

# Christopher James Watson

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## EDUCATION

**Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ**

**Master of Arts in Counseling Services, May 2019**

Concentration: School Counseling (CACREP Program)

GPA: 4.00

**Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, PA**

**Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences, December 2014**

Dual Major in Psychology and Business Administration; Concentration in Human Resource Management

GPA: 3.44

## CERTIFICATIONS

Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC): ID# 1232299

NJ State School Counselor Standard Certification: ID# 1128873

NJ Student Assistance Coordinator (SAC): ID# 1128959

PA Elementary & Secondary School Counselor (PK-12): ID# 1135231

Career and Life Coach (CLC)

## HONORS

**Rho Upsilon Beta Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota**, International Counseling Honor Society

**Pi Gamma Mu Chapter**, International Honor Society in the Social Sciences

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ**

**Adjunct Professor – Norm Brodsky College of Business**, August 2019 – Present

- Educate students in the fields of Career Management and Computer Information Sciences
- Develop advanced career learning on the topics of personal branding, career research, career/personality assessment, networking, LinkedIn, resumes, cover letters, interviewing skills, work values, and personal branding
- Advise students on academic and vocational concerns and how to leverage their career using various platforms
- Plan, evaluate, and revise curricula, course content, and course materials and methods of instruction

**On Campus Student Employment Counselor – Career Development & Success**, February 2019 – Present

- Enhance work relationships across campus by formally providing student mediation counseling for students/staff
- Provide support and nurturing to all students through individualized appointments designed to target the areas of career development, mental health and goal setting
- Partner with Financial Aid, Admissions and various departments in order to provide expert knowledge and student support in the areas of Federal Work Study, Rider's career platforms, and all
- Manage and created an online career resource designed to assess career growth and provide career information to 4825 students who attend Rider University
- Transition students, both incoming and existing, into working opportunities to ensure proper skill development

**Career Coordinator – Career Development and Success**, March 2017 – February 2019

- Completed over 100 one-on-one student appointments within my first 6 months and assisted in reviewing 63% of the student submitted documentation needed to complete job applications (2,301 of the University total 3,667)
- Hosted and instructed workshops and appointments to help students prepare a professional resume and cover letter, while advising and fielding their concerns, questions, and personal life experiences or concerns
- Demonstrated and taught students about resources that they can use to leverage their career desires and goals
- Conduct mock interviews with students to prepare them for future graduate school and career interviews

**Lenape Regional High School, School Counseling Intern**, Medford, NJ

September 2018 – May 2019

- Counseled students regarding educational issues, such as course and program selection, class scheduling and registration, school adjustment, truancy, study habits, and career planning
- Participated in HIB interviews, child study teams, suicide interventions, Intervention and Referral Services cases, abuse cases, re-entry cases, IEP meetings, and parent conferences

- Supported students with socioemotional concerns, eating disorders, anxiety and depression and behavioral issues with care and compassion, utilizing resources within the community
- Provided students with information on college degree programs and admission requirements, financial aid and scholarship opportunities, and utilized Naviance in order to demonstrate college/university searches
- Compiled a list of resources designed to educate and prepare current seniors on college, career, and vocational readiness, while also having this document published in the Newsletter for parent review

**Lenape Regional High School District, Substitute Teacher**, Shamong, NJ February 2018 – September 2018

- Adapted teaching methodology and managed classrooms in order to meet students' varying needs and interests
- Established clear objectives for all lessons, units, and projects and communicate those objectives to students
- Observed and evaluated students' performance, behavior, social development, and physical health

**Triton Regional High School, SAC Counseling Intern**, Runnemede, NJ January 2018 – May 2018

- Gained valuable knowledge through school administration, guidance, and teaching staff to provide comprehensive counseling services to students of all genders, races, socioeconomic statuses, religions, and cultural backgrounds
- Conferred with parents or guardians, teachers, administrators, and other professionals to discuss children's progress, resolve behavioral, academic, and other problems, and to determine priorities for students and their resource needs
- Reported, reviewed, and investigated harassment, intimidation, and bullying cases to ensure student protection
- Helped students develop healthy coping skills, make positive lifestyle choices, and avoid substance abuse problems
- Provided compassionate individual and group counseling using varying therapeutic modalities to address substance abuse and other behavioral/developmental issues

### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

**ARI Fleet Management, Flex Procurement Coordinator**, Mount Laurel, NJ February 2015 – February 2017

- Coordinated, managed, and bolstered trusting relationships with external and internal clients by deescalating individuals, providing critical supply chain support, and maintaining phenomenal lines of communication
- Created a managerial approved business plan estimated to bolster annual revenue by \$125,000 within this Fortune 100 company
- Provided informational support for assigned clients, account administrators, account executives, supervisors, and managers in a timely, efficient and proactive fashion
- Managed executive accounts including Google, NextEra, GlaxoSmithKline, United Rentals, Stantec and UTC

**North American Spine and Pain, Medical Record Keeper**, Hainesport, NJ December 2014 – February 2015

- Developed a positive and approachable nature to display a full commitment to the happiness of the patients
- Demonstrated fantastic time management and customer service skills for new and existing patients
- Signed, agreed to, and fully respected the law, values, and code of HIPAA Privacy Rule in order to protect client confidentiality

**W&J Residence Life, Resident Assistant**, Washington, PA September 2012 – December 2014

- Managed 40 students and oversaw 4 buildings with over 600 students while on active duty
- Demonstrated problem solving skills by competently addressing resident concerns and issues on a daily basis
- Provided support, guidance, knowledge, and direction to incoming Freshman in order to increase success

### LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

**Athlete – Washington and Jefferson College Division III Men's Soccer Team**, Washington, PA

**Volunteer – Lemoyne Center After School Program**, Washington, PA

**Volunteer – AmeriCorps**, Washington, PA

- Completed over 300 hours by mentoring and tutoring children

### SKILLS

- Microsoft Suites, Naviance, College Board, Genesis, and Common Application
- College Board Online Certifications: Student Boost – Counselor Best Practices for Academic Success; Beyond Numbers – Assessment, Scores and Student Opportunity; Leveraging Data & Technology – Enhance Your Counseling Program
- Microsoft Suites (Excel, Word, Access, Outlook, PowerPoint)