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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

With more than twenty-five years of experience in public/private education, counselling and school psychology and business development for private industry. Areas of expertise include program development and implementation, school management, program design, community marketing/awareness and executive coaching.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2008-Present** *Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Bridge School, Inc.*  
The Bridge School is an online secondary school for grades 6 – 12 serving students nationally and internationally. Accredited by AdvancED, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACA CASI). It is also approved by the Texas Education Agency as an accredited non-public school through the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission and is a NCAA Approved Online High School. [www.thebridgeschool.net](http://www.thebridgeschool.net)
- 2000-Present** *Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Young Learners School, Houston, Texas.*  
Young Learners School is a collaborative external charter school with local school districts, Gulf Coast Community Services Association Project Head Start, Harris County Dept of Education Headstart, AVANCE Head Start and Southwest Schools. The school provides classroom instruction to children ages 3-5 at freestanding Head Start facilities and licensed child care sites in the greater Houston area. [www.younglearners.org](http://www.younglearners.org)
- 1998-Present** *Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Southwest Schools, Houston, Texas.*  
A Texas State Charter School for students in grades Pre-K-12, providing an innovative public school option for students. Additional programs include classes for Adolescent Residential Treatment Centers and Summer School. Our mission is to prepare college and career-ready students for postsecondary success. [www.swschools.org](http://www.swschools.org)
- 1979-Present** *Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Houston Educational Consultants Houston, Texas.*  
Provides executive coaching to individuals and businesses, psychological assessments, individual, group, and family therapy, school consultation. [www.houstoneducationalconsultants.com](http://www.houstoneducationalconsultants.com).
- 1983-1999** *Founder and Executive Director of Houston Learning Academy, Houston, Texas.*  
The school established a unique setting for underachieving high school students in Houston, Texas, with special attention given to development and implementation of curriculum needs to six existing campuses.

## **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Education (Ed.D)  
University of Houston, Houston, Texas  
Emphasis: Educational and Clinical Psychology

Master of Science (MS)  
East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas  
Emphasis: Special Education and Counselling Psychology

Bachelor of Science (BS)  
Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas  
Emphasis: Psychology

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

- Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, Licensed Professional Counselor
- Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, Licensed Psychological Associate
- Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, Licensed Specialist School Psychology
- Nationally Certified School Psychologist
- Diplomat in Behavioral Medicine, American Academy of Behavioral Medicine
- Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
- National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists, Certified Group Psychotherapist

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition recognized Young Learners School as one of the Texas High Quality Early Childhood programs (2011)

Houston Learning Academy Recipient of "The Houston 100" Award, given to Houston's top 100 Organizations (1993)

Houston Learning Academy Recipient of the "Award for Innovative Business" practices given by Anderson Consulting and the Houston Business Journal (1994)

Houston Learning Academy Blue Chip Enterprise Initiative Award sponsored by the, Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Nations Business Magazine (1996)

## **ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**1980–Present** Central Michigan University  
Adjunct Faculty College of Global Learning

MSA	501	Managing Change with Emotional Intelligence
MSA	502	Workforce Improvement Strategies in Corporate/Non-profit Organizations
MSA	503	Gender and Generational Supervision
MSA	601	Organizational Dynamics & Human Behavior
EDU	602	Strategies & Techniques for Teaching
EDU	613	Current Education Issues
EDU	614	Advanced Educational Psychology

## **HONORS**

- Board member, Annunciation Orthodox School, Houston, Texas
- Board member, Society of Psychologists in Management
- Board member, Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- American Psychological Association, Division 13
- American Group Psychotherapy Association
- National Association of School Psychologists
- Athens Institute for Education and Research
- Society of Psychologists in Management

## **CONSULTANT POSITIONS**

- Harris County Children's Protective Services
- Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County
- Center for Success and Independence
- Gulf Coast Community Associations
- AVANCE