

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

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**MS in Biological Sciences.** Texas A&M University-Commerce. August 2014. Mentored by Dr. Dongwon Choi. Secondary focus in Psychology.

**BS in Biological Sciences, High Honors.** Texas A&M University-Commerce. May 2011. Mentored by Dr. JP Slovak. Minor focus in Interdisciplinary Studies.

### Professional Experience

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Instructor

Texas A&M University-Commerce  
August 2015 to present

- Assisted Dr. Carrie Klypchak, Assistant Dean, with the development and implementation of COH 112, Scholastic Enhancement
- Developed curriculum and course content for COH 112, which is geared toward students who are struggling academically
- Teacher of record for course

Honors Academics Coordinator

Texas A&M University-Commerce  
November 2017-present

- Advises students on course selection and path to graduation
- Evaluate suitability of Honors proposals and thesis
- Assists in admissions oversight. Participates in interview and candidate evaluation
- Provides mentorship and direction to the Student Honors Council
- Assists in direction of Honors Scholar Program. Specific tasks include recruiting transfer and Regents Scholars to program, and tracking completion rates of Honors by contract students

Academic Advisor

Texas A&M University-Commerce

February 2015 to November 2017

- Advised students regarding class schedules, degree plans, and long-term career/educational goals, with a specialization in retention.
- Works closely with students on academic probation/suspension status to recover academically
- Assessed students' reasons for their academic status, and provided intervention opportunities and resources to increase success
- Assisted with recruitment and enrollment activities such as New Student Orientation, Mane Event Preview Day, etc.

Advisor/Retention Specialist

Northeast Texas Community College

November 2014 to February 2015

- Advised students regarding class schedules, degree plans, and long-term career/educational goals, with a specialization in retention.
- Maintained phone and email communication with students regarding holds, degree audits, and graduation checks
- Oversaw the early alert academic warning and suspension program at NTCC
- Met with students struggling academically to manage schedules and formulate a contract for improvement to increase educational success
- Assessed students' reasons for their academic status, and provided intervention opportunities and resources to increase success
- Strengthened the current academic progress policy by adding guidelines for course loads with regard to GPA, Financial Aid, and other various factors
- Assisted in planning and implementing current practices for orientation

## Research and Honors

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- *Survival of Pathogenic Bacteria on Inanimate Surfaces and Implications*. Oral defense, BSC 595 Master's Research Project. Mentored by Dr. DongWon Choi.
- *The Potential Effects of Some Spices on Non-Pathogenic Escherichia coli*. Oral defense, BSC 490 Honor's Thesis. Mentored by Dr. JP Slovak.

## Professional Affiliation

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National Academic Advising Association (NACADA)

Campus Advising Network, Texas A&M University-Commerce. President.

## Teaching Experience

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Texas A&M University-Commerce, College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts.

Courses Taught:

- COH 112, Scholastic Enhancement. Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018
- COH 111 Critical Thinking. Fall 2016.