

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SCHOOLING:

1994 – 2000 I attended Monument Primary School, Monument, Krugersdorp.
2001 – 2005 I attended Krugersdorp High School, Kenmare, Krugersdorp.
I attained my Matric qualification with exemption, having completed the following subjects: English, Afrikaans, Business Economics, Mathamatics, Geography and Science.

TERTIARY EDUCATION

2006 to 2008: I was subsequently accepted by the University of Pretoria to study a Bachelor of Social Science degree with specialisation in psychology. This involved completing the following subjects over the 3 years of study:

- Psychology-major (6 modules),
- Sports Psychology (1 module),
- Industrial Psychology (1 module),
- Anthropology (1 module),
- Philosophy (3 modules),
- Social Work (4 modules),
- Criminology (5 modules),
- Research Methods and Methodologies (3 modules),
- Computer skills (e.g. MS office; internet skills; and software handling) (2 modules).

2009: I applied to, and was accepted, by the University of South Africa into their Honours program for the Bachelor of Social Science in Psychology degree. I graduated with honours in 2010. I completed the following year modules for the honours program:

- Neuropsychology & Cognitive neuroscience (distinction).
- Personology.
- Therapeutic Psychology (distinction).
- Social Science Research Methodology.
- Psychopathology.
- Psychological Assessment.

2010: From this point I applied for the Master's Degree program in Research Psychology at the University of South Africa. Subsequent to the intensive selection

process I was accepted into the course. The master's program entailed one year of on-campus theory (coursework) from 9am to 4pm daily and, thereafter, a period for the completion of a full dissertation.

I received formal lectures on the following in 2010:

- Philosophy of science;
- Quantitative research methodologies (statistical analyses, hypothesis testing, experimental design etc.);
- Qualitative research methodologies (content analysis, discourse analysis, ethnography, interviewing, netnography etc.);
- Social science ethics;
- Research proposal development;
- Guest lectures from specialists ranging from the medical field, NGO's, the private sector and public sector.

I have attended several practical workshops (held by outside expert parties) and I am proficient in the following:

- The SPSS statistical package;
- Project management;
- Monitoring and evaluation;
- Research proposal development and design;
- Self, society and the world (philosophical, social and personal analyses);
- Online research methodologies.

Furthermore, I have had the opportunity of being involved in several large projects:

- Info graphic project for a WHO (World Health Organisation) & ISHS (institute for Social Health & Safety) joint initiative.
- “Mapping the Psychology Landscape” – a UNISA mapping project attempting to delineate and investigate the nature and status of psychological professionals and departments across South Africa and Africa.
- Joint involvement in a project presentation entitled “Learning by Means of Practical Placements” which was presented at the Psychological Society of South Africa's annual (2010) conference in Durban.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

In order to facilitate my studies I have been employed at Seeff Estate Agency in Featherbrooke Estate for the past 5 years. During this time I was also employed at the Silverstar Casino fulfilling the role of Guest Liaison.

Seeff Real Estate, Featherbrooke Estate, Ruimsig: Reference: Shirley 083-645-7097.
Silverstar Casino, Mogale City - Reference: Ken Lindsay 082-553-7263.

In 2009 I worked and studied as a volunteer at The Bethany House Children's Home, working alongside social workers and psychologists in a minor counselling and educationally facilitative capacity with underprivileged, abandoned and orphaned youths.

In 2010 I was involved with two organisations, namely Invision coaching and Columinate. I delineated and grounded a personality theory in academic and psychological terms for Invision Coaching (C.C.) (a corporate coaching company) over a three month period. For Columinate (Pty Ltd), an online market research firm,

I was involved full-time for a 2 month period in personnel, customer, and internal research. This involved both quantitative and qualitative inquiry for large clients such as SAB; Old Mutual; Momentum; Kellogg's and Triumph. References: Columinate - Henk Pretorius: 0824173207; Invision – Stanley Beckett: 0823081799.

Written Publications:

-Smith, S.M. (2011). *Growing up in South Africa: An Exploratory Analysis of the Threshold Youth*. (Dissertation in progress). –Supervisor: Prof. Martin Terre Blanche.

-Smith, S.M.; & Venter, A. (2010). *Online research: Advantages of Embracing the Future for the Social Sciences*. *New Voices in Psychology*. (Article In progress).

-Contributed to a full presentation at the Psychological Society of South Africa's 2010 conference in Durban. Title: "Learning by Means of Practical Placements".

Professional Affiliations:

-I am currently affiliated with the Health Professional's Council of South Africa in a master's student capacity. This means that upon attainment of the degree and completion of internship I may take up full affiliation with the title of 'research psychologist'.

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS & GOALS:

I have completed the coursework component of my programme and am required to write a full thesis, I hope to have completed this by February of 2011, and attain a master's degree in research psychology and I hope to attain a PhD by 2013. Neither one of these endeavours requires me to be on university campus and I am therefore eligible for full-time work.

My interests lie in the human condition and social science in general (from criminology and psychology to economics and politics), and, most of all, in research methodologies – quantitative and qualitative – which are the foundation for unlocking and discovering new knowledge with regard to both of these interests. My major goals are to establish a career either within the world of academia, at a socially-oriented NGO, or within the private sector conducting social assessments.

My other interests include a wide of variety of sports and hobbies; as well as my musical role as part of a four piece band for the past 7 years.

I am vibrant, well-presented, well-spoken, self-motivated, goal-oriented, business-minded, driven, sharp and dependable.