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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Counselor Education and Supervision Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA Academic Honor: Chi Sigma Iota Rho Eta Sigma Epsilon Dissertation Chair/Supervisor: Dr. Joy Mwenda	May 2025
Master of Science, Counseling Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL Concentration: Mental Health Counseling and Applied Behavior Analysis Academic Honors: Psi Chi, Golden Key Clubs & Organizations: Regional Vice President for the Counseling Student Organization	Aug 2020
Master of Science, Special Education Florida International University, Miami, FL Academic Honors: Kappa Delta Pi, Peace Grant Thesis: "Multisensory in Mathematics"	Aug 2011
Bachelor of Science, Special Education Florida International University, Miami, FL Academic Honors: Kappa Delta Pi Clubs and Organizations: Future Teacher of America (president), Kappa Delta Pi (secretary)	May 2009

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

License or Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) MH21327 Florida Counseling Board Organization	Oct 2022 – Present
National Certified Counselor (NCC) # 1722575 National Board of Certified Counselors	Oct 2022– Present
Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC) 1722575 National Board of Certified Counselors	Oct 2022– Present
Certified Autism Spectrum Disorder Clinical Specialist (ASDCS) Evergreen Certifications	May 2023– Present
Certified Trauma Professional Evergreen Certifications	Aug 2022– Present
EMDR Trained EMDRIA	Aug 2022– Present

Florida Teacher Certification in Exceptional Student Education (ESE K-12), English for Students of Other Languages (ESOL) K-6 Elementary Education, and Autism endorsed
Department of Education Aug 2005- June2024

Staff Certificate for Day Cares
Department of Children and Families

May 2012-present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: PROFESSIONAL TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Graduate Student Intern May 2024 – present
Liberty University, Behavioral Health Sciences
Lynchburg, VA
Responsible for Create lessons and give support and feedback to students. Grade student work.
Answer emails as well as create class announcements in Canvas.

Graduate Student Teacher Aug 2024 – present
Nova Southeastern University, Department of Psychology
Davie, FL
Responsible for Responsible for Create lessons and give support and feedback to students. Work collaboratively with prof3essor.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Special Education Administrator from Aug 2020 – Mar 2021
Holmes Elementary School
Miami, FL
Create training for teachers to understand students with special needs within their classroom.
Conduct individual education and re-evaluation meetings. Assure district and state compliance and deadlines. Assist in ESOL (English as a Second Language) assessments and documentation.
Help students and families with referrals as well as assistance in the classroom.

Collaborative Special Education Teacher Feb 2020 to Nov 2020
Briggs Education
Miami, FL
Collaborate and train a teacher to assure each student who has a special education need, is getting the appropriate accommodations and resources.

Autism, Special Education Teacher Oct 2013 – June 2020
Citrus Grove Middle School, Miami Dade Public School
Miami, FL
Teach and plan academics for students within the autism spectrum. Maintain students' safety. Analyze behavior and implement behavior modification within the classroom setting. Work cooperatively with peers and creatively focus on students' needs and interests. Implement and develop student goals and complete IEPs. Maintain communication with parents and professional agencies to stay informed about resources to use as references for parents and colleagues.

Function as the curriculum support person within the school to assist coworkers with the self-contained curriculum. Assist colleagues with technical support as well as train other colleagues on IEP writing and the program it is written on.

Curriculum Writer

Sept 2018 – Dec 2018

Will Tutor U Inc. (WTU)

Miami, FL

Collaborate with company orders through virtual means (Skype, email, text, phone) to create an adequate curriculum for the program. Establish an outline for the idea of curriculum for implementation in the program. Create pre and posttest for teacher usage within the program. Create lesson plans to follow within the program using ideas from the outline. Be available and on call for any changes or updates needed within the program's curriculum.

Summer Senior Counselor

June 2017- Aug 2019

Temple Beth Ann Day Camp

Pinecrest, FL

Instruct toddlers on developmentally appropriate skills. Make sure the children are safe and have a fun time. Assist in water activities. Potty-training children or cleaning children that require cleaning. Be creative and flexible to assure children are learning while having a wonderful time. Teach art skills.

