# Victoria M. Drago

# Leadership | Communication | Management | Community Development and Relationship Building

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Goal-driven, educated professional with solid foundation in health-care field
- Experience of State and local licensing laws and regulations, and the education system requirements and standards
- Experience with producing and disseminating reports to various accredited state and government agencies
- Accomplished Program Evaluator Specialist with the analytical skills to produce required outcome reports
- Highly organized, creative leader and multi-tasker with proven track record of overseeing day-to-day operations, planning
  and organizing team efforts, as well as effectively managing staff and volunteers
- Licensed Massage Therapist in the State of Florida for over 30 years and CEU Provider 5 years

## **AFFILIATIONS**

Boards:

- Public Relations liaison for BOMT
- Florida Board of Massage 2016-Present//VP 2020
- Governors' Healthy Weight Initiative

- Legislative Liaison for BOMT
- FSMTB Board of Directors 2018-Present (Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards)/VP 2020

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hillsborough Community College	Massage Therapy Instructor /Lead	10/2023-Present
Summit Salon Academy	Massage Therapy Instructor	
Varsity Tutors/Mblex Review	Tutor for Mblex	02/2022-Present
Artistic Nail and Beauty Academy, Tampa	Massage Therapy Instructor	07/2020-11/2021
Altierus Career College, Tampa, FL	Massage Therapy Instructor	08/2017-08/2019
Everest, University,, Tampa, FL	Massage Therapy Instructor	06/2004-08/2017
<b>Independent Instructor</b> , Dade City, FL	MT Instructor (Apprenticeship Program)	01/1997-01/1999

- Teach and tutor students on various class modules for Massage Therapy program
- Responsible for recording attendance and test grades in accordance with accrediting agency's guidelines
- Manage massage clinic and generate reports that needed to be included in the Massage Therapy's program
- Guide and advise students to continue their education and overcome their personal challenges
- Promote class participation and preparation, teach proper body mechanics to prevent injuries, muscle fatigue/strain and provided constructive feedback to students
- Prepare and provide guidance and resources for students to pass their Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination

ACCSC/COMTA, Arlington, VA	Program Specialist/Evaluator	10/2016-Present
COMTA TASK FORCE	Program Evaluator Specialist	60/01/23-Present
ACICS, Washington, DC	Program Specialist/Evaluator	04/2015-Present

- Facilitate and assist with the accreditation of related activities
- Conducted descriptive/exploratory analysis, incorporated findings by granting compliance in a specific disciplinary area
- Provide guidance to onsite evaluation team members on accreditation standards and practices for Massage Therapy
- Along with the on-site evaluation team, prepare a summary report which serves as the official record of the team's observations during visits to each assigned school

## Hand and Stone Spas, Tampa, FL

Trainer

06/2015-05/2016

• Trained newly hired Massage Therapists on company's specific techniques, policies and procedures

# Everest University, Tampa, FL

Massage Therapy Program Director

11/2011-05/2015

- Managed, planned and drafted academic curriculum for the Massage Therapy program
- Applied and enforced academic program changes required to maintain current competitiveness
- Assisted Academic Dean with faculty evaluations and students retention and advising
- Hired, trained, supervised and managed team of 5 of professionals

## Vickie's Oasis Tan & Nail Salon, Tampa, FL

Owner

09/2000-02/2005

- Managed, operated a massage therapy business for 5 years; Hired, trained and supervised all business employees
- Tracked business income and expenses without exceeding budget, managed account receivable, payable and payroll
- Established and maintained client records in accordance with applicable state Laws
- Generated and distributed periodic newsletters to maintain established clientele and increase new clientele

Chambers Medical Group, Tampa, FL	Office Manager/Massage Therapist	08/1999-05/2000
Muscle Clinic, Dade City, FL	Massage Therapist	03/1996-11/1999
Family Chiropractic, Brooksville, FL	Massage Therapist	08/1993-04/1996
Neuropsychiatric Pain Rehabilitation Center, New Port Richey, FL Massage Therapist		01/1991-04/1993

- Designed, explained, adapted and performed specific massage sessions based on the client's needs
- Conducted Neuromuscular Therapy, performed EMS/Ultrasound and assisted patients with aquatic therapy
- Generated new clientele through guest pass programs and promotion of member referrals

- Broadened the client network by maintaining sound customer relationship and maintained patients' records
- Increased company's monthly revenues by promoting their products
- Processed payments from patient/insurance companies and posted payments to appropriate accounts

# **EDUCATION**

Suncoast Center for Natural Health School of Massage Therapy, Tampa, FL

**Graduated 1990**