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Profile:

- Rehabilitation Needs
- Vocational Evaluation
- Labor Market Analysis
- Employability Assessments
- Social Security Vocational Expert
- Job Search Activities
- Life Care Plans
- Wage Data Knowledge
- National/State Wage Research
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Assistive Technologies
- Career Counseling
- Test Administration and Analysis

- Medical Cost Projections
- Transferable Skills Analysis
- Earning Capacity Evaluation
- Vocational Expert Testimony
- Job Placement Services
- Economic Loss Assessments
- Case Management
- Worksite Accommodation Assessment
- Job Analysis and Modification
- Transition and Education Evaluation
- Return to Work Planning
- Forensic Vocational Expertise

Experience:

Kincaid Wolstein Vocational and Rehabilitation Services,

August 2022 - Present

Vocational Counselor and Consultant Evaluator

- Composing labor market surveys and job analysis reports.
- Performing transferable skills analyses.
- Vocational evaluation and assessment.
- Career counseling needs including all aspects of job search process.
- Assessing vocational history, educational history, past earnings and medical history for vocational reports.
- Life care planning.
- Counseling consumers in the evaluation, planning and treatment processes of rehabilitation counseling.
- Diagnostic interviews for career counseling, personal injury, and matrimonial cases.
- Researching assistive technologies.
- Assessing rehabilitation needs.
- Administering and interpreting a wide range of assessments and instruments.

Tempus Risk Solutions,

April 2021 - August 2022

- Vocational Case Manager
- Performed initial assessments to evaluate injured workers' medical, psychological, vocational, and social needs, informing the development of comprehensive rehabilitation plans.
- Created tailored vocational rehabilitation plans, addressing workers' specific needs, skills, abilities, work restrictions, and medical recommendations.

- Coordinated a variety of services, such as medical treatment, physical therapy, and other therapeutic modalities, to facilitate the workers' recovery.
- Maintained clear communication with stakeholders, including medical providers, insurance adjusters, employers, and attorneys, to keep them informed of the workers' progress.
- Offered job placement support by assisting with job interview preparation, resume creation, and job search strategy development.

Greylock Placement Services,

August 2020 - May 2022

Social Security Vocational Expert

- Attended hearings to provide impartial vocational expertise during disability evaluations.
- Analyzed claimants' medical records, work history, and education to understand vocational abilities and limitations.
- Assessed transferable skills to determine applicability to other jobs within the national economy.
- Evaluated residual functional capacity, considering claimants' physical and mental limitations.
- Testified knowledgeably in response to hypothetical questions regarding claimants' abilities to perform past work or adjust to other work.
- Identified suitable occupations based on claimants' residual functional capacity and transferable skills.
- Utilized labor market resources to provide accurate data on specific occupations and job requirements.
- Remained current on vocational rehabilitation best practices, laws, and labor market trends.
- Offered unbiased, objective testimony based on professional expertise and available evidence.
- Prepared written summaries of findings and expert opinions for submission to involved parties.
- Collaborated with ALJs, attorneys, and other experts for fair and accurate evaluations of claimants' vocational abilities and limitations.

VRE4VETS.

August 2020 to Present

Contract Counselor

- Conducted Initial Evaluations (A-1): Collaborated with veterans to explore their prior education, work history, military experience, and the vocational impact of disabilities, assessing transferable skills, interests, aptitudes, abilities, and labor market conditions.
- Performed Vocational Evaluations (A-2): Identified medical, educational, and vocational history, assessed functional capacity for work, barriers to employment, academic functioning, interests, aptitudes, and abilities, and reviewed test analysis, results, and implications with veterans.
- Mitchell/Genex/Coventry Workers Compensation Services Vocational Case Manager

