Curriculum Vitae

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PROFILE

23 years teaching counselling - nationally

10 years teaching counselling in international, multi-cultural settings

Extensive publication in areas of counselling and personal development

18 years supervised experience as a personal counsellor and counsellor supervisor

In collaboration with over 50 community agencies and tertiary training institutions, developed and presented inservice programs for staff, client groups and students

19 years experience supervising training teams

Provided supervision and support for Masters level research in the fields of education, social work and counselling

19 years directorship / management of private organisation providing counsellor training

An area of speciality is teaching counselling of children and adolescents

14 years experience in administration

Experience as a classroom teacher

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Doctoral research topic: Multiple intelligence theory and the therapeutic alliance

The process of therapy – neuroscience and outcome research and implications for practice

Developing emotional literacy and wellbeing for youth through groupwork programs

Application of multi-modal counselling approaches

Current project: "The aesthetics of the counselling space: Counsellor perceptions of the influence of the therapeutic context."

KEY SKILLS

Self-motivation

Proven written and oral communication skills

Development and delivery of interactive training programs

Ability to support and guide teams, committees and professional associations

EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING BACKGROUND

2011

Supervising Postgraduate Research (ED6115) 25 credit points 39 hours University of Notre Dame Australia - Semester One

Award Recipient: Vice Chancellor's Postgraduate Medal 2010

2010

Doctor of Counselling commenced February 2010 – University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle campus – expected completion late 2012.

Project title: Multiple intelligence and the therapeutic alliance: Counsellors' and clients' perceptions of the effect of incorporating multiple intelligence theory into counselling practice.

Finalist for University of Notre Dame, Australia – Lecturer of the Year Awards - 2010

1998 - 2001

Master of Education - Behaviour Management

Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane Dissertation: Guidance officer and counsellor perspectives on supporting students through Expressive Therapies (2001 – published 2003).

1996 - 1998

Certificate in Transpersonal Psychology Psychotherapy training through the Grof Transpersonal Training 610 hours Recognised by the International Transpersonal Association as a Masters level course

1986 - 1987

Two year training in multi-modal experiential psychotherapy through apprenticeship with the directors of a private training organisation: a Jungian Analyst/Sandplay Therapist and a Gestalt trainer. Living Water Centre, Blue Mountains, NSW.

1986

Diploma in Emotional Release Counselling and Transpersonal Studies Living Water Centre, Blue Mountains, NSW 12 weeks full time - 540 hours

Course components:

Experiential Counselling, Jungian Psychology, Sandplay Therapy, Transpersonal Psychotherapy, Gestalt Dreamwork, Emotional Release Processes.

1983 - 1984

Various certificates in therapeutic bodywork and teaching relaxation and meditation Nature Care College, Crows Nest, NSW

1970 - 1972 Diploma in Teaching William Balmain College of Advanced Education, Sydney, NSW Primary Teaching

CAREER HISTORY

2009 - 2011

Lecturer in Counselling – School of Arts and Sciences, University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle Course development and teaching - 8 units each semester and numerous guest lectures - p. 9.

1997 - 2011

Director, Manager and Senior Counselling Trainer Expressive Therapies Institute of Australia – courses conducted around Australia, New Zealand, and in S. E. Asia

1991 - 2008

Inservice training provider, for over 50 community, welfare and educational organisations - Australia, New Zealand and S. E. Asia – details p. 12.

1995 - 2008

Regular Guest Trainer in Expressive Therapies The Australian Council of Educational Research - Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney

1987 - 2005

Counsellor and supervisor in Private Practice Working with counsellors, adults, couples, families, children and adolescents Blue Mountains NSW, Brisbane and Melbourne

1989 - 1997

Director of Training and Personal Development Facilitator The Portiuncula Centre for Personal and Professional Development - Toowoomba, Qld.

1990 - 1994

Co-Director and Counselling Trainer Inner Work Centre, Hazelbrook, NSW

1986 - 1990

Counselling Trainer - Expressive Therapies Living Water Centre, Blue Mountains, NSW

1979 - 1984

Editor / Writer Harvest Publishing, Balmain, NSW

1975 - 1976

Administrator - Grants Officer Australian Film and Television School, Ryde, NSW

1975

Tutor / Director - Remedial Reading Clinic - Balmain, NSW Self-employed, contracts with local schools