Summer Camp Counselor

June 2015 - Aug 2015

Miami Seaquarium

Teach students about marine life and how to protect it. Keep students safe, while providing fun educational activities around the park. Give students a scene tour of the park and schedule time for shows accordingly. Conduct arts and crafts lessons as well as science experiments for the students to be engaged.

Special Education Teacher

Aug 2011 to Oct 2013

Promised Land Therapy Academy

Goulds, FL

Teach and mentor students with diverse developmental disabilities. Work cooperatively with a co-teacher and creatively with a focus on the development and implementation of lessons for each student related to job readiness, life skills, and academic goals. Ensure the classroom meets the students' needs; create picture symbols, work with visuals, etc. Collaborate with parents, faculty members, and community agencies. Maintain case files for each student and ensure progress. Write memos to parents and administration regarding upcoming events or student progress. Maintain building and classroom organized and sanitary throughout the day.

Special Education Teacher

Sept 2010 to June 2011

My Own Teacher Academy

Miami, FL

Teach and mentor students with diverse disabilities such as autism, learning disabled, emotionally disturbed, and behavioral disabilities. Work independently and creatively with a focus on the development and implementation of lessons for each student related to job readiness, life skills, and academic goals. Organize field trips for the facility, consisting of 30+

students: to include but not limited to coordination. Ensure the classroom meets the students' needs; create picture symbols, work with visuals, etc. Collaborate with parents, faculty members, and community agencies. Maintain case files for each student and ensure progress.

Transition Teacher

Jun 2009 to Aug 2010

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind
Miami, FL

Responsible for teaching and mentoring students with visual impairments, ages 14-21, about communications and skills necessary to flourish in their academic and business endeavors. Work independently and creatively with a focus on the development and implementation of lessons for each student related to job readiness and life skills. Assist teens in learning how to be independent and advocat

COURSES TAUGHT

Liberty University

COUC 692 Practicum	Fall 2024
COUC 505 Counseling Skills	Summer 2024
COUC 512 Group Counseling	Fall 2023

Nova Southeastern University

PYCL 680 Counseling Practicum	Fall 2024
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PUBLICATIONS

Published

Romero, O. Telehealth and play therapy. Insession Magazine, Jul 2024. pg 33-34.

Romero, O. Counseling beyond the seen. Insession Magazine, Mar 2023. pg 45-46.

Pending

Romero, O. (2023). Non documented Students [Manuscript submitted for publication].
Department of Behavioral Health and Family Services, Liberty University.

Romero, O. (2023). Latino supervision [Manuscript submitted for publication]. Department of
Behavioral Health and Family Services, Liberty University.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited

Romero, O., Cheung, H. Glass, W., May, K., Hooks, G., & Conner, A. (October 2024). Looking
for Mentorship in the Right Places [virtual]. ACA's Emerging Professionals Conference

National

Romero, O. (Mar 2025) *Counseling People with Disabilities* presented at the Annual American Counseling Association. Orland, Florida (Waitlisted).

Romero, O. (April 2021) *Telehealth with People with Visual Impairments*. Presented at the Annual American Counseling Association. Virtual.

State and Regional

Romero, O. & Woods, A. (November 2024) *Helping Children Transform their Trauma*. Presented at the Florida Counseling Association Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.

Romero, O. Lopez, D., & Woods, A. (November 2024) *Embracing Neurodivergence in Counseling*. Presented at the Florida Counseling Association Annual Conference. Tampa, FL.

Romero, O. & Lopez, D., (November 2024) *Embracing Counseling Students with Disabilities*. Presented at the Florida Counseling Association Annual Conference. Tampa, FL.

Romero, O. (September 2023) *Self Care for the Healer*. Presented at the Florida Counseling Association Annual Conference. Tampa, FL.

