

Susan Edwards

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Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor for the Virtual Academic Center focused on mental health, crisis intervention, and community outreach.

Biography

SUSAN EDWARDS joined as a visiting clinical assistant professor for the Virtual Academic Center in September 2013.

Before teaching for the school, Edwards had nearly 20 years of post-MSW experience in various settings. For nine years, she was a medical social worker for Hospice of the Northwest, and prior to that she supervised the Children's Extended Care program for Compass Health. As program supervisor, she oversaw agency therapists and provided outpatient, in-home and community therapy.

Edwards graduated in 1991 from Goshen College with a bachelor's degree in social work. She completed her MSW with a focus in family center services in 1994 with advanced standing from the University of Iowa. She completed her field placement with United Action for Youth, a community program that provides therapy and facilitates teen parenting groups.

Following her graduation, Edwards recruited and licensed foster parents while providing in-home support and case management for foster children with Lutheran Social Service in Oklahoma City, Okla. She then had the opportunity to return to her alma mater, Goshen College, and spent four years working as the Alumni and Parent Program director. She moved to Washington state in 2001 to resume her social work career.

Industry Expertise

Training and Development, Health Care - Services, Mental Health Care, Health and Wellness, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Social Work Education, Social Work, Adults and Healthy Aging, Crisis Intervention, Mental Health, Community Outreach, Children and Families

Education

University of Iowa
M.S.W. Social Work

Goshen College
B.A. Social Work

Accomplishments

Chairperson

2010-2013

Received distinction from HNW Communication Committee

Smokey Point Child Protective Team

2002-2004

Distinguished as Smokey Point Child Protective Team, Child Protective Services by Washington State DSHS

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