

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences 2023-Present

The University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Health Sciences

Master of Social Work 2023

The University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Social Work

Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion 2019

The University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Public Health Sciences

Research Experience

PhD Research Associate 2025

UTEP-Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas.

- Build partnerships for students seeking to work with new populations.
- Build a partnership to seek donations for the Department's Pro Bono Clinic.
- Working with students in assessing clients' needs and providing them with resources for their clients.
- Engage with students and community members to provide services in unconventional settings.

Program Consultant 2025

Implementing Mental Health Initiative at The Opportunity Center for the Homeless

- Trained students and staff on program specifics and dynamics to implement within the organization's shelter.
- Supervised two social work interns in facilitating the program.
- Provide support and constructive feedback on program delivery.

PhD Research Associate 2025

UTEP-Department of Social Work/"Documenting the Outcomes of Pete Herrera's Library"

The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas.

- Assist on creating IRB protocol for the project
- Develop instrument forms for data collection
- Attend meetings with research team out in the community
- Assist with participant recruitment.

- Translate project material into Spanish

Program Consultant/Facilitator

2025

Voices and Images: Train the Trainer Project for Direct Relief

- Trained 7 grantees and staff on the photovoice methodology
- Oversee 7 grantees (participants)
- Attend weekly meetings with grant funders and participants
- Facilitate sessions with two additional
- Provide support and feedback
- Hold weekly office meetings with participants.

PhD Research Associate

2025

UTEP- Department of Social Work/"Food Insecurity Through Our Lens: Student Stories and Community Action"

The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas.

- Created the IRB proposal and submitted it for the project
- Seek and apply for additional funding for the project
- Attend Food Equity Council Meetings
- Facilitate sessions with council members for the photovoice project
- Collect, organize, and present data to project participants, decision makers, and stakeholders.

Program Consultant/Facilitator

2023

Frontera Project: Reproductive Health and Access in El Paso

The University of Texas at Austin, El Paso Site, Texas.

- Facilitate focus group discussions with Community Health Workers.
- Attend weekly meetings with grant funders and the research team
- Build partnerships and recruit participants for focus groups
- Assist with IRB documentations and instrument developments
- Transcribe and translate the individual interviews in order to organize them into qualitative data.

PhD Research Associate

2023

Reducing Mental Health Disparities for Hispanic Adults in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region through a Community-Grounded Mental Health Engagement Program

The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas.

- Assisted in developing the advisory committee.
- Supervised two social work students.
- Develop a list of community resources for project participants.
- Assisted in developing a manual and a curriculum that will be implemented at the local food pantry
- Train seven MSW students in a curriculum that will be implemented at the local food pantry
- Screen and facilitate group sessions for participants in English and Spanish as needed.

Graduate Research Assistant

2022

A Mixed Methods Analysis of Food Security Outcomes During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Comprehensive Food Pantry Program in El Paso, Texas
The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas.

- Assisted in developing consent forms for data collection in Spanish
- Assisted in translating the interview guide into Spanish.
- Debrief focus group findings with the principal investigator
- Transcribe and translate the individual interviews in order to organize them into qualitative data.
- Assisted in individual interviews, analysis, and data cleaning.

Graduate Research Assistant

2022

Photovoice Project: Exploring Resilience and Coping Skills to Prevent Cancer and Chronic Diseases among Individuals Experiencing Homelessness.
The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas.

- Develop a list of community resources for project participants.
- Assist with facilitating sessions for participants.
- Communicate with participants daily.
- Assisted in developing the advisory committee.
- Assisted with quantitative analysis
- Assisted in developing consent forms for data collection in Spanish

Graduate Research Assistant

2022

Better Understanding Mental Health Help-Seeking and Treatment Engagement for Hispanic Adults in El Paso County, Texas.
The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas.

- Research articles on Mental Health Services and needs among the Hispanic/Latino population
- Develop a list of Mental Health resources for community members
- Assisted in developing consent forms for data collection in Spanish
- Facilitate focus groups in Spanish and English
- Debrief focus group findings with the principal investigator
- Transcribe and translate the program's focus groups to organize them as qualitative data.
- Assisted in focus group analysis and cleaning data.

