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- *Experienced Educator* • *Seasoned Administrator* • *Skilled Clinician*

*... Committed to enhancing growth of the human spirit through  
excellence in pedagogy, programmatic innovation and multimodal intervention.*

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## RESUME AND CURRICULUM VITA

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### CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES

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#### **Project Development Consultant**

Counselor Education Learning Systems  
N1984 Lakeshore Drive  
Fontana, WI 53125  
877-248-6789

Counselor Education Learning Systems (CELS) purpose is to develop advanced education tools for counselor education preparation programs. My role is to assure that all CELS programs meet accreditation standards, test new product prototypes, and facilitate seamless integration with existing counselor education formats.

#### **Director of Administration and Development**

Avante Garde Wholistic Health Centers  
Russell Springs, Somerset, and Bowling Green, KY

Avante Garde is an "out-front and leading" wellness organization, grounded by a wholistic foundation. My role is to provide organization and direction for the company. I also design curriculum for personal and professional growth seminars and retreats offered by the company.

#### **Project Director**

Lipscomb University  
Nashville, TN

Lipscomb University is a private, Liberal arts university that offers associates, bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees in a variety of concentrations. My role is to direct accreditation while organizing curriculum and developing policy.

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## RECENT PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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1. Founding of a CACREP-Accredited Master of Education degree in Counseling with a Specialization in Mental Health Counseling.
2. Founding of the School of Professional Counseling at Lindsey Wilson College and the establishment of twenty-seven (27) extended program sites.
3. Authoring and Lobbying of the Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor law for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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## PREVIOUS SERVICE POSITIONS-ABRIDGED

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**Executive Director**

Kentucky Mental Health Counselors Association (KMHCA), INC.

**President**

Kentucky Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (KACES)

**President**

Kentucky Counseling Association (KCA)

**President**

Kentucky Mental Health Counselors Association (KMHCA)

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## MOST RECENT ACADEMIC POSITION

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**Dean of the School of Professional Counseling/  
Director of Graduate Programs  
Professor of Counseling and Human Services**  
Lindsey Wilson College  
Columbia, KY 42728

**1992-2011**

**Annotated Position Description:**

The responsibility of the Dean of the School of Professional Counseling is to serve the students of the college by providing administrative oversight and programmatic development for the LWC School of Professional Counseling (SPC). The Dean of the School of Professional Counseling is responsible for the overall operation and administration of all SPC programs at all sites including personnel, curriculum, accreditation, assessment, budgeting, and course scheduling. The Dean of the SPC ensures the development, administration, and maintenance of on-going programmatic assessment and certifies that all CACREP and SACS criteria are being met within the School of Professional Counseling. The Dean of the SPC reports to the President of Lindsey Wilson College.

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## PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 1990-1992                      Provost and Dean of the Faculty  
Lindsey Wilson College
- 1988-89, 1993-2001      Chair of Human Services and Assistant Professor  
Lindsey Wilson College
- 1985-1987                      Clinical Counselor/Therapist  
T.J. Samson Community Hospital  
North Race Street  
Glasgow, KY 42141
- 1981-1986                      Staff Psychometrist/Clinical Counselor  
Barren County Board of Education  
202 West Washington  
Glasgow, KY 42141
- 1974-1981                      Director of Consultation and Education Services  
Area Supervisor & Clinical Counselor  
Barren River Comprehensive Care  
Glasgow, KY 42141
- 1973-1974                      Psychiatric Technician  
Central State Hospital  
Nashville, KY 37203

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## EDUCATION

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- 1987-1990                      Tennessee State University  
Ed.D. - Counseling Psychology
- 1977-1978                      Western Kentucky University  
Post-Masters Study: Counselor Education
- 1973-1974                      Middle Tennessee State University,  
Class Standing: Summa cum Laude, M.A./Psychology
- 1969-1973                      David Lipscomb College, Class Standing:  
Cum Laude, B.S./Psychology

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## PROFESSIONAL LICENSURES AND CERTIFICATIONS

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Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor - #0046  
National Certified Counselor, National Bd. Of Certified Counselors - #37260

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Past-President - Kentucky Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (KACES)  
Past-President - Kentucky Counseling Association (KCA)  
President - Kentucky Mental Health Counselors Association (KMHCA)  
Clinical Member - American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA)  
Professional Member - American Counseling Association (ACA)  
Member - Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)  
Member - Psi Chi - National Honor Society in Psychology  
Member - Chi Sigma Iota - National Honor Society in Counseling

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## ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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### **Chair of the Human Services and Counseling Division**

As chair of the Human Services division, I was responsible for overall divisional administration and operations, departmental curriculum, faculty recruitment, accreditation criteria, program assessment, departmental budgets, and course scheduling. During my tenure, the Human Services department has increased in enrollment (approximately one-third of the total LWC graduating class), grown from three (3) FT faculty to seven (7) FT faculty and has added a CACREP accredited masters program with specializations in Mental Health Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy.

