

Danielle Ryer

South Jersey Motivational Speaker, Autism Advocate & Family Autism ‘Stim-Friendly’
Support Coach

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy **May 2017**

Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ

GPA: 3.2

Master of Social Work

Anticipated December 2020

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

GPA 3.75

Work Experience

Coach, Advocate, Staff Training

July 2019 – Present

Garden State Discovery Museum, Cherry Hill, NJ

Coaching and staff training for floor staff. Presentations for Open Arms events on Autism Spectrum Disorder, stress management, and other forms of psychoeducation.

Rutgers Study Abroad Internship

May 2019 – June 2019

Beijing, China; Guangzhou, China

Provided interactive lectures on dialectical behavioral therapy and positive psychology to Chinese middle and high schoolers in Guangzhou, and present to college students at Renmin University on psychological risk assessment and suicide prevention.

Radio Host, DJ Dr. Comedian

September 2018 – Present

91.5 WDBK Camden County College Radio, Blackwood, NJ

Stand-up comedian-turned radio host playing live, FCC-compliant media over the radio, providing uplifting self-care messages, and the occasional joke, and occasionally conducting pre-recorded interviews regarding politics, positive psychology, and social work.

Social Work Intern

January 2019 – July 2019

United Methodist Communities at Collingswood, Collingswood, NJ

Offer social support to the elderly and terminally ill in an assisted living facility, hospice and nursing home; administer the St. Louis University Mental Status Exam to match residents with the services they need; advocate for the best care and explore ethical issues.

Stand-Up Comedian, Dr. Comedian

April 2014 – Present

Self-Employed

Psychology, mental health, and social work education through comedy.

Autism Education Self-Advocate & Public Speaker **2011 – Present**

Self-Employed, Various Locations

Educate law enforcement, mental health professionals, school administrators and other public officials about how to collaborate with individuals on the autism spectrum and related disabilities. Subcontracted with various organizations such as Phoenix Warriors Autism & Mental Health Services, localized in Connecticut.

Examination Proctor

October 2018 – Present

Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ

Administer make-up, placement, and online testing exams to community college students in a quiet setting. Perform clerical work.

Volunteer Crisis Intervention Counselor

October 2016 – Present

CrisisTextLine.org (Remote)

Motivate and empower texters in emotional crisis through active listening, validation, reflection, and problem solving.

Outpatient Therapist Intern

June 2018 – August 2018

The Center for Autism, Philadelphia, PA

Provide mental health services for individuals on the Autism Spectrum ranging from childcare to outpatient therapy, under the supervision of a licensed social worker.

Summer School Teacher Assistant

July 2017 – August 2017

Y.A.L.E. School, Cherry Hill, NJ

Connect and engage with middle school-age children in a special education setting. Teach foundational English and arithmetic skills under supervision of lead teacher.

Supervisor

July 2009 – June 2012

Jubili Beads and Yarns, Collingswood, NJ

Supervise co-workers with special needs to guide them in assigned tasks. Assign tasks to students based on a diverse array of functional skills. Facilitate teaching of foundational job skills to co-workers.

Floor Staff

May 2012 – November 2013

Garden State Discovery Museum, Cherry Hill, NJ

Interact with guests as well as organizing activities for the children. Volunteer during Open Arms autism nights as an autism educator.

Orphanage Volunteer

Summer 2015

Voorhees Animal Orphanage, Voorhees, NJ

Feed, provide care, maintain sanitary living conditions for animals.

Intern & Advocate

Summer 2016 – Spring 2017

Academic Success Center (Disability Resources), Glassboro, NJ

Advocated for students with disabilities, primarily students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Performed clerical work. Assisted with “Get Fit” exercise program for people with special needs.

YTV

Y.A.L.E. School, Cherry Hill, NJ

2009 – 2010

News anchor, gag show writer, and host of a high school television program.