

# HIRAL PATEL, MHS, CRC, CVE, CLCP

## EDUCATION

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center,  
New Orleans, LA  
Master of Health Science in Rehabilitation Counseling, May  
2013

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA  
Bachelor of Science in Nutrition/Dietetics, May 2010

## CERTIFICATION

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor  
00117976, 2013-Present

Certified Vocational Evaluator  
00117916, 2021-Present

Certified Life Care Planner  
2022-Present



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH AND PLANNING CONSULTANTS, Austin, TX  
Consultant (November 2018- Present)

- Provide vocational expert analysis/reports/testimony
- Provide life care planning services and analysis.
- Prepare expert reports for personal injury and employment litigation.
- Provide independent recommendations and expert testimony.

STOKES & ASSOCIATES, Metairie, LA

Vocational Rehabilitation/Life Care Plan Case Manager (June 2017- October 2018)

- Conducted vocational rehabilitation and life care plan evaluations, and provided case management and career counseling services.
- Conducted evaluations to determine eligibility and need for vocational rehabilitation services.
- Reviewed records including medical, vocational, psychological, testing, and other information.
- Coordinated services with medical, insurance, family, employer, attorney, and other involved parties.
- Provided vocational testing services, administered various academic, aptitude, interest, temperament, dexterity, and other tests. Administer work-related tests or provide situational work assessment services.
- Provided assessment of rehabilitation potential, employability, and wage and earning capacity.

### **Research & Planning Consultants, L.P.**

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LOUISIANA REHABILITATION SERVICES, Harvey, LA  
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (April 2015- April 2017)

- Provided vocational guidance and counseling, along with other needed services, to assist persons with disabilities to achieve the consumers individualized rehabilitation goal to obtain and maintain competitive employment. Aided consumers in securing employment consistent with their goal.
- Assessed functional limitations and vocational potential of eligible rehabilitation consumers, interpreted psychological and specialized medical information, and utilized comprehensive vocational assessments.
- Conducted workshops, and individual counseling sessions relative to assisting consumers with improving interpersonal skills, understanding the labor market and achieving gainful employment and/or self-sufficiency.

TEEM ACADEMY, New Orleans, LA  
Supported Employment/ Direct Job Placement Program Developer (April 2013 – April 2015)

- Provided vocational evaluation, job development, and job placement services. This included providing career counseling, job seeking skills instruction, resume preparation, interview skills instruction, work hardening training, and on the job training.
- Provided job coaching services to consumers on job sites. Assisted with interpersonal issues at work, time management skills, on the job training, and provided any other assistance consumer needed to maintain employment.

OCHNSER MEDICAL CENTER, New Orleans, LA  
Laboratory Client Services (May 2006 - August 2012)

- Responsible for providing client services to all physicians, medical staff, and patients regarding laboratory services.

### **AFFILIATIONS**

International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP)  
Texas Chapter of IARP