### **Provost and Dean of the Faculty**

During my two (2) years as Provost and Dean of the Faculty, I was responsible for the academic life of the college. Specific areas of responsibility involved policy development, budgetary planning, faculty recruitment, and other associated responsibilities. Additionally, my role as provost required consultation with other executive staff in the areas of institutional planning, quality control, grant acquisition, and fiscal forecasting.

### **Director of Graduate Programs and Extended Studies**

As Director of Graduate Studies, I originated, planned, networked, and developed a Master of Education in Counseling and Human Development program. I have developed support materials (catalogues, handbooks, policies and procedures, and etc.), developed program curriculum

according to national specialty requirements, secured CACREP accreditation and established guidelines to document compliance with necessary various accreditation agencies.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE-PARTIAL LIST

The following is a partial listing of coursework I have taught and developed:

HS 3303/PSYC 3010	Pre-Adolescent Psychology
HS 3133/PSYC 3030	Learning Theories and Assessment
HS 3103/PSYC 3130	Human Growth and Development
HS 3203/PSYC 3140	Introduction to Counseling
HS 3153/PSYC 3150	Abnormal Psychology
HS 3233/PSYC 3160	Case Management, Intake and Referral
HS 4153/PSYC 4000	Advanced Counseling*
HS 4003/PSYC 4100	Research Methods
HS 4103/PSYC 4140	Principles & Techniques of Group Counseling
HS 4283/PSYC 4270	Personal Growth and Development*
HS 4243/PSYC 4270	Creative Counseling*
HS 4253/PSYC 4270	Ethics and Professional Issues*
HS 4393/PSYC 4270	Psychology of Religion*
HS 4263/PSYC 4270	Crisis Intervention
HS 4273/PSYC 4270	Principles of Personality Assessment*
HS 4203/PSYC 3110	Theories of Personality
PSYC 410G	Psychology of Learning
PSYC 495G	History and Systems of Psychology
PSYC 522	Advanced Adolescent Psychology
PSYC 551	Classroom Guidance
PSYC 558	Theories of Counseling
CHD 5003	Lifecycle Development*
CHD 5033	Counseling and Psychotherapy*
CHD 5043	Group Counseling Techniques*
CHD 5073	Psychopathology*
CHD 5083	Research Methods and Statistics*
CHD 5093	Ethics and Professional Issues*
CHD 5513	Mental Health Admin. & Prevent. Education *
CHD 5523	Mental Health Case Mngmnt. & Consultation*
CHD 6003	Practicum*
CHD 6106	Clinical Internship I*
CHD 6203	Clinical Internship II*

\* denotes a course that I have developed in its entirety.

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## PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION

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### A. Program development and institutional assessment:

The Master of Counseling and Human Development Self-Study (1995) submitted to the *Council for accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)* on behalf of Lindsey Wilson College.

The Master of Education in Counseling and Human Development Program Proposal (1994) submitted to *the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)* on behalf of Lindsey Wilson College.

Major Contributor, The Master of Education in Counseling and Human Development Program Catalogue; 1995-96, 1996-97, 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

The Institutional Assessment Plan for Lindsey Wilson College (1991-92).

The Institutional Assessment Plan for Lindsey Wilson College (1990-91).

The Institutional Self-Study (1991-92) submitted to the *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)* on behalf of Lindsey Wilson College. (Self-Study Director and Editor).

The Faculty Evaluation Handbook, Lindsey Wilson College (1990-92).

Activity I, Title III Grant funded in 1992.

Major contributor, LWC Faculty Handbook (1990-91, 1991-92)

Major contributor, Lindsey Wilson College Catalogue (1990-92)

Lindsey Wilson College Institutional Goals and Objectives (1990-91)

### B. Professional Publications

Kentucky Mental Health Counselor Association (KMHCA) 2002. [www.kmhca.org](http://www.kmhca.org) web site. Developed and published site.

Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS 335.500-335.900) 2002. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Bill. (Drafted Original Legislation.)

Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS 335.500-335.900) 2000. Certified Professional Counselor Associate Bill. (Authored Original Legislation.)

Rigney, J. and Bryant, A. (1995). Coming home: Utilization of the wilderness experience. ERIC, 1995.