1973 - 1974

Primary School Teaching - Merrylands, NSW NSW Department of Education

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- **Pearson, M.** (1991). From healing to awakening: An introduction to transpersonal breathwork. Valley Heights, NSW: Inner Work Partnership.
- Pearson, M., & Nolan, P. (1991). Emotional first-aid for children: Emotional release exercises and inner-life skills. Springwood, NSW: Butterfly Books.
- **Pearson, M**. (1997). The healing journey: A workbook for self-discovery. Melbourne: Lothian Books.
- **Pearson, M.**, & Wilson, H. (2001). Sandplay and symbol work: Emotional healing and personal development with children, adolescents and adults. Melbourne: ACER Press.
- Pearson, M. (2004). Emotional healing and self-esteem: Inner-life skills of relaxation, visualisation and meditation for children and adolescents. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers. (also in Korean edition)
- **Pearson, M**., & Nolan, P. (2004). Emotional release for children: Repairing the past, preparing the future. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
- Pearson, M. (2006). The Innerspace Program: A proactive groupwork program for emotional literacy, student wellbeing and resilience. Student Workbooks and Facilitator Guides. Brisbane: Expressive Therapies Institute of Australia.
- **Pearson, M.**, & Wilson, H. (2009). Using expressive arts to work with mind, body and emotions. Theory and practice. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
- **Pearson, M.**, & Millar, J. (in press). A fern in the forest. Visualisation, relaxation and stillness. Activities and music for young people 7 to 10 years. Melbourne: Millapede Projects. Book and CD.
- Pearson, M., & Millar, J. (in press). Imaginary journeys. Visualization and movement adventures for calm wellbeing and self-esteem. Activities and music for young people 7 to 10 years. Melbourne: Millapede Projects. Book and CD.
- Pearson, M., & Millar, J. (in press). Sitting still, doing nothing. Mindfulness, self-awareness, meditation. Activities and music for young people 9 to 14 years. Melbourne: Millapede Projects. Book and CD.

BOOKS IN PREPARATION

Pearson, M., Wilson, H., & O'Brien, P. (Eds.) (in preparation). Expressive Therapies in action. Application and research.

BOOK CHAPTERS IN PREPARATION

Pearson, M. (in preparation). Using Expressive Therapies in school settings. Research and current practice. In M. Pearson, H. Wilson, and P. O'Brien (Eds.) (in preparation). Expressive Therapies in action. Application and research.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Pearson, M. (2003). Guidance officer and counsellor perspectives on using expressive therapies to support students. Australian Journal of Guidance and Counselling, 13(2), 205 - 224.
- Pearson, M. (in press). Multiple intelligence and the therapeutic alliance: Incorporating multiple intelligence theory and practice in counselling. *European Journal of Psychotherapy & Counselling.* (due out September 2011)
- Pearson, M., & Wilson, H. (2008). Using expressive counselling tools to enhance emotional literacy, positive emotional functioning and resilience: Improving therapeutic outcomes with Expressive Therapies. *Counselling, Psychotherapy and Heath*, 4(1), 1-19.
- **Pearson, M**., & Wilson, H. (under review). Can the counselling room contribute to the effectiveness in therapy? Do aesthetics make a difference for client or counsellor?
- Smith, G., & **Pearson, M**. (2011). Counselling clients from an older generation. *Psychotherapy in Australia, 17*(3), 12 18.
- Smith, G., & **Pearson, M**. (in press). Counselling clients from a younger generation. *Psychotherapy in Australia, 17*(4),

OTHER ARTICLES

- **Pearson, M**., & Wilson, H. (2008). Opening doors to a safe haven Creating healthy family landscapes through Expressive Therapies. *PACAWA Newsletter, 42, 4 5*.
- **Pearson, M**., & Wilson, H. (2009). Using expressive arts to work with mind, body and emotion. *Psychotherapy in Australia, 16*(1), 55 64.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & ATTENDANCE

2011

Research Conference – School of Arts & Sciences, Notre Dame, Fremantle, March: - **Keynote**: Multiple intelligence and the therapeutic alliance: Counsellors' and clients' perceptions of the effect of incorporating multiple intelligence theory into counselling practice.

Attendance at: Quality SCAPE – Annual conference of the Society of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators – Brisbane 30 April – I May

2010

Research Conference – School of Arts & Sciences, Notre Dame, Fremantle, March: - **Keynote**: Researching Expressive Arts Therapies: Practice-based evidence and the 'common factors' in therapy outcomes.

Authentic Counselling Practices: Challenging current thinking, creating new knowledge. National Education Conference, University of Southern Queensland, Hervey Bay, April:

- Invited presentation: Using Expressive Arts Therapies to work with mind body and emotion

- Invited workshop: Symbol Work: A practical workshop

2009

Australasia Pacific Play Therapy Association Conference, Launceston, August:

Invited presentation: After earthquakes, solid ground - Repairing attachment through Sandplay
 Invited workshop: Symbol Work and Sandplay Therapy: The dance between structure and freedom.

