

## **Administrative Experience**

**Director of Field Education, Widener University, Center for Social Work Education,  
Chester PA**

*August, 2019-  
Present*

- Develop and administer the MSW field program for students in the MSW program delivered on campus and online
- Oversee the field placement process conducted by Assistant Directors of Field Education for BSW and MSW students
- Collaborate with Assistant Directors of Field Education in developing and providing field instructor trainings
- Coordinate all field activities
  - Development of a field calendar
  - Development and revision of the concurrent field seminar curriculum
  - Use of electronic database (Sonia, Exxat)
  - Development and delivery of field instructor trainings
  - Supervision and support of faculty liaisons

**Associate Director of Field Education, Widener University, Center for Social Work Education,  
Chester PA**

*January, 2018-  
August, 2019*

- Develop policy and process for field education for Masters of Social Work students in online program
- Develop and maintain relationships with host agencies on a local and national level
- Assess the field education needs of on-line students
- Develop and provide field instructor training in person and on-line
- Supervise and support faculty liaisons
- Develop and teach Integrative Field Seminar on-line

**Assistant Director of Field Education, Widener University, Center for Social Work Education,  
Chester PA**

*February, 2015-  
January, 2018*

- Coordinate the student placement process
  - Interview each student
  - Explore and select field sites
  - Match students with field settings appropriate to their learning needs
  - Maintain active collaboration with agencies on selection of qualified field instructors

## **Teaching Experience**

**Adjunct Faculty, Widener University, Center for Social Work Education,  
Chester, PA**

*May, 2015-  
Present*

- Teach the following courses on-line and/or on-campus:
  - Interpersonal Processes
  - Grief and Loss Across the Lifespan
  - Foundation Practice Sequence
  - Field Seminar
  - Social Work Practice with Older Adults
  - Medical Social Work

**Adjunct Faculty, Marywood University School of Social Work and Administrative Studies  
Lehigh Valley Program, Center Valley, PA**

*August, 2013-  
May, 2015*

- Served as faculty liaison for MSW field education students, first and second year
- Served as adjunct instructor for the following courses:
  - Human Behavior and the Social Environment
  - Professional Foundations: Educating for Tomorrow's Practice
  - Culminating Integrative Seminar

- Concepts and Issues in Gerontology
- Social Work Practice with Groups

## Practice Experience

### **Counselor, Cancer Support Services, St. Luke's Cancer Center, Allentown, PA**

*June, 2010 –  
January, 2015*

- Conducted assessments of adults with cancer focusing on the bio-psycho-social-spiritual needs of the individual
- Provided short-term counseling to individuals with cancer and their family members
- Assisted with practical needs related to cancer treatment including, but not limited to insurance issues and referrals to outside agencies
- Provided social work services during weekly palliative care satellite clinic
- Participated in committees to address the educational and supportive needs of individuals with cancer
- Facilitated a monthly support group for women with breast cancer
- Documented in the medical record
- Collaborated with colleagues and development office to write grant proposals to fund a social work discretionary fund
- Developed policy and procedure for distress screening among individuals with cancer in compliance with the COC guidelines
- Supervised MSW students in the oncology and/or palliative care setting

### **Social Work Student Supervisor, Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Allentown, PA**

*January, 2012-  
April, 2013*

- Provided MSW supervision to students at the Bachelors and Masters level on a contracted basis

### **Behavioral Health Scientist, St. Luke's Family Medicine Residency Program, Bethlehem, PA**

*October, 2011-  
May, 2012*

- Educated Family Medicine Residents in recognizing and treating behavioral health disorders, understanding importance of self-awareness and communication skills.
- Worked with Family Medicine Residents in referring patients to appropriate community providers for mental health and substance abuse services
- Participated in observation of Family Medicine Residents working with standardized patients and provide feedback regarding communication and empathy