Romero, O. (February 2020) *Moving the Geriatric Population to Success!* Presented at the 2020 Annual Florida Mental Health Conference. Lake Mary, FL.

Local

Romero, O. (October 2024) *Navigating Counseling Nondocumented Student*. Virginia Symposium. Virtual.

Robertson, B., Robertson, F., Maldonado, J. M., Estrada, A., Romero, O. (April 2024). *B Latino/ a Mental Health Advocacy: Inclusive Approaches Towards Cultural Norms and Values*. Antioch University Seattle's CSI Omega Mu Gamma Chapter 2024 Online Social Justice Symposium.

Crable, A. & Romero, O. (November, 2023). *Ethics: Cultural Competency and Diversity*. Emporia. KS (Virtual).

Romero, O. (April 2011) *Using Multisensory to Teach Mathematics*. Presented at the 2011 Annual Education Conference at Florida International University. Miami, Fl.

GRANTS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

Teacher of the Year	2019
Citrus Grove Middle School, Miami, FL	

Project Peace	2009-2011
Florida International University	
Grant Amount: Full tuition	

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Administrative Assistant
Disability Service Office
Florida International University

July 2005 – May 2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Counseling Association (ACA)	2018- present,
Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling (ASERVIC)	2019 – present
Association in Creativity in Counseling (ACC)	2019 – present
Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling (ACAC)	2019 – present
Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES)	2023- present
Florida Mental Health Counseling Association (FMHCA)	2018- present
Florida Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling (FACAC)	2023-present
Florida Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling (FASERVIC)	2023-present
Florida Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (FACES)	2023-present
Chi Sigma Iota Rho Eta Sigma Epsilon (CSI)	2024 - present
American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA)	2019- 2021

LEADERSHIP

Committee Chair
Graduate Student and New Professional Committee, ACA

July 2024 – July 2026

Committee Chair
Public Awareness Committee, FCA

July 2024 – present

Committee Chair
Membership Committee, SACES

July 2024 – present

Secretary

July 2024 – present

Florida Association of Child and Adolescent Counseling

Graduate Student Representative 2023 –2026
Graduate Student and New Professional Committee, ACA

Regional Vice President 2018 -2020
Counseling Student Organization, Nova Southeastern University

CLINICAL COUNSELING EXPERIENCE

President//Mental Health Counselor Feb 2022 - present.

Romero Sound Mind Counseling
Miami, FL

Provide individual, couples, and family counseling services to children, adolescents, and adults via telehealth. Maintain proper documentation and diagnosis for each client. Work collaboratively with the financial director to assure budgets are kept. Work on marketing and office rules/procedures.

Lead Clinical Supervisor/Mental Health Counselor Nov 2021 - present.

Behavioral Turning Point
Miami, FL

Provide individual and family counseling services to children, adolescents, and adults in person and via telehealth. Maintain proper documentation and diagnosis for each client. Train and supervise new therapists' in-office procedures and assist them when needed. Work collaboratively with the Clinical Director and assist in any office procedures and meetings, when needed.

Mental Health Counselor Feb 2022 - March 2023

Monarch All Health, LLC
Homestead, FL

Provide individual and family counseling services to children, adolescents, and adults in person and via telehealth. Maintain proper documentation and diagnosis for each client. Collaborate with other personnel in the office to assure patient well-being.

Lead Mental Health Counselor Intern July 2020 to Nov 2021

Behavioral Collaboration Care Solutions
Miami, FL

Provide individual and family counseling services to children, adolescents, and adults in person and via telehealth. Maintain proper documentation and diagnosis for each client. Train new therapists on office procedures.

Mental Health Counselor Mar 2020 - Nov 2020

Psyched Solutions
Miami, FL

Provide individual, family, and group counseling services to children, adolescents, and adults. Create treatment plans, biopsychosocial, and diagnosis for each client. Provided telehealth services to clients.