Early Years in Education Society – National Conference, Perth, September:

- Invited presentation: Stories without words: Adapting Sandplay Therapy for the early years

Attendance at: International Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Conference – Perth, November

2008

Sexual Assault Support Service Conference, Qld Health, Inaugural Conference, June, Brisbane: - Keynote: Self-care and healthy professional boundaries

NSW Women's Refuge Movement - Child Support Conference, April, Sydney:

- **Keynote**: Exploring the story without words – Expressive Therapies support for children in counselling.

2007

Association for Supervision, Coaching, Consultancy in Australia and New Zealand, October, Sydney: - Keynote: Creativity in supervision: Using Sandplay and Symbol Work

Education Queensland – Guidance Officer Conference, April, Hervey Bay: - Invited presentation: Developing emotional literacy - Enhancing emotional communication with students.

Creative Therapies Association of Aotearoa (New Zealand) Conference, March, Auckland: - **Keynote**: *Emotional healing, emotional literacy and resilience*.

- Full-day **invited workshop**: Processing, reflecting and integration: Art and multiple intelligences in the healing journey.

2006

Inaugural Australian National Sandplay Therapy Conference: Sand & Psyche, Sydney: - Invited presentation: Through earthquakes to solid ground.

Society for Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators - 7th National Conference – Adelaide: - Presentation: Landscapes of the soul: Shaping compassion through Sandplay Therapy.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2009 - 2011 Full professional member of the Australian Creative Arts Therapies Association

2007 - 2009 Academic member of the Australian Counselling Association

2007 - 2008 Consultant to the working party (Malaysia) for the formation of the Selangor Association for Play and Expressive Therapies

2004 - 2006 Member: Queensland Counselling Association (Member Association of PACFA)

2000 - 2005 Member: Queensland Association for Family Therapy (Member Association of PACFA)

1994 - 2005 Founding member: Queensland Transpersonal and Emotional Release Counsellors Association (Member Association of PACFA)

SUPERVISION Experience as a Counselling Supervisor

Supervisor as part of private practice. Recognised as a supervisor by ACA

Supervision of Masters research in social work, counselling and education (Notre Dame, Queensland Health, Victorian Department of Education, QUT)

2004 – 2007 Regular provision of individual and small-group supervision for counsellors: Hearthaven Centre for Expressive Therapies - Melbourne Expressive Therapies Institute - Brisbane

Experience as a Counselling Supervisee

2009 - 2011 Participation in group supervision of Personal Growth Group facilitators at Notre Dame.

2004 - 2006 Participation in on-going peer supervision group - meeting every 6 to 8 weeks - Brisbane

2001 - 2007 Individual supervision - 2 supervisors: I for client and group work, I for personal process.

1994 - 2005 As a member of QTERCA, required to provide evidence of a minimum of 40 hours supervision per year.

2004 - 2006 As a member of QCA required to present evidence of supervision of 12 hours per year.

TRAINING COURSES DEVELOPED / CONDUCTED

2009 - 2011 University of Notre Dame Australia

Unit content developed, co-ordinator, lecturer and tutor for counselling units at the University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle campus:

Bachelor in Counselling

CN102 – Personal Growth Group

CN201 - Couples and Families Counselling

CN207 - Meditation and other Stress Reducing Techniques

CN302 – Personal Growth and Group Facilitation Training

CN304 – Guest lectures – Special Topics in Counselling

Graduate Diploma in Counselling Skills

CN414 - Case Studies and Supervision

CN413 – Couples and Families Counselling

Masters in Counselling

CN503 – Counselling Couples and Families

CN606 – Dissertation Supervision

Guest lectures in Grad. Cert. in Mental Health Counselling

Unit: CN512 - Professional Issues in Mental Health Counselling

Lecture titles: Professional Issues: Stress and Burnout Community Agency Work vs Private Practice The Future of Mental Health Counselling Research

2007 - 2008

Pathways to Student Wellbeing - Proactive, practical skills for improving communication, emotional support and resilience.

Recognised by ACA, CAPA, Scripture Union, Qld.

8-day program for school chaplains and GOs.

For: The Australian Council for Educational Research in conjunction with Scripture Union. Course designed and written, but not yet implemented.

2006 - 2011

The Innerspace Programs – Proactive Groupwork Program for Emotional Literacy, Student Well-being and Resilience

Recognised by ACA, CAPA, Education Queensland. 2-day training for teachers, GOs, social workers, psychologists, chaplains and private practitioners.