### **Hospice Social Worker, St. Luke's Hospice House, Bethlehem, PA**

*March, 2000 –  
March, 2010*

- Developed and implemented inpatient social work services at eleven and fourteen bed free-standing hospices
- Conducted skilled assessment of bio-psycho-social-spiritual needs of hospice patients and family members
- Worked collaboratively with the interdisciplinary team to develop a plan of care
- Provided emotional and grief support to patients and family members of a variety of ages
- Assessed the bereavement risk of family members and provided bereavement counseling and support
- Educated staff regarding social and emotional factors that impact patients and family members at end of life
- Educated patients and staff regarding Medicare regulations, guidelines and reimbursement of hospice services
- Documented in computerized medical record

## Other Experiences

### **Director of Community Services, American Day Treatment Centers, Neptune, NJ & Exton, PA**

### **Director of Social Services, Summer Hill Nursing Home, Old Bridge, NJ**

### **Mental Health Counselor, St. Clare's Medical Center Eating Disorders Unit, Denville, NJ**

**Social Worker, *Morris Hills Multicare Center, Morristown, NJ***

## **Educational Internships**

**Administrative Social Worker, *Marywood University School of Social Work-Lehigh Valley Program Field Education Office***

- Participated in the development of a decentralized Field Education Office
- Participated in developing, planning and presenting student orientation and field instructor training programs
- Interviewed students for internship placements
- Planned and conducted seminars for first year student interns
- Recruited new agencies and field instructors to serve as supervisors for student interns
- Created and maintained databases of community agencies
- Participated in developing contracts with community agencies to host student interns
- Revised evaluation of students, field instructors and faculty liaisons; collected evaluation data; analyzed and presented data
- Participated in revision of student Field Education Manual
- Supervised a student intern
- Conducted literature reviews to assist field supervisor with development of class and field assignments
- Planned and delivered a lesson as a guest lecturer for Social Work Perspectives on Psychopathology

**Graduate Assistant, *Marywood University School of Social Work-Lehigh Valley Program***

- Conducted literature reviews to assist faculty with research projects
- Participated in interviewing prospective students
- Participated in efforts to recruit graduate students
- Participated in efforts to engage students in social work education by presenting to Introduction to Social Work course at the community college level
- Participated in coordination of a continuing education event

**Counselor, Cancer Support Services, *St. Luke's Cancer Center, Allentown, PA***

- Conducted assessments of adults with cancer focusing on the bio-psycho-social-spiritual needs of the individual
- Provided counseling to individuals with cancer
- Participated in weekly interdisciplinary team meetings
- Created directory of resources
- Assisted individuals with practical needs related to cancer treatment
- Completed research on psychosocial distress among women with breast cancer

## **Education**

**Masters Degree in Social Work**  
*Marywood University, Scranton, PA*

**Licensure: LSW**

**Certification: Oncology Social Work**

**Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work**  
*Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA*

*November, 2014-  
October, 2016*

## **Honors**

Albert Geffen Medal for Outstanding Performance in Practicum Education, Honorable Mention

