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Academic History

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| August 2007- Present | University of North Texas , Denton, TX
Major: Psychology
Minor: Spanish
Anticipated Graduation: May 2009 |
| August 2006- May 2007 | Mountain View College , Dallas, TX |

Research Interest

- ❖ Improving the lives of those with HIV/AIDS, especially the female and minority population.
- ❖ Helping others to cope with stress factors in life, both in personal and environmental factors.
- ❖ The influences of social roles in the lives of minority men and women.

Research Experience/Training

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| March 2007 –Present | Center for Psychosocial Health in HIV/AIDS
Research Center, Denton, TX. |
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NIH- Completed March 2007, Course on Human Participants Protection Education for research teams, Sponsored by the National Institute of Health(NIH). The course covers ethical principles and guidelines that should assist in resolving the ethical issues inherent in the conduct of research with human participants.

Assisted in gathering data for Project COPE. This project examines psychosocial correlates such as coping, trauma history, depression, and quality of life in college students. These correlates are assessed through computer automated interviews.

Assisted in creating transcriptions for Project FORGIVE interviews. This project examines psychosocial correlates and forgiveness in HIV + individuals in the Dallas area. These correlates are assessed through computer interviews.

Work Experience/Activities

May 2006- May 2007	Volunteer at Hopkins Senior Center, Duncanville, TX
May 2007- August 2007	Youth Council Leader for Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church, Dallas, TX
April 2008- Present	Employed with C and J Home Care Services. Work as respite care provider for mentally

challenged children in the homes of families.

August 2008- Present

Volunteer at Day Stay Adult Care Center. Providing care and assistance for nurses and other faculty in giving care for individuals suffering from Alzheimer's and other forms of mental illness.

Personal Skills

- ❖ Fluent in Spanish
- ❖ Experience with Office Software: Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint.