & Family Counseling	Online	3 Credit Hours

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2018 – May 2024	University of Valley Forge; Phoenixville, PA Assistant Professor, Behavioral Sciences Department		
	* Chair of the Academic Honesty Committee		
	* NCAA Teams Clinical Liaison		
	Introduction to Psychology	Online & Seated	3 Credit Hours
	Theories of Personality	Online & Seated	3 Credit Hours
	Community Psychology	Online	3 Credit Hours
	Abnormal Psychology	Online & Seated	3 Credit Hours
	Marriage & Family Therapy	Online & Seated	3 Credit Hours
	Theories & Techniques of Counseling	Online & Seated	3 Credit Hours
	Crisis Intervention Skills	Online & Seated	3 Credit Hours
	Human Sexuality	Seated	3 Credit Hours

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

April 2006 - **Hope Counseling Center, LLC**

Present	Sole Proprietor, Practitioner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Manage all therapeutic services and business matters * Conduct individual, family, and group psychotherapy * Tele-counseling and Tele-supervision services provided
June 2001- February 2007	South Jersey Behavioral Health Resources Mental Health Therapist II
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Conduct individual, family, and group psychotherapy * Perform intake assessment and clinical diagnosis * Participate in treatment planning and treatment team meetings

CROSS-CULTURAL TEACHING & SUPERVISION

August 2020 -	Ukraine Institute Open Doors Counselor Supervisor; Regent University
May 2023	Supervisor: Dr. Olya Zaporozhets
February- March 2021	UNICEP- 8 Week Group Facilitated Zoom Webinar in Lima, Peru – Co-Teacher “How to Facilitate Emotional & Spiritual Health During COVID a Biblical Perspective” Supervisor: Dr. Cyrus Williams
June 2019	Christwood School; Chennai India Faculty Advisor; Student Educational Trip

PEER - REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Wills, R. (2025). Critical Incident Debriefing (CID). In Bill Owenby & Katherine Campbell (Eds), *The Encyclopedia of Mental Health Trainings, Certifications, and Credentials*. Arizona: ONBLLC Publishing.

PEER - REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- Palen, C., **Wills, R.**, Bearden, M., Cronan, K. (2026, April). “Play with Purpose: Enhancing Counselor Competence in Play-Based Therapy”. *The American Counseling Association 2026 Conference*. (Accepted)
- Bearden, M., **Wills, R.**, Cronan, K., Palen, C. (2025, October). “Documentation Reimagined: Using AI to Empower Counselor Educators”. *The 2025 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference*.
- Cronan, K., M., Palen, Bearden, C., **Wills, R.** (2025, October). “They’re Just Playing”: Providing Counselor Educators and Supervisors Necessary Skills to Supervise Counselors Providing Pediatric Services”. *The 2025 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference*.
- Cronan, K., Palen, C., **Wills, R.**, Bearden, M. (2025, March). “Christian Integration in Play Therapy”. *The Christian Association for Psychological Studies Conference*.
- Wills, R. L. (2025, February). “Caring Professions and Absorption Vulnerability: Are You at Risk for Compassion Fatigue?”. *The 9th Annual Greater Philadelphia Counseling Association Trauma Conference*.
- Wills, R. L. (2025, February). “911 Somebody Help Me: Traumatic Stress and the First Responder”. *The 9th Annual Greater Philadelphia Counseling Association Trauma Conference*.
- Wills, R. L. (2024, October). “Helping the Helpers: Cultural Awareness for Counselors Treating First Responders”. *The 2024 PCA Conference*.
- Wills, R. L. (2024, September). “Cross-Cultural Tele-supervision During Times of Crisis”. *The 2024 NARACES Conference*.
- Wills, R. L. (2024, September). “Helping the Helpers: Cultural Awareness for Counselors Treating First

- Responders”. *The 2024 NARACES Conference*.
- Wills, R. L. (2023, February). “Self-Care, Rounding the Bases”. *The 7th Annual Greater Philadelphia Counseling Association Trauma Conference*.
- Wills, R. L. (2022, April). “Cultural Competence in the Treatment and Care of First Responders”. *Chi Sigma Iota PA Statewide Conference 2022*.
- Wills, R. L. (2022, April). “Does This Pandemic Make Me Look Resilient? The Healing Power of Self-Care & Resilience in Times of Crisis and Division”. *New Jersey Counseling Association 2022 Virtual Conference*.
- Wills, R. L. (2022, April). “Cultural Competence in the Treatment and Care of First Responders”. *American Counseling Association 2022 Conference*.
- Wills, R. L. “The Ethics of Self-Care”. *Greater Philadelphia Area Counseling Association Virtual 2022 Pre-Trauma Conference*.
- Wills, R. L. (2021, November). “Does This Pandemic Make Me Look Resilient? The Healing Power of Self-Care & Resilience in Times of Crisis and Division”. *Pennsylvania Counseling Association Conference 2021*.
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PRIVATE INVITATION PRESENTATIONS