## Presentations

- Brandt, M., Pfeffer, S., & Kinoshian, B. (September, 2019). Medical, legal and ethical aspects of decision making capacity in adults. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Regional Conference on Aging, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, Philadelphia, PA.
- Brandt, M. & Gigler, C. (September, 2019) Making waves as social work leaders. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from National Association of Social Workers-Pennsylvania Chapter annual conference, Pocono Manor, PA.
- Brandt, M. & Votapek, J. (2019, April). Ethical implications of bias towards social work distance education and its impact on students. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Social Work Distance Education Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Brandt, M. & Giamportone, K. (2019, March). Grief and loss through a cultural humility lens. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Crozer Medical Center Social Work Month Conference, Chester, PA.
- Brandt, M., Clark-Johnson, S., & Votapek, J. (2018, April). Field educator dual roles and conflicts: Violation of code of ethics. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Social Work Distance Education Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Brandt, M. & Giamportone, K.E. (2017, April). Growing pains: Challenges and solutions facing one field education department within a rapidly growing online MSW program. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Social Work Distance Education Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Baxter, R., Brandt, M. & Giamportone, K.E., (2016, September). Addressing psychosocial needs of individuals with mental illness in palliative and hospice care. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Pennsylvania Hospice Network, Lancaster, PA.
- Brandt, M. & Myrick, M. (November, 2015). Cultural humility in end of life care. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Widener University Continuing Education Event, Chester, PA.
- Brandt, M., Baxter, R., & Giamportone, K.E. (2015, October). Ethics for the hospice and palliative care social worker. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Pennsylvania Hospice Network, Lancaster, PA.
- Brandt, M. (December, 2014). Secondary trauma and self-care for the helping professional. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown Day of Inservice,
- Brandt, M. & Giamportone, K.E. (2014, November). Understanding the nuances of palliative care and managing complex patient and family dynamics in the palliative care setting. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Tri-County Regional Ethics Committee, Mt. Laurel, NJ.
- Brandt, M., Pfeffer, S., & Rosenstein, K. (October, 2014). Medical, legal and ethical aspects of decision making capacity in adults. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Regional Conference on Aging, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, Philadelphia, PA.
- Brandt, M. (November, 2013). Maintaining hope in the presence of suffering. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from St. Luke's University Health Network, Oncology Grand Rounds, Allentown, PA. November 6, 2013.
- Brandt, M. & Giamportone, K. (July, 2013). The role of the social worker in palliative care. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from St. Luke's University Health Network, Palliative Care Fellow Education Day. Bethlehem, PA.
- Brandt, M. (October, 2012). Maintaining hope in the presence of suffering: Managing reactions to client illness and death. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Marywood University School of Social Work-Lehigh Valley and Reading Fall Field Gathering. Center Valley, PA.
- Brandt, M. (July, 2012). The role of the social worker in palliative care. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from St. Luke's University Health Network, Palliative Care Fellow Education Day. Bethlehem, PA.

- Brandt, M. & Black, P. (November, 2011). End-of-life ethics: Challenges confronting health care professionals. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Tri-County Regional Ethics Committee. Mt. Laurel, NJ.
- Brandt, M. & Baxter, R. (April, 2011). Cancer and mental illness: A challenging combination for patients and providers. *Educational Conference*. St. Luke's University Health Network, Cancer Center 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Radiation Therapy Conference. Bethlehem, PA.
- Brandt, M. (April, 2011). Delirium, dementia, and amnesic and other cognitive disorders. Guest lecturer, Social Work Perspectives on Psychopathology. Marywood University School of Social Work.
- Brandt, M. & Gigler, C. *Seminar in field instruction*. Marywood University School of Social Work Field Education Department. January 28, 2011.
- Brandt, M. & Gigler, C. *Seminar in field instruction*. Marywood University School of Social Work Field Education Department. January 14, 2011.
- Brandt, M. & Gigler, C. *New student orientation to field education*. Marywood University School of Social Work Field Education Department. January 4, 2011.
- Brandt, M. & Baxter, R. (May, 2009). The difficult interface between mental illness and end of life care. *Educational Conference*. Lecture conducted from Pennsylvania Hospice Network Annual Meeting and Conference. Erie, PA.

## **Grants**

- Cancer Center Resource Library, Funding Source, St. Luke's Auxiliary, May, 2013.
- With John Flenner, M. Ed., Social Work Discretionary Fund. Funding Source, Women's 5K, September, 2012.
- With John Flenner, M. Ed., Social Work Discretionary Fund. Funding Source, Women's 5K, September, 2011.
- With Susan Gorman, CRNP, Personalized Breast Cancer Transition Program. Funding Source, Women's 5K. January, 2011.
- With Susan Gorman, CRNP, Personalized Breast Cancer Transition Program. Funding Source, St. Luke's Auxiliary, May, 2011.

## **Professional Affiliations**

- National Association of Social Workers
- Tri-State Field Consortium
- Social Work Distance Education Field Consortium (founding member, President Elect)
- Council on Social Work Education