

IVA SKILLSET

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EDUCATION

St. Olaf College, Northfield MN

Majors: Social Work and Religion

Honors: St. Olaf Honors Recognition (2005-08)

Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society for Academic Achievement in Religious and Theological Studies

Graduation: May 2008

Cumulative GPA: 3.71

Study Abroad: Islam's Emphasis on Development and Community: Bangladesh (January 2008)

Religion and Cultural Diversity: South Africa (January 2007)

Sustainable Development and Social Change: Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua (Spring 2006)

QUALIFICATIONS

HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

- **Social Work Intern** District One Hospital; Faribault, MN Sept.-Dec. 2007
Worked as a member of an interdisciplinary health care team. Completed Social Work duties for the patient and family unit across the lifespan from birth to geriatrics in the inpatient and outpatient setting. Assisted in coordination of language interpreters and participated in hospital committees.
- **Camp Counselor/Volunteer** Castaway Camp; Detroit Lakes, MN Summer 2002 & 2005/Fall 2002-2007
Counseled junior high and high school camps in a nondenominational Christian outreach setting. Weekend volunteer experience included being part of the work crew team that serves the campers.
- **Nursing Home Volunteer** Three Links Care Center; Northfield, MN Oct.-Dec. 2006
Built relationships with residents through weekly visits.
- **Affordable Housing Advocate** Habitat for Humanity; Minnesota & Nicaragua Sept.-Dec. 2004, Apr. 2006
Fundraised in Northfield, MN and assisted a local carpentry team in building a house in Leon Nicaragua.

LEADERSHIP

- **Student Representative** St. Olaf Social Work Dept.; Northfield, MN Feb.-May 2007
Attended weekly faculty meetings as the representative of those majoring in Social Work. Reported on students' concerns and provided feedback of the weekly minutes to the majors via email.
- **Kids' Club Coordinator** YouthWorks!; Pyramid Lake Reservation, NV Summer 2005
Created a daily program for children ages 4 through 12 including, crafts, songs, Bible stories, and games. Led a program that stimulated interaction between youth group members and Paiute children. Empowered the youth to build meaningful relationships. Made and planned meals, led praise and worship.

ORGANIZATION/PLANNING

- **Club Director** Young Life; Bismarck, ND and Northfield, MN Sept. 2002-Present
Created and direct a local section of Young Life, a non-profit organization committed to providing creative fun for youth within a Christian setting. Organized a parent committee, formulated links with regional clubs, engaged community youth, and assisted in fundraising for the Northfield program. Facilitated a Bible study. In both locations, gave talks, planned games, led singing, performed contact work, and mentored youth.
- **Program Coordinator** Camp Knutson; Crosslake, MN Summer 2006 and 2007
Planned and led programs such as carnivals, theme parties, and outdoor games for campers with special needs (Down's syndrome, autism, cardiac disorders, skin disorders, deaf and hard of hearing, and HIV/AIDS). Hired through Lutheran Social Services as Waterfront Coordinator and Program Specialist.
- **Researcher** Familias en Accion; Northfield, MN Feb.-May 2007
Conducted research for Familias en Accion, an organization working to assist Latino families in Northfield through support services and accessible information. While carrying out surveys, used intermediate Spanish-speaking abilities gained through coursework and abroad experience.