

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Webster University, St. Louis, MO
Master of Arts in Special Education with Emphasis in Applied Behavior Analysis May 2020

Crown College, Saint Bonifacius, MN May 2008
Bachelor of Science in Urban Ministry

Licensure & Certification

Minnesota Board of Psychology
Licensed Behavior Analyst (No. LBA0809) September 2025 - Present

Behavior Analyst Certification Board
Board Certified Behavior Analyst (No. 1-21-55277) November 2021 - Present

Professional Experience

Co-Founder, Lead Behavior Analyst, Training Director Fall 2022 - Present
Blended Aquatics LLC (Minneapolis, MN)

Board Certified Behavior Analyst January 2023 - April 2024
Impact Learning and Development (Rapid City, SD)

Board Certified Behavior Analyst November 2021 - July 2022
Crissey Behavioral Consulting (Seattle, WA)

Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst November 2019 - November 2021
Crissey Behavioral Consulting (Seattle, WA)

Certified Behavior Technician <i>Crissey Behavior Consulting (Seattle, WA)</i>	July 2017 - October 2019
Classroom Aid <i>Down Syndrome Community (Seattle, WA)</i>	September 2015 - May 2017
Behavior Technician <i>STEPS (Seattle, WA)</i>	September 2015 - June 2016
Specialized Swim Instructor <i>Wedgewood Swim Club (Seattle, WA)</i>	Summers 2013 - 2016
Paraeducator <i>Experimental Education Unit (Seattle, WA)</i>	September 2013 - June 2015
Swim Instructor <i>Foss Swim School (St. Louis Park, MN)</i>	September 2012 - August 2013

Key Projects and Contributions

- Delivers professional training and coaching for caregivers, educators, and aquatic professionals on behavioral safety strategies for aquatic environments.
- Develops curriculum, instructional frameworks, and educational resources to support functional skill acquisition, generalization, and water safety.
- Advocates for expanded awareness of water-related safety risks in behavioral and caregiving fields.
- Leads development of adaptive aquatics programming integrating behavior analytic principles with water safety and swim instruction.
- Developed a dryland movement program supporting movement, safety awareness, and readiness outside the water to complement swim instruction.

Aquatic Safety and Instruction Credentials

Starfish Aquatics Institute <i>Water Safety Educator & Swim School Instructor</i>	April 2023 - Present
American Red Cross <i>CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers</i>	September 2022 - Present
American Red Cross <i>First Aid</i>	September 2022 - Present
American Red Cross <i>Lifeguarding (Including Deep Water)</i>	September 2022 - Present

Areas of Specialization

Adaptive Aquatics Instruction
Water Safety Education & Risk Prevention
Water Safety Curriculum & Program Development
Behavior Analysis in Recreational Environments & Community Settings
Functional Skill Acquisition for Neurodivergent Learners
Caregiver Coaching and Professional Development
Elopement and Wandering Prevention
Natural Environmental Training (NET)
Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Inclusion