Rigney, J. and Bryant, A. (1995). The Spiritual Journey: Techniques for Therapeutic Intervention. Proposal accepted. Directions in Mental Health Counseling. Submission date: Fall 1995.

Rigney, J. and Bryant, A. (1995). Coming home: Utilization of the wilderness experience. Manuscript under review. Journal of Counseling and Development.

Rigney, J. (1992). Moral Development and Religious Dogmatism. *Beyond basic belief*, Chapter Two. Terry Swan (Ed.)

Sandhu, D.S., & Fong, L.Y., & Rigney, J.R.. (1995). Teaching students through their culturally specific learning styles. The Journal of Accelerative Learning and Teaching.

Sandhu, D.S., & Rigney, J.R. (1995). The nature and origin of prejudice and its management in the therapeutic situation. Directions in Mental Health Counseling.

Sandhu, D.S. & Rigney, J.R. (1995). Culturally responsive teaching in U.S. public schools. Kappa Delta Pi Record, 31 (4), 157-162.

### **C. Selected Professional Presentations**

Touching the Spirit. *Kentucky Counseling Association*; October, 1993.

Touching the Spirit II: Spiritual Awareness in Counseling, *Kentucky Counseling Association*; October, 1994.

Group Approaches to Enhance Gender and Racial Equities Through Prejudice Counseling, *Association for Specialists in Group Work*; January, 1995.

Coming Home: Utilization of the Wilderness Experience in Counseling; *American Counseling Association*; April, 1995.

Spiritual Development Counseling: Techniques for Therapeutic Intervention, *Kentucky Counseling Association*; October, 1995.

The Conceptualization and Development of a CACREP Graduate Program, *KACES State Conference*, 1995.

The Spiritual Journey: Techniques for Therapeutic Intervention, *American Counseling Association*; April, 1996.

Teaching the Therapeutic Concept of Meaning; Kentucky Mental Health Counseling Association Conference; March 2000.

Every Song Tells A Story: The Utilization of Music in Counseling; Kentucky Mental Health Counseling Association Conference; March 2008.

Music as a Therapeutic Adjunct. Kentucky Counseling Association Conference; March 2010.

Incorporating Music as a Rapport Builder in Therapeutic Groups; Kentucky Mental Health Counseling Association Conference; March 2011.

#### **D. Faculty Service**

##### Chair of Faculty Affairs Council (1988-89, 1989-90, 1993-94, 1994-95)

The Faculty Affairs Council is one of the three senior councils and is responsible for matters related to the institutional and professional lives of faculty. Major areas of responsibility include academic governance, faculty development, and peer review of faculty effectiveness.

##### Member of Academic Affairs Council (1988 - Present)

The Academic Affairs council is responsible for all academic-related matters such as curriculum, standards and requirements, and academic standing or status. The council provides oversight to the academic program, establishes ad hoc committees as needed, and responds to proposals from divisions and subordinate committees.

##### Chair of Graduate Programs Committee (1993 - Present)

The Graduate Program committee is a faculty/staff advisory committee for providing input and consultation to graduate programs of the college. Areas of involvement include the review of policy and procedure, coordination with other existing college programs, and assistance in accreditation/quality assurance efforts.

##### Member of Faculty Development Committee (1989-90, 1993-94, 1994-95)

The Faculty Development committee awards faculty development funds, prepares and recommends policy related to individual and faculty-wide professional development, and has general oversight of the level of faculty development on campus.

Trainer, Master Teacher Program: The purpose of this program was to enhance the skills and provide on-campus professional development opportunities for full-time and associate faculty. Instructional topics included: Enhancing Student Involvement in the Classroom, Creative Approaches to Classroom Assessment, Behavioral Approaches to Classroom Management, and others.



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## CONSULTATION

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The following are some of the agencies/institutions for which I have provided consultation/educational services:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kentucky  
The Louisville Conference of the Methodist Church  
Martin College  
Western Kentucky University  
Singles Without Partners  
Lifestyle Management Associates  
The Professional Development Center Network  
The Human Performance Lab at Indiana State University  
T.J. Samson Community Hospital  
Southern Kentucky Head Start Association  
The Youth Development Project of the Episcopal Church  
The Adolescent Awake group of the Presbyterian Church  
The Barren County Board of Education  
The Glasgow Board of Education  
The Edmonson County Board of Education  
The Metcalfe County Board of Education  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Westlake Community Hospital  
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company  
The Adanta Clinical Group  
Hospice of South-central Kentucky

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## REFERENCES

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Lindsey Wilson College  
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Professor, Eastern Kentucky University  
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