

Joseph H. Torres, M.Ed.

CURRICULUM VITAE

CERTIFICATIONS/DESIGNATIONS

***Certified Rehabilitation Counselor**, United States Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Program*

***Vocational Expert**, Social Security Administration, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review*

***Certified Vocational Expert**, American Board of Vocational Experts*

***Certified Vocational Expert**, California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, California*

***Certified Mediator**, Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Law School, Malibu, California*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Career Development, Inc.

Orange, California

Position: VOCATIONAL EXPERT/CONSULTANT

Vocational Expert: Provide expert witness testimony for Plaintiff and Defense Attorneys, in State Superior Courts, Family Law Courts: for the Social Security Administration Office of Disability Adjudication and Review and Workers' Compensation Appeals Boards.

Vocational Consultant: Assess the person's ability to perform various activities required in specific careers or vocations by reviewing medical reports, conducting personal interviews, conducting academic and vocational testing. Develop return to work plans that are compatible with the person's current physical, linguistic and academic abilities.

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor: Develop and implement vocational programs for industrially injured workers unable to return to their normal and customary occupations following the Rules and Regulations of California Labor Codes in coordination with industrially injured workers, applicant and defense attorneys and insurance representatives.

Employment Network: Provide return-to-work assistance under the Social Security Administration Ticket to Work Program for individuals with physical and/or mental impairments.

Placer County Office of Education

Auburn, CA

Position: DIRECTOR

Director of Multi-cultural Education: Developed and implemented multi-cultural educational programs for the 15 school districts served by the County Office of Education, prepared/dispensed budgets and program reports, community liaison.

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Director of Vocational Training: Recruited, selected and supervised staff and students for vocational training programs. Monitored students' progress, community liaison, prepared/distributed budgets and reports.

Nevada County Office of Education
Nevada City, CA

Position: DIRECTOR

Director of Multi-cultural Education: Developed and implemented multi-cultural education program and services to limited and non-English speaking students for the 19 school districts served by the County Office of Education, prepared/distributed budgets and program reports, community liaison

EDUCATION

2 years of Law School

Trinity University College of Law
Santa Ana, California

Master of Arts Degree in Education

California State University at Sacramento
Sacramento, California

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology

California State University at Fullerton
Fullerton, California

Associate of Arts Degree in Sociology

Cerritos Community College,
Norwalk, California

United States of America Army

Honorable Discharge

Continued certification requires 42 units of continuing education courses every three years.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Completed courses, seminars and sessions sponsored by the following institutions and associations from 1982 to the present time:

- American Board of Vocational Experts
- International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals
- Orange County Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Board of Vocational Experts
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COMMUNITY COLLEGE CREDENTIALS

- Supervisor – Valid for Life
- Student Personnel – Valid for Life
- Professional Education – Valid for Life
- Instructor in Business and Industrial Management, Foods, Food Services and Related Technologies; Psychology – Valid for Life

COMMUNITY SERVICE

International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals
Board Member for California Chapter
Orange, CA

Probeca,
Founder, Director
Santa Ana, CA
Non-profit that provides vocational assessments to community at no charge.

Nevada County Board Of Education,
President
Nevada City, California

Nevada County Board Of Education
Trustee
Nevada City, California

PRESENTATIONS

- March 2007 **Presenter**
Workshop “*What’s New in Workers’ Compensation*”
Employer Advisory Council of Orange County, Inc., Hyatt Regency, Garden Grove, California
- March 2006 **Presenter**
Seminar “*Money and Family Law*”
Orange County Barristers, Chapman University, Orange California
- Oct. 2005 **Speaker**
Seminar, “*Workers’ Compensation Future Diminished Earning Capacity Assessments*”
Powertek Learning Center, Anaheim, California
- 2005 **Presenter**
Presentation Defense Law Firm “*Le Boeuf Assessments*”
Law Offices of Corral, Parish, Arnett & Halas, Corral & Parish, Orange, California

2004

Presenter

Seminar, “*Vocational Evaluation Process and Life Care Plan Development*”
University of California Riverside, Riverside, California