

KATHRYN SAUNDERS, MSW, LMSW

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ABOUT ME

An inclusive, authentic Social Worker and servant leader focused on advocating and empowering those around her. Has an extensive background in working with older adults, health care administration, crisis & suicide intervention, servant leadership and team building. Visiting Assistant Professor at George Fox University. ASIST Trainer.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

LivingWorks ASIST Trainer ID#n52091

Oregon Administrator (#NHA-RC-10202061)

Licensed Master of Social Work (LMSW, M6175)

Certified Social Work Associate (CSWA, A10730, currently inactive)

Masters of Social Work, University of New England, 2017

Bachelors of Social Work, George Fox University, 2013

EXPERIENCE

- 2014-Present** **George Fox University, College of Social Work, Master of Social Work Program • Newberg, Oregon**
Assistant Professor of Social Work, Past Associate Field Director (2021-23), Previous Advisory Board Member
- Facilitated all items related to field work including administrative work, agency collaborations, student placements, conflict resolution, setting up new placements, manage online accounts.
 - Taught Field Courses, Social Work with Older Adults Course, Guest speaker in various classes. As of 2024, teaching in BSW program. Developed new courses both in person and asynchronous, recorded digital content.
 - Individual and group supervision for BSW and MSW programs.
- 2014-Present** **Oregon Alzheimer's Association • Portland, Oregon**
Support Group Facilitator, Volunteer
- Facilitates local support group for people caring for loved ones living with dementia, trained by the Alzheimer's Association in Yamhill County.
 - Briefly acted as a facilitator mentor for the Association.
- 2013-Present** **Friendsview Retirement Community • Newberg, Oregon**
Board Member (2023-Present)
- Participates in strategic planning with Friendsview Board of Directors. Chair of the Resident Relations committee. Executive Committee Member.
- Community Life Director (2017- 2021)**
- Manages department of over 25 staff, several community partnerships, senior management leader, systems focused advocacy, manages social work team.
- Social Worker (2014-2017)**
- Facilitated bio-psycho-social assessments, resident care conferences, service planned interventions and treatments, educated staff on resident rights, advocated for residents and families, case management for over 100 residents in health care and 350 independent residents, extensive transitions and admissions coordination.
- Activity Director (2013-2014)**
- Coordinated therapeutic recreation for over 100 residents living in licensed care settings, supervised volunteers and interns, participated in service planning.

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2017, 2021 Washington County Crisis Team (Lifeworks) • Hillsboro, Oregon

Mental Health Clinician (2021) MSW Social Work Intern (2017)

- Mobile and walk in crisis response assessment and intervention, stabilization, safety planning, referrals and resources for people experiencing mental health crisis and suicidal ideation.
- Participated in interdisciplinary crisis management, assisted Washington County Sheriff Police with Mental Health Resource Team Support.

CERTIFICATIONS & SKILLS

Teaching History: Supervision, Management, Leadership Course #699 (MSW) both in person and asynchronous (developed digital course), Field Practicum Course #676, 677 (MSW), Associate Field Director (MSW), Social Work with Older Adults (2017).

Social Work Experience: Providence ElderPlace (BSW Internship 2012-13), Harsch Investment Properties HUD Housing (BSW Internship 2011-12), Oregon Alzheimer's Association Support Group Facilitator/Volunteer (2014-Present), Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) Certification.

Certifications: LivingWorks ASIST Trainer ID#n52091, Oregon Residential Care Facility Administrator #NHA-RC-10202061, Activity Director, Certification in Servant Leadership (Gonzaga University), CPR Certification, Oregon Food Handlers.

Leadership Training: National Leading Age Leadership Graduate, Oregon Leading Age Leadership Graduate and Mentor Leader, National Friends Services Alliance Leadership Graduate, Servant Leadership Certification.

Volunteer Experience: Family Life Church Coffee Shop/Board Member, George Fox University Board Advisor. Newberg-Dundee Citizens Police Academy, Friendsview Retirement Community Board Member of Board of Directors.

Committee Involvement: George Fox University Safety Committee, Portland Campus Safety Member.