March 2018 to April 2021

- Conducted comprehensive evaluations of injured workers, considering their medical, psychological, vocational, and social factors to develop personalized rehabilitation plans, while collecting information on workers' compensation and injury history.
- Designed customized vocational rehabilitation programs, taking into account workers' unique needs, capabilities, restrictions, and medical guidance, as well as generating Individualized Written Rehabilitation Plans (IWRPs) and Return-to-Work (RTW) plans based on vocational hierarchy needs.
- Facilitated access to various services, including medical care, physical therapy, and additional therapeutic interventions, to support injured workers' recovery across MA, VT, RI, CT, and NH jurisdictions.
- Established and maintained open communication with key stakeholders such as medical professionals, insurance representatives, employers, and legal counsel to update them on workers' progress.
- Conducted and generated Labor Market Surveys and Transferable Skills Analyses, in addition to performing vocational assessments and testing.
- Provided assistance in job placement, including guidance on interview techniques, resume development, and effective job-hunting strategies, while meeting with clients to collect initial information.

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor I

April 2017 to March 2018

- Conducted initial assessments, evaluating clients' vocational, educational, psychological, and social needs to develop comprehensive rehabilitation plans.
- Created individualized rehabilitation plans, addressing clients' specific needs, skills, abilities, and goals while considering their disabilities or limitations.
- Assisted clients in identifying suitable career paths based on their interests, skills, and abilities through career counseling.
- Coordinated training and education programs, helping clients access resources to improve their employability and career prospects.
- Supported clients in job search and placement, providing resume writing assistance, job search strategies, interview preparation, and job placement.
- Collaborated with community partners, including local employers, educational institutions, and service providers to promote inclusive employment opportunities.
- Monitored clients' progress throughout the rehabilitation process, making necessary adjustments to plans.
- Maintained detailed case documentation, ensuring compliance with agency policies and guidelines.
- Offered ongoing support and counseling to clients during their career transitions or while maintaining employment.
- Participated in professional development, staying current on best practices, laws, regulations, and trends in vocational rehabilitation.

HAP Housing

August 2016 to February 2017

Employment Specialist

• Conducted intake assessments, evaluating employment needs, skills, and goals of homeless individuals to develop personalized plans.

- Created tailored employment plans, addressing clients' specific needs, skills, abilities, and goals while considering barriers they faced.
- Offered job readiness training, providing workshops or coaching on resume writing, interview techniques, communication, and workplace etiquette.
- Coordinated vocational training and education programs, helping clients access resources to enhance their employability and career prospects.
- Assisted with job search and placement, supporting clients in identifying job opportunities, completing applications, and preparing for interviews.
- Collaborated with local employers, developing relationships to identify job openings and promote hiring of shelter clients.
- Monitored clients' progress, providing ongoing support as they transitioned into employment.
- Offered job retention support, assisting clients in navigating challenges in maintaining employment, such as transportation or workplace conflicts.
- Maintained detailed case documentation, ensuring compliance with shelter policies and funding requirements.
- Participated in professional development, staying current on best practices, labor market trends, and relevant laws and regulations.
- Coordinated with other shelter services, collaborating with case managers, housing specialists, and service providers to ensure comprehensive client support.

New England Business Associates *Employment Specialist*

April 2015 to April 2016

- Conducted intake assessments, evaluating clients' employment needs, skills, goals, and abilities while considering their developmental disabilities.
- Developed individualized employment plans, addressing clients' specific needs, skills, and goals, while accommodating their unique challenges and abilities.
- Provided job readiness training, offering workshops or one-on-one coaching on resume writing, interview techniques, professional communication, and workplace etiquette tailored to clients' abilities.
- Coordinated vocational training and education programs, helping clients access appropriate training, education, and certification programs to enhance their employability and career prospects.
- Assisted with job search and placement, supporting clients in identifying suitable job opportunities, completing job applications, and preparing for interviews.
- Collaborated with local employers, developing relationships to identify job openings and promote inclusive hiring of clients with developmental disabilities.
- Provided on-the-job coaching, assisting clients with task learning, problem-solving, and adapting to the work environment, while ensuring their success and job retention.
- Monitored clients' progress, providing ongoing support as they transitioned into employment and faced challenges in maintaining their jobs.
- Maintained detailed case documentation, ensuring compliance with non-profit policies and funding requirements.
- Participated in professional development, staying current on best practices, labor market trends, and relevant laws and regulations related to employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

 Collaborated with other service providers, including case managers, therapists, and support staff, to ensure clients received comprehensive support in their journey towards employment and self-sufficiency.