Program Coordinator

2020

RCORP-I (Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Implementation)
Aliviane Inc, El Paso, Texas

- Manage up to 4 people under my supervision.
- Support the treatment for and prevention of substance use disorders (SUD), including opioid use disorders (OUD), in the counties of Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis.
- Build relationships among stakeholders in the communities of Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davies.
- Hold monthly meetings among the counties of Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis to promote the project.

- Recruit participants among the counties of Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis.
- Conduct meetings with members from the RCORP-P Consortium monthly.
- Submit quarterly progress reports to HRSA.
- Attend monthly meeting with HRSA Program Director.

Project Coordinator

2019

RCORP-P (Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Planning)

Aliviane Inc, El Paso, Texas

- Manage up to 2 people under my supervision.
- Support the treatment for and prevention of substance use disorders (SUD), including opioid use disorders (OUD), in the counties of Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis.
- Assisted in developing consent forms for data collection in Spanish and English
- Translate data collection instruments into Spanish.
- Build relationships among stakeholders in the communities of Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis.
- Hold monthly meetings among the counties of Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis to promote the project.
- Recruit participants among the counties of Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis.
- Assist the facilitator of Focus groups in Spanish.
- Conduct surveys among members of the communities of Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis.
- Develop a Needs Assessment, Strategic Plan, and SWOT Analysis for the counties of Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis.
- Conduct meetings with members from the RCORP-P Consortium monthly.
- Submit quarterly progress reports to HRSA.
- Attend monthly meeting with HRSA Program Director.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

2018

Mujer Saludable, Familia Feliz/ Healthy Women, Happy Family Program

- Promote services such as HIV and Hepatitis C, and recruit people to attend the interventions offered by the program, weekly.
- Create flyers to promote nutrition classes along with food demonstrations.
- Conduct monthly nutrition classes for the community at the housing department, senior center, and schools.
- Enter data into different databases, such as SPARS and Qualtrics, weekly.
- Create flyers in English and Spanish to promote upcoming program events, monthly.
- Providing community health workers with material for classes on a weekly.
- Transcribe the program's focus group to organize it as qualitative data.
- Manage a group of 10 community health workers(CHWs)
- Assist the Principal Investigator and evaluators with Focus Groups.

Customer Service Representative/Lead

2016

Parking and Transportation Services

(UTEP) , El Paso, Texas

- Manage up to 4 people under my supervision.
- Assist Students, Faculty, and Staff members with appeals and traffic fines.
- Perform job interviews to possible candidates for job positions.
- Work in special projects assigned by the Assistant Director from the department.
- Process and organize Staff and Faculty appeals.
- Customer service, process refunds and returns for parking permits for faculty, staff, and students.
- Answering phones and emails from Faculty, Staff, and Students.
- Assists Faculty, Staff, students, and visitors with questions regarding parking at the University.
- Entering citations into the system and assigning a responsible customer.
- Process charges and refunds in Banner.
- Assist customers with purchasing permits and returning permits.
- Assist CSG over the radio with the information requested.

Internship Experience

Intern

2023

El Paso County Attorney's Office, Protective Order Unit (Victim Resource Program)

- Provide applicants with Crisis Counseling
- Create a Needs Assessment for every applicant
- Provide applicants with Social Services Information and Referrals/ Service Coordination
- Assist with the development of ongoing comprehensive safety planning
- Assist with Application Assistance: Crime Victim Compensation, SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Financial Assistance Programs, etc.

Intern

2022

Canutillo Independent School District, Coordinated School Health Program.

- Create flyers to promote SHAC Meetings.
- Research on Title IX policies among school districts
- Work with elementary schools to update parents of students with unexcused absences.
- Assisted with house visits to parents of students with multiple unexcused absences within the school district
- Attend SHAC Meetings.
- Develop minutes for SHAC Meetings
- Review the Student Support Services Department Website and analyze areas that can be changed to facilitate parents' access to information.

Intern

2019

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Desert Mountain AHEC Program

- Promote events in the West Texas region for the community.
- Help develop flyers to promote health career classes for high school students, as well as other hands-on activities.
- Conduct monthly classroom presentations on health careers at schools.
- Enter data into AHEC'S database for classes given in the community.

