

Candace M. Crawford

CREATIVE PROFESSIONAL & EDUCATION LEADER

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Creative professional with strong education and leadership experience. Passionate about music, art, fashion, and content creation.

EDUCATION

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Esther Boyer College of Music, 2000, Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Music, Music Therapy- Jazz Voice Concentration

ROBERT F. UNKEFER ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGIC MUSIC THERAPY

February 2008, Fort Collins, CO

Neurologic Music Therapy Fellow

February 2005, Fort Collins, CO

Neurologic Music Therapist (NMT) Credential

QUEENS COLLEGE

2004-2006, Queens, NY

Post Baccalaureate Studies, Linguistics and Communication Disorders

CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR MUSIC THERAPISTS

December, 2000, Philadelphia, PA

Music Therapist, Board Certified (MT-BC)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NEW YORK CITY DANCE DESIGN COLLECTIVE

Founding Partner | 2020 to present, New York, NY

A unique collective of independent dance costume designers created as a result of 2020's special circumstances, focusing on connecting and promoting notable national and international dance artists across multiple social media platforms and through in-person events.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION SPECIALIST (SAPIS)

New York City Department of Education | 1/18-present, New York, NY

- Develop and administer specific curriculums around substance abuse prevention for grades K through 5
- Produce and lead positive alternative groups encouraging children and teens to identify and pursue goals and interests without the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Develop lesson plans and adjust as needed to present materials in succinct and coherent style for participants
- Liaise with staff and administration to create impactful, comprehensive social media strategies to inspire students
- Prevent the escalation of substance abuse behaviors to levels requiring treatment
- Decrease the negative health, social, and educational consequences associated with substance abuse through various assessments and structured goal plans

LET'S CONNECT:

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SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES

- Social media savvy - strong passion for social media with vast experience on all platforms, including: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, LinkedIn & YouTube
- Ability to create fresh, new perspectives for engagement and creativity
- Strong understanding of the importance of sharing relevant content and engagement with followers and clients
- Passion for storytelling, entrepreneurship, photography and videography

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

New York City Department of Education | 10/2016-1/2018, Brooklyn, NY

- Taught unit based instruction in dance, theater, music and art for children Pre K to 5th grade
- Developed lesson plans and adjusted as needed to present materials in succinct and coherent style
- Planned student assemblies and programs 3 times per year related unit based instruction
- Recognized and addressed behavioral issues with students and administration
- Supervised and enforced behavioral and safety standards in accordance with school code of conduct
- Provided excellent feedback to parents and guardians by answering questions and concerns and providing follow-up course of action
- Monitored and maintained facilities to ensure the highest standards
- Assisted in planning and development of set and costume design for annual Disney Junior production

OWNER/ COSTUME DESIGNER

Cocoabelly Dance Services, LLC | 7/2009-Present, Queens, NY

- Dance instructor for children and adults; plan lessons, activities & assessments for each class
- Create hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind costumes and limited edition dancewear pieces (Middle Eastern Dance and Latin Dance); create and design pieces for Cocoabelly fashion exhibitions
- Costume designer in various stage productions for dance companies
- Teach costume construction in both group and private settings
- Tutor services for more in depth personal instruction when classroom performance indicates a need

MUSIC AND RECREATION THERAPIST

Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation | 7/2011 -2/2012, Brooklyn, NY

Visiting Nurse Service of New York | 2/2009-1/2011, Queens, NY

- Member of a multidisciplinary team, which worked together to provide comprehensive care meeting patients' needs emotionally, spiritually, cognitively, socially and physically through music therapies
- Provided music and music therapy programs for residents in dementia unit
- Developed and implemented recreational opportunities to enhance and maintain current physical, social, and cognitive abilities
- Proficient with MDS's, care planning and documentation
- Implemented music therapy program launch
- Maintained patient leisure assessments, progress notes, discharge and referral documentation

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity for Women