Education:

- Bryant University-Smithfield, Rhode Island Masters of Business Administration, 2024
- Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling, 2016
- Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts
 Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders and Sciences, 2015

Affiliations and Credentials:

- Certified Rehabilitation Counselor-Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification-July 2017
- Certified Vocational Evaluator-Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification-July 2021
- Certified IPEC Evaluator-International Psychometric Evaluation Certification-October 2021
- Fellow of the American Board of Vocational Experts-American Board of Vocational Experts-November 2021
- Certified Life Care Planner-International Commission on Health Care Certification-December 2022
- Medicare Set Aside Certified Consultant- International Commission on Health Care Certification-January 2023
- Certified Ergonomic Assessment Specialist-The Back School-December 2022
- Remote Ergonomic Assessment Specialist-The Back School-February 2023
- Google Data Analytics Certificate-Coursera-2022
- Google Digital Market and E-Commerce-Coursera-2023
- Secretary-International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals-New England Chapter-2022 to 2023.
- At-Large Member of Education Committee-American Board of Vocational Experts-March 2022 to Present
- Certified Professional Resume Writer-Professional Association of Resume Writers and Career Coaches-May 2023
- Qualified Rehabilitation Counselor: QRC: 21-06 Expiration 05/05/2025
- Chair-Vocational and Rehabilitation Transition Services-International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals-Term 2023 to 2024
- Forensic Vocational Expert-2023-American Rehabilitation Economics Association

Presentations and Research:

- Postsecondary Transition Planning: The Best Tool in Your Advocacy Toolbox-COPAA-March 2022
- ABVE: Knowledge Enhancement Seminar: Christopher Skerritt and Daniel Wolstein-March 2023

- Revolutionizing Rehabilitation: Revolutionizing Rehabilitation: Counselors and Consumers with AI Breakthroughs-Christopher Skerritt, Daniel Wolstein, Paul J. Bourgeois-IARP August 2023
- The Intersection of Vocational Experts and Life Care Planners in Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Cases-Trial Lawyer Section-Florida Bar Association-August 2023
- The Intersection of Vocational Experts and Life Care Planners in Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Cases-Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys -September 2023
- Navigating Pre-ETS and Transition from High School and Beyond-Special Needs Advocacy Network-September 2023
- Leveraging ChatGPT for Career Coaching and Resume Writing-Professional Association of Resume Writers and Career Coaches-September 2023
- Leveraging ChatGPT for Job Search and Business Utilization-Indiana State University-October 2023
- Revolutionizing Rehabilitation: Empowering Counselors and Consumers with AI
 Breakthroughs-International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals-October 2023
- Rehabilitation Counseling and Artificial Intelligence-Innovation Inspiration Expo 2024-University of Wisconsin Stout-January 2024
- Bringing the Gap in Disability Employment-TedX-BryantU-February 2024
- Integrating Artificial Intelligence in Vocational Expert Work: A New Horizon-American Board of Vocational Experts-March 2024

Publications:

- Skerritt, C., & Wolstein, D. (2023). Use of artificial intelligence to enhance case management and job development practices in rehabilitation counseling. The Rehabilitation Professional, 31(2), pp. 19-26.
- Peterson, S., Skerritt, C. Sprong, M., Thomas, L. (2023). Individualized Plan for Employment Development for Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities: Recommendations for State Vocational Rehabilitation Administrators. The Rehabilitation Professional, 31(3), pp. 35-52.
- Skerritt, C. (2023) Ethical Implications of Artificial Intelligence on Vocational Rehabilitation. Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis, 23(1), pp. 35-42.
- Bourgeois, P., Allison, A., & Skerritt, C. (2024) Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Enhanced Life Care Planning: Innovations, Challenges, and Ethical Considerations. Journal of Life Care Planning, 22(1), pp. 25-37.