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## **CURRICULUM VITAE OF IRENE ROCCO**

### **EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION:**

- ❑ Registered Vocational Professional (RVP) since 2006
- ❑ Registered Social Service Worker (R.S.S.W.) since 2000 (beginning of College)
- ❑ Registered Rehabilitation Professional (R.R.P.) formerly Accredited Rehabilitation Professional Certification (A.R.P.) and Accredited Rehabilitation Worker (A.R.W.) since 1992
- ❑ Canadian Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (C.C.R.C.) since 1992
- ❑ Registered Community Support Specialist (RCSS) since 2005
- ❑ Social Services Diploma – 1980
- ❑ Member of the Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals – since 1991
- ❑ Member of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (R.S.S.W.) since 2000 (beginning of the College)
- ❑ Member of the Canadian Assessment, Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment Society (CAVEWAS)

### **SECONDARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN:**

- ❑ Finnish

### **SPECIALIZED TRAINING/SEMINARS/COURSES:**

#### ***MEDICAL***

- ❑ **LIFE SKILLS COACHES TRAINING** – YMCA Life Skills Coaches Training
- ❑ **MEDICAL ASPECTS OF DISABILITY** - CMR course

- **HOME HEALTH SERVICES** - CMR course
- **DIFFICULT PERSONALITY DISORDERS** - CMR course
- **COUNSELLING DIFFICULT CLIENTS** - CMR course
- **LIFE CARE PLANS – BRAIN INJURY** - CMR course
- **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES** - Confederation College

Presented by: Alice Bellavance Director of the Organization for Multi-Disabled

- Functions of the Brain
- Rancho Level of Cognitive Function
- How to Determine Head Injury
- Organic Consequences of Brain Injury
- Pre-morbid Factors
- Behavioural Issues
- Medical Issues

- **HEAD INJURY SEMINAR**

Presented by: Renee Ellis, Program Manager – Transitional Learning Centre and Dr. Hargadon, Psychiatrist; St. Joseph's Hospital- Rehabilitation Unit; Dr. Hawryluk, Neuropsychologist

- Misconceptions of Head Injury
- Services in Northern Ontario
- Programs in Ontario, Social Skills, Compensatory Strategies – Renee Ellis, Transitional Learning Centre
- Neuropsychology: Current and future trends, Neurological assessment considerations, referral issues, areas of investigation, testing.

- **REINTEGRATION OF THE BRAIN INJURED**

Presented by Dr. M.A. Mountain, Neuropsychologist

- **BRAINS ON THE MEND**

Presented by: St. Joseph's Hospital and Dr. M.A. Mountain, Neuropsychologist

□ **TRAUMATIC HEAD INJURIES**

Presented by: Dr. G. Hawryluk, Neuropsychologist

□ **COUNSELING CLIENTS WITH ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURIES – RESEARCH AND PRACTICE ISSUES**

Presented by: St. Joseph's Psychology Department including Dr. M.A. Mountain, Neuropsychologist; Dr.A.J. Dalrymple, Behavioural Psychologist (Research); Dr. Hawryluk, Neuropsychologist; Dr. B. MacDonald, Rehabilitation Psychologist (Mississauga); Susan Fisher- Ontario Head Injury Association

□ **TREATMENT & PREVENTION OF CHRONIC PAIN**

Presented by: Dr. D. Corey, Behavioural Psychologist, founder of Health Recovery Clinic and author of "Pain-Learning to Live Without It"

□ **NEW PERSPECTIVES IN CHRONIC PAIN**

- Managing and Preventing Chronic Pain – Dr. David Corey, Behavioural Psychologist
- Is it Arthritis or Fibromyalgia – Dr. Fidler, Rheumatologist
- Chronic Pain and the Elderly – Dr. Trevor Bon, Internist & Gerontologist
- Issues and Approaches with Chronic Pain in the Workplace – Dr. John David Stewart
- Chronic Pain Self-Management Program (CPSMP) – Dr. Sandra LeFort (Doctorate in Nursing)
- St. Joseph's Hospital Chronic Pain Management Program – M. Fiorenza, BSHc.O.T, K. Kember, BSc.O.T., H. Hoeffen, BHScP.T., B.KIN
- Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR): Encountering Pain with Awareness – L. Brett, BSc, P.T.
- What's Up? Herbals and New Drugs for Arthritis – S. Sikzkar, BSc (Pharm), K. Reeves, BSc (Pharm)

