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## EDUCATION

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M.S. **Temple University**, Recreational Therapy 2015  
B.S. **Temple University**, Therapeutic Recreation 2010

## CERTIFICATIONS

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Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS)  
Certification # 58844  
Personal Care Home Administrator (PCA)  
Certification # 0C4C36728A844074AC63A7798A2226362134

## CERTIFICATES

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Temple University Online Teaching Certificate 2016  
Temple University Teaching in Higher Education Certificate 2015  
Dementia Practice Guideline Certified 2010

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Temple University**, Philadelphia, PA

### Instructor

August 2017 - Present

#### Courses:

THRC 4205: Therapeutic Recreation in Geriatric Service Settings  
THRC 3103: Professional Seminar II  
THRC 4196: Therapeutic Recreation Clinical Procedures

**Temple University**, Philadelphia, PA

### Adjunct Instructor

Aug. 2015 – August 2017

#### Courses:

THRC 4205: Therapeutic Recreation in Geriatric Service Settings  
THRC 4111: Administration of Therapeutic Recreation  
THRC 8171: Therapeutic Recreation Administration

## **GUEST LECTURES**

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Crew, A. (2017, April). *Regulatory guidelines in geriatric service settings*. Guest lecture, Therapeutic Recreation Service Settings class, Temple University.

Crew, A. (2016, October). *Marketing yourself, your product & therapeutic recreation*. Guest lecture, Entrepreneurship in Therapeutic Recreation class, Temple University.

Crew, A. (2014, November). *Using the Beamz as a modality in therapeutic recreation*. Guest lecture, Therapeutic Recreation Modalities class, Temple University.

Crew, A. (2013, October). *Reminiscence, Remotivation, Reality Orientation & Validation*. Guest lecture, TR Modalities class, Temple University.

Crew, A. & Tsantilis, K. (2012, March). *The importance of becoming involved in professional organizations*. Guest lecture, Professional Seminar in Therapeutic Recreation class, Temple University.

## **RECENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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Crumbie, V & Crew, A. (2016, September). *The Engagement in Preferred Activities Scale (EPASS): Development of the scale and implications for practice*. American Therapeutic Recreation Association, Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. Also presented at NJ/EPA TRA Annual Conference, Princeton, NJ (November 2015)

Graham, G. & Crew, A. (2016, September). *Older adults & computer-based interventions: Using iN2L in recreational therapy practice*. American Therapeutic Recreation Association, Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Crumbie, V & Crew, A. (2016, April). *Engagement in Preferred Activities Scale: The importance of measuring engagement*. Evidence Based Practice Conference, Temple University.

Crumbie, V & Crew, A. (2016, April). *Engagement in Preferred Activities Scale: Administration of the tool*. Evidence Based Practice Conference, Temple University.

Crumbie, V & Crew, A. (2016, April). *Engagement in Preferred Activities Scale: Online resources for quality improvement*. Evidence Based Practice Conference, Temple University.

Crew, A. & Nelson, R. (2014, October). *Using the Beamz interactive music system in recreation therapy practice: Presenting treatment protocols for diverse settings and populations*. NJ/EPA TRA Conference, Princeton, NJ. \* Also presented at ATRA Mid-Year Conference in New Hampshire (March, 2015), and PTRS Therapeutic Recreation Institute (June, 2015).

Crew, A. (2014, April). *The effectiveness of tai chi interventions on falls in older adults*. Evidence Based Practice Conference, Temple University.

Borgstrom, K., Crew, A., Crumbie, V., Gimbel, J. & Park, K. (2014, April). *Developing tools for measuring preference and engagement in geriatric treatment settings*. Evidence Based Practice Conference, Temple University.

Crew, A. & Hetrick, H. (2011, September). *Brain food: Staying cognitively fit by eating right*. Dementia Education Seminar & CEU Event, Sunrise Senior Living of Haverford, Haverford, PA.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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**Crew, A.,** Petrosky, J., Byrnes, K., Nelson, R. (2015). *The effects of Tai Chi on functioning in older adults with Parkinson's Disease*. Therapeutic Recreation Journal, 49 (1), 80-83.