Level One - Junior - 7 to 9 year olds Level Two - Middle School - 10 to 14 year olds

For: Expressive Therapies Institute of Australia Education Queensland

2003 Expressive Therapies Unit - Counselling Theory 3 (CNST3) - Bachelor of Health Sciences (Counselling)

14 face-to-face lectures x 3 hours each
Co-developed with Helen Wilson
For: The Australian College of Natural Medicine, Brisbane
Course designed and written, but not yet implemented.

2002 Master of Education (Counselling) - Major: Sandplay & Symbol Work

University of Southern Queensland Co-developed with Helen Wilson Course designed - Not yet adopted by USQ

1998 - 2011 Certificate in Expressive Therapies with Children and Adolescents – Somatic Focussed, Creative Counselling for Emotional Integration.

Recognised by PACAWA, ACATA, ACA, CAPA, Selangor Association for Play and Expressive Therapies, Ministry of Education, Singapore.

15 days 105 hours (Co-developed with Helen Wilson)

Conducted annually around Australia since 1991, Singapore since 2001, Malaysia since 2005.

For: Expressive Therapies Institute of Australia Agape Counselling Centre, Malaysia Academy of Human Development, Singapore

1998 - 2002

Certificate in Relationships Counselling - with Emotion-Focussed Methods

15 days - 152 hours

Co-developed and presented with Helen Wilson

For: The Turnaround Centre for Expressive Therapies Expressive Therapies Institute of Australia

1995 - 2011

One-day Professional Extension Training Workshops

Counselling with Adult Clients:

Spirituality in Counselling: Exploring the spectrum of re-connection.

Healing and Improving Relationships. Symbol Work and emotion-focused approaches.

Building Strong Support Teams – through personal growth.

Using Multiple Intelligence Theory and Practice: Responding to client needs.

Processing, Reflecting and Integration: Art and multiple intelligences in the healing journey.

One-day Professional Extension Training Workshops

Counselling with Children and Adolescents:

Expressive Therapies with Troubled and Traumatised Young Clients.

Working Through Anger and Frustration with Young Clients.

Introduction to Sandplay Therapy.

Grief, Loss and Separation: Emotion-focused approaches to counselling young clients. Using Expressive Therapies in Pastoral Care: Supporting emotional expression.

Expressive Therapies in Schools: Counselling activities to reduce difficult behaviour.

The Arts in Creative Counselling: Music, rhythm and mandalas.

Introduction to Symbol Work for Counsellors: Projective activities with miniatures.

1991 - 2011

Certificate in Sandplay Therapy and Symbol Work

Recognised by PACAWA, ACATA, ACA, CAPA, Malaysian Psychotherapy Association, USQ, UQ. 105 hours - co-developed with Helen Wilson

Conducted annually around Australia since 1991, in New Zealand 2006 - 2007, Singapore 2010.

For: Expressive Therapies Institute of Australia
 Marco Creative Arts Trust, Auckland
 St. Andrews Lifestreams – St. Andrews Mission Hospital, Singapore

1990 - 2006

Level I, Level II and Level III Practitioner Certification in Expressive Therapies

PACFA and ACA recognised courses.

Three years part-time 1,650 hours

Course conducted annually between 1990 and 2006 (Co-developed with Helen Wilson)

For: Inner Work Centre, Hazelbrook, NSW Portiuncula Centre for Professional Development Expressive Therapies Institute of Australia

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ATTENDED

2010

Professional Doctorate course work, University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle. Recipient of the Vice Chancellor's Medal for course work.

I-day training: Society of Professional Social Workers – Everything you ever wanted to know about child abuse. November, Fremantle.

I-day workshop: PACAWA Professional Development Workshop. November, Perth.

2009

2-day training: The search for the mythical mate: Integrating attachment, differentiation and neuroscience for effective couples therapy. Bader, E., & Pearson, P. - Psychotherapy in Australia course, March, Sydney.

2-day training: The intersystem approach to couple therapy: An integrative perspective. Dr Gerald Weeks - Psychotherapy in Australia course, August, Perth.

2-day training: Brain-based therapy: Integrating science with theory and practice. John Arden & Lloyd Linford - Psychotherapy in Australia course, November, Perth.

2008

2-day training: Supershrinks: Learning from the field's most effective practitioners. Dr. Scott Miller - Psychotherapy in Australia course, November, Sydney.

2007

2 days: Creative Therapies Association of Aotearoa (New Zealand) Conference

- Healing Ways, march, Auckland.

2006

5-day course: Advanced Sandplay Therapy with Ruth Ammann - President of the International Society for Sandplay Therapy, Brisbane.

