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## **Patricia Enriquez, M.A., C.R.C.**

### **Qualifications and Skills**

- Expert knowledge of vocational diagnostic evaluation and academic testing
- Job placement and job development for disabled job seekers
- Work readiness training and internship development for injured workers
- Specialize in post concussion syndrome, PTSD, trauma/crush injuries and falls
- Specialize in Traumatic Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Injury populations
- Expert in ADA employment and ADA accommodations and modifications
- Extensive knowledge of academic testing and school placement of the disabled
- State rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) and Veterans Affairs (VA) job placement services
- Knowledge of Social Security Disability and Workers' Compensation benefits
- Occupational determinations based on job analysis and classification of skill sets

### **Related Experience**

- 2019-Pres. Empatha (PGAP®) Provider, Psychosocial Return to Work/Return to Life Intervention Services for Workers' compensation and disability carriers; ODG Guidelines, NY
- 2014-2018 Quality Reviewer/Consultant, (Vocational Programs/NPR), MedReview Inc., NY
- 2011-Pres. Director, Project Development & Grants, NYC Expert Disability Associates, LLC, NY
- 2008-2011 Senior Rehabilitation and Placement Counselor, NYU Langone Medical Center Rusk Institute, Vocational Services, NY
- 2008-2011 Vocational Liability Examiner, The Private Practice Center of NY, Inc., NY
- 2004-2007 Manager, New York University, Center for Students with Disabilities, NY
- 2001-2003 Senior Rehabilitation and Placement Counselor, NYU Langone Medical Center Rusk Institute, Vocational Services, NY
- 1998-2001 Vocational Counselor, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Rehabilitation Medicine, NY
- 1995-1998 Vocational Counselor, Jamaica Hospital, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, NY
- 1992-1995 Assistant Psychologist, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Dept. of Neuropsychiatry, NY

### **Education**

**M.A., Rehabilitation Counseling**, Steinhardt School of Education, New York University  
**B.A., Psychology**, State University of New York at Stony Brook

**Certification**

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (C.R.C.)

**Awards**

Mount Sinai Medical Center Employee Recognition of Excellence Award  
National Rehabilitation Association, NY Metro Chapter, Media Award  
Air Force Association, Individual Award, Medal of Merit

**Professional Affiliations**

- 2016-Pres. Associate Member, New York City Employment and Training Coalition (NYCETC)
- 2009-2014 DMD Committee Co-Chair, NYC Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)
- 2010-Pres. Professional Member, International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals
- 2010-Pres. Training Board Member, National Rehabilitation Association, Metro New York Chapter
- 2009-Pres. Full Member, New York Academy of Traumatic Brain Injury
- 2003,2013 Program Book Chair, National Rehabilitation Association, Metro New York Chapter
- 2001 President, National Rehabilitation Association, Metro New York Chapter

**Research & Presentations**

- 2016 Litigating Insurance Disability Claims: The Latest Vocational Issues in Disability Claims. American Conference Institute's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Advanced Forum, Philadelphia, PA. Patricia Enriquez, M.A., C.R.C., Ellen Rader Smith, MA, OTR, Bonny G. Rafel, JD.
- 2014 Vocational Issues in Disability Claims: The Assessment of Own Occupation, Any Occupation, Dual Occupation, and Employability; and Determining a Claimant's Entitlement to Full or Partial Disability Benefits. American Conference Institute's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual National Advanced Forum on Litigating Disability Insurance Claims, NY, NY. Patricia Enriquez, M.A., C.R.C., Nicole Y. Blohm, J.D., and Jim Welty, J.D.
- 2012 Using Social Media (Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter) in your Job Search: A Consumers Guide, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Disability Mentoring Day Seminar in Partnership with NYU Wasserman Center for Career Development. Patricia Enriquez, M.A., C.R.C. and Megan Breen, M.A.
- 2011 Social Networking and Job Placement: A Counselor's Guide, Patricia Enriquez, M.A., C.R.C., Presentation at the NYS ACCES-VR, Placement Consortium Meeting.

- 2010      Employment: Meeting the Needs of Consumer, Counselor and Business, Patricia Enriquez, M.A., C.R.C., Rosalind R. Zuger, M.A., C.R.C., Kyle C. Goodridge, MA, SPHR, Aaron Shmueli, MA, and Chris O'Donoghue, MA. Panel Presentation, Northeast Rehabilitation (NERA) Training Conference.
- 2003      Voice Recognition Computer Training Seminar, Patricia Enriquez, M.A., C.R.C., Adam Gagne, B.S. Training program developed for NYU Medical Center staff and patients.
- 2001      Preparing for Equal Access to Electronic Information at New York University (Section 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act), poster Patricia Enriquez, M.A., C.R.C., Co-author Tara Wilhelm, O.T.R./L., NYU Conference: Teaching & Learning More Effectively with Technology.
- 1998      Computer Based Diagnostic Vocational Evaluation as a Predictor of Successful Outcomes for People with Traumatic Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Injury, Rosalind R. Zuger, M.A., C.R.C., Sandra Starr, M.S., Patricia Enriquez, M.A., C.R.C., Poster NRA Minnesota Training Conference.
- 1995      The Prevalence of Affective Disorders Among HiV-/HIV+ Substance Abusers of a Methadone Maintenance Program, National Institutes of Mental Health, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry, presentation, Patricia Enriquez, B.A.
- 1994      HIV Infected IVDA's: Cognitive Testing and Reaction Time, Time Course and Treatment of HIV Related Mental Disorders, National Institute for Drug Abuse, Public Health Service Project paper, Lenard Handelsman, M.D., Barry Stimmel, M.D., David Simpson, M.D., David Dorfman, Ph.D., Patricia Enriquez, B.A.
- 1993      A Study of a Children's Adjustment to a Parent's Illness, National Institutes of Mental Health paper, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, NY. Karolynn Siegel, Ph.D., Marilyn Newman, R.N., Tina Sapienza, C.S.W., Barbara Freund, D.S.W., Patricia Enriquez, B.A.