**Crew, A., & Nelson, R.** (2014). *Using the Beamz in Recreational Therapy*. American Therapeutic Recreation Association newsletter, 30 (4), 4.

**Crew, A. & Nelson, R.** (2014). *The Beamz therapy guide: protocols and resources for clinicians*. Scottsdale, AZ: Beamz Interactive, Inc.

Nelson, R., Humes, S., Borgstrom, K., **Crew, A.**, Crumbie, V., Gimball, J. & Park, K. (2014). Engagement in Preferred Activities Scale (EPASS).

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS & RESEARCH**

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Crumbie, V., Crew, A (2015-ongoing). Development of the EPASS Online Toolkit for practitioners. [www.epasstoolkit.com](http://www.epasstoolkit.com)

Crew, A. Nelson, R. (2015-ongoing). The effects of musical brain fitness activities on nursing home residents with dementia. Research Project.

## **VOLUNTEERISM & LEADERSHIP**

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### **Member-at-Large for Grant Awards (Board Member)**

2015 – Present

Recreational Therapy Foundation

- Market the grant to recreational therapy professionals.
- Review grant applications for the foundation.
- Promoting evidence-based practice in therapeutic recreation through the foundation's mission of funding research.

### **Temple University Therapeutic Recreation Program Advisory Committee**

2011 – Present

Temple University, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences

- Work with professors and alumni of Temple University's Therapeutic Recreation program to advise on the curriculum, and changes to the program.

### **Peg Connolly Scholarship Selection Committee Member**

2013 - 2016

American Therapeutic Recreation Association

- Reviewed scholarship applications of Recreation Therapy students, and worked with the committee to determine 10 scholarship winners from around the country to attend the national American Therapeutic Recreation Conference.

## **Pennsylvania Member-at-Large (Board Member)**

2012 - 2013

New Jersey/Eastern Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Association

- Assisted in planning and organizing local conferences
- Represented the interests of Pennsylvania members of the organization in board meetings and in determining the annual goals and strategic plan of the organization
- Organized student scholarships & volunteers for annual conference

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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**Therapeutic Recreation Program Alumni Award**, Temple University, 2017

**Recreation Therapy Foundation Research Grant Recipient**, 2015

**John Shank M.S. in Recreation Therapy Student Scholarship**, Temple University, 2013 & 2014

**Peg Connolly Scholarship**, American Therapeutic Recreation Association, 2010

**Bill Dayton Memorial Award**, Temple University, 2010

## **PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Director of Therapeutic Recreation**

May 2012 – August 2017

**Waverly Heights, Ltd.**, Gladwyne, PA

- Hired and managed qualified Therapeutic Recreation department staff in skilled nursing, memory support and personal care units.
- Completed annual and monthly budgets, quality assurance projects, staff schedules, weekly programming calendars, and other managerial tasks.
- Performed intake assessments and MDS 3.0, as well as quarterly and annual required documentation.
- Recruited and trained volunteers and interns.
- Planned and facilitated programs for residents of the healthcare center.
- Managed a technology-based Brain Fitness program for Independent Living residents.
- Continually trained TR and health care center staff on matters related to therapeutic recreation and evidence based practice within the field of geriatrics.

### **Interim Personal Care Administrator, Per Diem**

March 2015 – August 2017

**Waverly Heights, Ltd.**, Gladwyne, PA

- Ensured compliance of all personal care home regulations.
- Created and following through on marketing plans.
- Organized support plan meetings with families, and providing council and support as needed.
- Facilitated interdisciplinary team meetings.

### **Activity & Volunteer Coordinator**

2010 - 2012

**Sunrise Senior Living of Haverford**, Haverford, PA

- Supervised staff, interns & volunteers in the activities and life enrichment departments.
- Planned and implemented therapeutic programming in personal care and memory support.
- Developed employee training regarding approaches for people with dementia.
- Taught Sunrise University courses on Dementia, Activities, General Care, Psychology of Aging.