

Dr. Melissa Schacter, DMFT, LMHC, LMFT

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Florida Licensed Mental Health Counseling License Number MH13160
Florida Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy License Number MT3118
New York Licensed Mental Health Counseling License Number 006851
Approved Supervisor for MHC & MFT interns in the state of Florida
Approved AAMFT Supervisor & Clinical Fellow Member ID 143868

Adjunct Facility at Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL Feb 2019- Present
• Marriage and Family Therapy Program

Care Counseling, LLC, North Miami, FL April 2019- Present
Owner & Head Therapist
• Private practice
• Serving individuals, couples, adolescents, and families

Isaac Farin Therapy, Aventura, FL Jan 2015- Present
Therapist
• Private practice
• Serving individuals, couples, adolescents, and families

Bal Harbour Institute, North Miami Beach, FL Jan 2013- Dec 2017
Therapist
• Private practice
• Serving individuals, couples, adolescents, and families

Atlantic Shores Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, FL Jan 2014- Jan 2015
Therapist Intern
• Residential treatment for adolescent boys and girls
• Completed assessments, individual therapy, group therapy, and family therapy
• Developed therapy curriculum and oversaw program expansion

Fort Lauderdale Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, FL Jan 2013- Jan 2015
Therapist Intern
• Acute psychiatric treatment focusing on patient stabilization, primarily in adolescent unit
• Completed assessments, individual therapy, group therapy, and family therapy

TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Brief Therapy Institute, Nova Southeastern University

Jan 2013- Dec 2016

Doctoral Student Internship

- Provided therapy services to individuals, couples, and families
- Utilized systemic and rational approaches in psychotherapy

Fort Lauderdale Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Dec 2010 - Dec. 2011

Mental Health Counseling Internship

- Completed over 1000 clinical hours in an inpatient psychiatric hospital
- Rotated through the Acute Adult Psychiatric, Chemical Dependency, Child and Adolescent, and Pride units of the hospital
- Treated psychiatric illness including Bipolar Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder, Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Personality Disorders, Alcohol and Polysubstance Dependence Disorder, as well as trauma and abuse (emotional, physical and sexual)
- Provided individual, group, and family therapy
- Led process groups and psychoeducation groups centered on topics such as forming healthy relationships, interpersonal skills, anger management, relapse prevention, and medication management
- Completed evaluations including biopsychosocial assessments, auditory and visual hallucination assessments, and suicidal/homicidal ideation assessments
- Formed clinical impressions, created diagnostic summaries, determined initial diagnoses, and engaged in treatment and discharge planning
- Acquired basic knowledge of insurance company policies and procedures in a hospital setting
- Supervisor: Maribel Quiala, LCSW.

Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL

Oct. 2011 – Jan. 2012

Department of Psychology Studies - Research Assistant

- Conducted research on college students' attitudes towards seeking psychological help
- Coded participant data and conducted literature review
- Supervisor: Dr. Tara Jungersen M.Ed.

University of Miami, Miami, FL

Summer & Spring, 2008

Research Assistant

- Conducted research in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine to explore the relationship between immunological and psychological factors associated with health maintenance and disease progression among long-term survivors of HIV
- Completed interviews for data collection, scored patient questionnaires, entered data in SPSS, recruited and screened patients, engaged in community outreach and HIV prevention
- Completed OSHA Blood Born Pathogen Training
- Supervisors: Elisabeth Balbin, M.A; Dr. Gail Ironson, M.D., Ph.D.

EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University, Davie FL Aug 2012 - Dec 2016
Doctorate in Marriage and Family Therapy (DMFT)

Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL Jan 2010 - Jan 2012
Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling. (M.S)

McGill University, Montreal, QC Sep 2006 – Dec 2009
*Bachelor of Arts, Major in Psychology; Minor in Education
& Women studies*

University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL Spring, 2008
Semester Abroad

• Relevant coursework: Counseling Skills and Techniques, Abnormal Child Psychology, Applied Research, Intro into Psychological Statistics, Environmental Science

Marianopolis College, Montreal, Qc Aug 2004 - Jun 2006
Diploma d'Etudes Collegial (DEC) in Social Sciences

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Nova Southeastern University Counseling Student Organization. Sept 2010 - Jan 2012
- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Member I.D 143858

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- The Qualitative Report 6th Annual Conference: *Visualization Techniques for transforming Qualitative data*; Davie, FL
- AMFT 2015 Annual Conference: *Treating Technology Issues in Couples' Relationships*, Austin, Texas

RESEARCH AND GRANTS

- **President's Faculty Research and Development Grant:** Improving Access to Mental Health Care and Counseling Services for Families, 2015-2016 winner

CERTIFICATION /TRAINING

- Baker Act Training. 2011
- EMTALA training (Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act) 2011
- Trauma focused CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy). 2011
- CPR& First aid Training. Current
- HIPPA Training Current
- Florida required licensure training in HIV/AIDS, Medical Errors, Domestic violence, & Florida Laws and Rules Current

SKILLS

Effective communicator and collaborator, fluent in French, proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint,) and SPSS.

References Available Upon Request