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PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Hokeness Rehabilitation Consulting, LLC, July 1994 to present, Owner – Qualified Rehabilitation Consultant**
Registered with the Department of Labor and Industry to provide vocational rehabilitation services adhering to mandated statutes and rules. Consult with injured workers to determine if they are a qualified employee and thus eligible to receive vocational rehabilitation services. Develop rehabilitation plans in cooperation with the parties to the claim and guide the delivery of rehabilitation services. Services include medical management, on-site job analyses, job modifications, vocational testing, counseling and guidance, job placement services, and retraining plan development. The rehabilitation goal is to remove barriers to the employees return to work by assessing the physical suitability of potential jobs and to restore the economic status achieved prior to the disability.
- **Union Construction Workers Compensation Program, December 2005 to present – Qualified Rehabilitation Consultant**
Selected as an exclusive Qualified Rehabilitation Consultant in December 2005 by the Union Construction Workers Compensation Program (UCWCP) Board of Trustees to provide vocational rehabilitation services for union construction workers. Adhere to distinct mandated rules and regulations set forth by the UCWCP as well as Minnesota workers compensation statutes and rules while providing vocational rehabilitation services. Annually attend UCWCP training seminars offered by the Wilson-McShane Corporation to maintain exclusive list status.
- **Social Security Administration, 1999 to September 2006 – Vocational Expert**
Provided impartial testimony as a vocational expert in Social Security Administration hearings. Expert witness opinions were based on knowledge of local and regional labor markets; consideration of individual handicaps to employment; the claimant's past relevant work, residual functional capacities, transferable skills and the cumulative effect they have on the claimant's ability to perform substantial gainful activity.

EDUCATION

- Completed a 15 credit forensic vocational rehabilitation Post-Graduate Certificate program at Minnesota State University-Mankato in May, 2011
- Earned Master of Science (M.S.) degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling from Minnesota State University-Mankato
- Earned Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree with a major in Interpersonal Communication and a minor in Outdoor Recreation from University of Minnesota-Duluth
- Completed faculty-supervised practicum at Mankato Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (M.S. requirement)
- Completed 900 clock hours of faculty/counselor-supervised internship with Hokeness & Associates (M.S. requirement)

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) since 2007. Licensed by Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy.
- Qualified Rehabilitation Consultant (QRC) since 1994. Registered with Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.
- Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) since October 1994. Certified by Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC).
- Certified Case Manager (CCM) since December 1999. Certified by Commission for Case Manager Certification.
- Senior Disability Analyst and Diplomate since 2014. Certified by the American Board of Disability Analysts.