2-days: Sand & Psyche - Inaugural Australian Conference on Sandplay Therapy - C. G. Jung Society – Sydney.

I-day: Australian and New Zealand Music Therapy and Guided Imagery Association Conference, Auckland.

3-day: LandScape – 7th National Conference of the Society for Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators – Adelaide.

2005

I-day training: Sandplay Therapy Master Class - with Ruth Ammann, Brisbane

2-day training: The neuroscience of therapy: Weaving hearts and minds - Dr Louis Cozolino & Dr Daniel Siegel - Psychotherapy in Australia course, Brisbane.

3-day: See-SCAPE – 6th National Conference of the Society for Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators, Gold Coast, Qld.

2-day training: Psyche and soul - Post Jungian directions - Dr Andrew Samuels - Psychotherapy in Australia course, Brisbane.

RECENT INSERVICE PROGRAMS & LECTURES WRITTEN & PRESENTED

2011

SAL Consulting (Clinical and training providers), I-day training: Using Expressive Therapies to work through anger and trauma with young clients. July, Sydney

Centacare, Bathurst, NSW, July:

I-day training: Using ET with Troubled and traumatised young clients. I-day training: Introduction to Sandplay Therapy

2010

Psychotherapists and Counsellors Association of WA, PD presentation: Sandplay: Balancing compassion and curiosity, care and competence. March, Perth.

SAL Consulting (Clinical and training providers), I-day training: Introduction to Sandplay Therapy with young clients. April, Sydney

Department of Education & Children's Services – 2-day training: Introduction to Sandplay Therapy. May, Adelaide.

Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA): I-day training: Introduction to Sandplay Therapy. September, Perth.

2009

Centacare, North West Tasmania – 5 days: Sandplay Therapy foundation skills, July, Devonport.

Centacare: I-day training: Safe anger release. May, Parramatta, NSW.

2008

Life Bridge Community Counselling & Training Centre, I-day training: Grief, loss and separation – Emotion-focused approaches to counselling young clients. November, Sunshine Coast, Qld.

Malaysian Psychology Centre, training evening: Overcoming emotional problems with Expressive Therapies. October, Kuala Lumpur.

Notre Dame University Australia

- September: Expressive Therapies with traumatised young clients
- October: Introduction to Sandplay Therapy

Malaysian Psychology Centre, training evening: Sandplay Therapy for stress management. August, Kuala Lumpur.

Child Youth & Mental Health, I-day training: Working with troubled and traumatised children, June, Townsville.

Alcohol & Drug Foundation of ACT, I-day training: Working with troubled and traumatised children. May, Canberra.

2007

Women's Health – Queensland Wide, Live video stream presentation: Emotional release in therapy - supporting women with a range of issues. March, Brisbane.

Inservice Programs - Australia

- created and presented for staff and / or clients of: St Joseph's Homes, Grafton Nazareth Senior College, Bankstown Benedict Community School, Auburn, NSW The Haven, Youth Refuge, Toowoomba, Qld Bethany Family Care Centre, Geelong, Vic The Victorian Emotional Release Counsellors Inc, Melbourne, Vic The Ballarat Counsellors Support Group, Ballarat, Vic. McAuley Special School, Melbourne, Vic Wesley Centre, Geelong, Vic Fatima Children's Homes, Toowoomba, Old Breath of Creation Centre, Malvern, Vic Sunnybank Family Support Centre, Brisbane Tablelands Rape and Crisis Centre, Atherton, Qld Bremer Institute of TAFE, Ipswich, Qld Cooloola Institute of TAFE, Caloundra, Qld The Association of Children's Welfare Agencies, Inc, Sydney, NSW Mallee Family Care, Mildura, Vic

Inservice Programs - S. E. Asia

KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore - 2008
Malaysian Psychology Centre - 2008
Agape Counselling Centre Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur - 2006 to 2008:

Expressive Therapies with Children and Adolescents - 15 days – two intakes

Agape Counselling Centre Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur - 2007:

Building Strong Support Teams - Through Personal Growth

Academy of Human Development – Singapore - 2001 to 2006
Fei Yue – Family Support Centre – Singapore - 2001 to 2002
Academy of Certified Counsellors - Singapore - 2006 to 2007
Singapore Association of Social Workers - 2007 to 2008
Ministry of Community Development, Singapore: 2-day program for Child Protection
Officers: Planning and Facilitating Groupwork Programs for Young Children

Inservice Programs - New Zealand

Marco Creative Arts Trust, Auckland - 2006 - 2007: Sandplay Therapy