□ **“FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENTS: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY”**

Presented by: Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, Ontario (CARP)

□ **“IN DEFENCE OF ASSESSMENTS”**

Presented by: Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, Ontario – (CARP)

□ **“CRITICAL APPRAISALS OF IME’S”**

Presented by: Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professions, Ontario – (CARP)

□ **Northwestern Ontario Occupational Health Nurses’ Association – Annual Meeting/Seminars**

- Role of the Family Physician in Disability Management - Dr. Joel Anderson
- Low Back Pain Management – Dr. Brian Kelly
- Understanding & Managing Anger – Trevor Sullivan
- Work, Life & Balance – Rev Hugh Walker

□ **Northwestern Ontario Occupational Health Nurses’ Association – Annual Meeting/Seminars**

- Privacy Act – Brad Smith
- Return to Work Pain Management – Scott Munro
- Work Site Wellness – Sue Armstrong
- Diabetes Thunder Bay Services Update – Nicola Novak
- Fair Work Practices – Mary Carl
- Introduction to Mental Health Works Program – Joanne Brooks

□ **FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY ASSESSMENT**

Presented by: Canadian Back Institute

❑ **SUBSTANCES MISUSE AND THE OLDER ADULT**

Presented by Marilyn Arthur, Associate Director of Northern Educational Centre for Aging and Health, Lakehead University

❑ **CHILD ABUSE INFORMATION SENINAR**

Presented by: Dr. R. Underwager, Psychologist, Dr. Wakefield, Psychologist, Mr. C. Wilkie, Social Service Coordinator, Ms. G. Quirion, Social Worker and Dr. R. Delaney, Social Worker

**VOCATIONAL**

❑ **ATTENDED A WORKSHOP ON “SUCCESSFUL & ENSURING RETURN TO WORK AFTER INJURY”** – Presented by TRAC Group

❑ **ERGONOMICS IN JOB ACCOMMODATION** - CMR course completed

❑ **RETURN TO WORK** - CMR course completed

❑ **EVALUATING EMPLOYMENT POTENTIAL** – CMR course completed

❑ **DISABILITY & EMPLOYMENT** – CMR course completed

❑ **OCCUPATIONAL TRENDS** – CMR course completed

❑ **ERGONOMIC APPLICATIONS** – CMR course completed

❑ **NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (NOC) TRAINING** -  
Human Resources Development Canada

❑ **“THE GOOD THE BAD AND THE UGLY OF VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS”**

Presented by: Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, Ontario (CARP)

❑ **VOCATIONAL ACTION PLANS**

Presented by - Halyna Worth, Coordinator- Employment Opportunities Delivery Assistance Program

- Vocational Assessments including interests, transferable skills and physical restrictions
- Sources of Employment
- Job Analysis

## □ REGULATION OF REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS

Presented by: Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, Ontario (CARP)

### ***ETHICS***

- ~ Attended “**UTILIZATION OF AN ETHICAL DECISION MAKING MODEL FOR REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS**” – Presented by the Vocational Rehabilitation Association of Canada (VRA Canada)
- ~ **COUNSELLING ETHICS** - CMR course completed
- ~ **MENTAL HEALTH ETHICS** – CMR course completed

### **EXPERIENCE:**

#### ***REHABILITATION CONSULTANT***

- ~ Independent Rehabilitation Management Inc. (1997- present)
- ~ Rehabilitation Services of Canada (1989-1997)

#### ***ADDITIONAL VOCATIONAL / MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE***

(1980 – 1988)

- ~ Employment Counsellor, City of Thunder Bay
- ~ Insurance Broker, Thunder Bay Insurance
- ~ Field Worker/Coordinator, Meals on Wheels – Thunder Bay
- ~ Social Service Worker, Lutheran Community Care Centre – Thunder Bay