Mental Health Counseling Graduate Intern

Aug 2019 – Jul 2020

Larkin Community Hospital, PHP

Miami, FL

Build rapport and work with adults with serious and persistent mental illness within partial and intense hospitalization settings. Work with a multidisciplinary team to ensure the patient's best interest and success within the program. Assist adults in meeting their personal goals and teaching coping skills while using crisis intervention techniques including person-centered approach/planning and harm reduction interventions. Facilitated group and individual counseling sessions. Conducted consent for treatment, and biopsychosocial and wrote treatment plans. Assist with follow-up phone calls related to patients as well as calls needed for court proceedings.

Registered Behavioral Technician/Educational Specialist

Nov 2019 – Mar 2020

Full Spectrum LLC.

Miami, FL

Plan sessions for each client, based on behavioral plans. Provide appropriate interventions for behaviors. Work on behavior goals and data collection. Write notes on the session and invoices for billing purposes. Teach the client phonics, reading, and writing skills.

Pretrial Intern

Aug 2019 - Nov 2019

Dade County Corrections

Miami, FL

Mediated conflicts within the facilities to clarify and resolve underlying issues, while being sensitive to the cultural and linguistic needs of the individuals served. Organized files and assisted in the creation of a new file system.

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

Career Day Outreach

May 2023

Isaac Academy

Miami Springs, FL

Spread awareness about mental health as well as taught students about the career and the profession of mental health counseling.

Proposal Reviewer

July 2024 Sept 2024

FCA's Annual Convention

Career and Advocacy Outreach

July 2024

Broward Lighthouse for the Blind

Provided education and awareness of the profession of counseling for teens who have visual impairments, while discussing the obstacles I faced.

Community Outreach

Jun 2024- Jul 2024

Miami, FL

Provided mental health services to geriatric group that lost their home and belongings in a fire.

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Girls Ministry Teacher/Co-leader

Aug 2021 -- Jan 2024

El Redentor Church

Miami, FL

Help plan and create fundraisers and events for the ministry. Assist with mentoring of the girls. Help with various mental health topics that come up by providing psychoeducation and biblical coping skills.

Boys and Girls Missions Club Director

Jan 2017 – Mar 2019, Mar 21 – Dec 2023

El Redentor Church

Miami, FL

Create fundraisers to help missionaries around the world. Be creative and instruct kids, ages 5-12, about missionary work. Conduct presentations within the church related to the Boys and Girls Club Ministry.

Amazon Mission Trip

June 2015-Jul 2015

Aims Mission, Florida Multicultural District

Children's Coordinator/Director

June 2016 - Mar 2019

El Redentor

Miami, FL

Organize a calendar for the children's ministry. Manage and observe teachers and have meetings to insure everyone is on the same page. Plan fundraisers and children-related events such as parties, plays, and shows. Review curriculum and monitor ministry achievement. Function as a spokesperson for the ministry.

Youth leader

Aug 2013 - Dec 2018

Risen Forever Youth Group, El Redentor
Miami, FL

Conduct meetings with other leaders for the youth group vision to flourish amongst the youth.
Go to sectional and district meetings, camps, and conventions with youth and as a representative.
Speak in front of the church as a spokesperson or in front of the youth group for announcements
or topic discussions. Counsel and mentor youth on life, college, and career.

Radio co-host

Jun 2017 - Jan 2018

Urban Praise
Miami, FL

Constructed plans for the show. Created topics to be discussed and collaborated with other
personal. Scheduled and planned special guests and events. Assisted with social media.

TECHNOLOGY KNOWLEDGE

Telehealth Platforms

Doxy.me

Updox

Vsee

Electronic Medical Records (HER)

Office Ally

Simple Practice

Practice Fusion

Additional Technology

Adobe

Canvas/Blackboard

Google Workplace

Google Suite (Docs, Slides, Meet, Sheets, Classroom)

Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Office Suite/365 (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Publisher)

Natural Reader

Skype

Speechify

Webex

Zoom

REFERENCES

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Associate Professor

Supervisor and previous professor at NSU as well as recent college.
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