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| July | Geneva University Crisis and Trauma Course; Dr. David Collins |
| 2025 | “Crisis Intervention: Stabilization, Protocols, and Approaches” – Guest Lecturer |
| Mar. | Regent University Child and Adolescent Counseling Course; Dr. Michelle Tanner |
| 2023 | “Diagnosis & Treatment of Children and Adolescents” – Guest Lecturer |
| Mar. | Grace Assembly of God |
| 2023 | “Parents' Guide to Mental Health: Leading Your Teens” - Presenter |
| Aug. | University of Valley Forge Faculty Orientation |
| 2020 | “Student Mental Health Awareness” - Presenter |
| May | University of Valley Forge Behavioral Health Department Virtual Webinar |
| 2020 | “Pastoral Care in Crisis 1 & 2”- Co-Presenter |
| May | New Beginnings Assembly of God Virtual Training |
| 2020 | “Help for Parents during Crisis” - Presenter |
| April | PennDel Youth Ministries Virtual Training |
| 2020 | “Student Mental Health in Crisis” - Presenter |
| April | New Jersey Youth Ministries Virtual Training |
| 2020 | “Student Mental Health in Crisis” - Presenter |
| Nov. | The Parental Empowerment Conferences, Livingston, NJ |
| 2018 | “The Secret & Not So Secret Signs of Stress & Suicide” - Presenter |
| Oct. | New Jersey District Youth Ministry Blueprint Conference, Monmouth, NJ |
| 2017 | “Basic Crisis Intervention for Youth Ministers” - Presenter |
| Sept. | Ground Zero School of Discipleship, Marlton, NJ |
| 2017 | “Love: What’s Wrong with Me” - Presenter |
| Feb. | Marlton Youth Church, Marlton, NJ |
| 2017 | “Mosaic”- 6-week teaching series - Presenter |
| Dec. | Ground Zero Masters Commission, Marlton, NJ |
| 2016 | “Conflict Resolution” – Presenter |
| Sept. | Tri-Boro Fire Officers Meeting, Burlington County, NJ |
| 2016 | “Suicide: What to Look for and How to Handle Members” – Co-Presenter |
| Aug. | Marlton Assembly of God, Marlton, NJ |
| 2016 | “Small Group Dynamics” – Presenter |

April 2015	NJ National Emergency Number Association Conference, Atlantic City, NJ “Stress Management for the Dispatcher” - Presenter
May 2011	Marlton Christian Academy, Marlton, NJ “Managing Through the Difficulties”- Presenter
Fall 2004	South Jersey Behavioral Health Resources, NJ HELP; Helpful Education for Loving Parents Newsletter- Contributor
Sept. 2004	Division of Youth & Family Services, NJ “Anger Management for Children and Adults”- Co-Presenter
2003	South Jersey Behavioral Health Resources, NJ “ADHD: The Disorder and Treatment”-Co-Presenter
Mar. 2002	South Jersey Behavioral Health Resources, NJ “Assessment and Treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder Pt. 2”- Presenter
Feb. 2002	South Jersey Behavioral Health Resources, NJ “Assessment and Treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder Pt. 1”- Presenter

ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Christian Counselors

American Counseling Association

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

Chi Sigma Iota

Greater Philadelphia Area Counseling Association

International Critical Incident Stress Foundation

Pennsylvania Counseling Association

Pennsylvania Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

North Atlantic Region of the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

PROFESSIONAL HONORS & ACTIVITIES

June 2021-	Greater Philadelphia Area Counseling Association –
July 2024	- President-Elect, President, Past President
May 2021-	Alpha Omega Lambda Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota at Regent University
May 2023	- Treasurer
April 2021	Membership Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

January 2018 – present AT's Care- Athletic Trainers Critical Incident Response Team Clinical Director

March 2015 – present The Mercury Critical Incident Response Team Clinical Director

February 2012 – present The Mercury Critical Incident Response Team Member

2009- 2018	Youth Leader at Marlton Assembly of God; Marlton, NJ
March 2010	Volunteer at the Psychotherapy Networker Symposium; Washington, DC
March 2009	Volunteer at the Psychotherapy Networker Symposium; Washington, DC
September 2001	Volunteer at the Family Assistance Center; Liberty State Park, NJ