- Develop a needs assessment for three counties (El Paso, Culberson, and Presidio) covered by the Desert Mountain AHEC Program.

Awards/Grants

UTEP-College of Health Science Dodson Research Award (\$1000) The University of Texas at El Paso	2025
Eta Sigma Gamma National Chapter Recognition Award National Eta Sigma Gamma	2019
Robert J. Synovitz Distinguished Service Award National Eta Sigma Gamma	2019
Student Organization of the Year UTEP Student Engagement & Leadership Center	2019
UTEP Gold Standard Organization UTEP Student Engagement & Leadership Center	2019
Collegiate RSO of the Year- College of Health Science UTEP Student Engagement & Leadership Center	2019
Category of the Year- Honor Society UTEP Student Engagement & Leadership Center	2019

Presentations

Escalante, R., Ayala-Demeo Brown, J. (May 2025) Redefining Student Wellness: Period & Hygiene Essentials. SOWK 5393: Special Topics in Social Work and in Health Sciences Poster Exhibit, UTEP, El Paso, TX. [Poster]

Escalante, R., Smith, M., Mallonee, J. (October 2024) Pensamientos y Platicas: A Cultural Responsive Mental Health Engagement Program. Brain Trust Meeting Paso del Norte Health Foundation, UTEP, El Paso, TX. [Presentation]

Mallonee, J., Escalante, R. (April 2024) Engaging Community in the Development and Implementation of a Culturally Responsive Mental Health Engagement Program (CAPHSR Community & Academic Partnerships for Health Sciences Research Meeting), UTEP, El Paso, TX. [Presentation]

Escalante,R,Mallonee,J,Robles,E,Segovia,J,Salazar-Hinojosa,L. (April 2024) Qualitative Exploration of Beliefs, Barriers, and Recommendations for Improving Mental Health Care and Access for Hispanic Adults in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region.(Southwest Social Science Association 2024 Annual Meeting) New Orleans, LA.[Presentation]

Mallonee, J, **Escalante, R**, Robles, E, Ramirez, N.(October 2023). Development of a Community Grounded Culturally Responsive Mental Health Engagement Program for Hispanic Adults. (Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting) Atlanta, GA.[Presentation]

Escalante,R,Mallonee,J,Robles,E,Kwon,K,Ramirez,N. (September 2023) Pensamientos y Platicas: A Community-Grounded Mental Health Engagement Program. (Viva la Salud Conference) El Paso,TX. [Poster]

Mallonee, J, **Escalante, R**.(February 2023). FreshStart's Impact On Those In Need - A Bilingual Community Presentation.El Paso,Tx.[Presentation]

Mangadu,T,Alarcon,P,Priego,J,**Escalante,R**,Billings,A,Warling,A,Umuco,E,Thimbriel,R, Tapia,I. (March 2022) Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Implementation Consortium, Poster Exhibit, Society for Public Health Education Annual Conference. [Poster]

Escalante, R, Priego, J, Mangadu, T.(March 2020). TX Public Health Region 10 U.S.-MX Border Counties Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Planning (RCORP-P) Consortium. (HRSA Reverse Site Visit)Washington, DC. [Poster]

Escalante,Rosa, Camacho,D., & Fuentes, E.(May 2019). West Texas Area Health Education Center Needs Assessment. HSCI 4600 Practicum in Community Health Poster Exhibit, UTEP, El Paso, TX. [Poster]

Invited Talks / Guest Lectures

- *Guest Lecture:* Teachers as Mental Health Allies: Supporting Students' Mental Health, College of Education, SPED 5345: Intervention for Students with High Incidence of Disabilities, The University of Texas at El Paso, 2025.
- *Guest Lecture:* Teachers as Mental Health Allies: Supporting Students' Mental Health, College of Education, SPED 3345: Literacy Instruction for Students with Disabilities, The University of Texas at El Paso, 2025.
- *Guest Lecture:* Trauma-Informed Care Basics: Understanding Trauma & Supporting Healing, College of Health Science, SOWK 5331:Theory and Practice with Individuals, The University of Texas at El Paso, 2025.

- Guest Lecture: Trauma, Grief & the Border, College of Health Science, SOWK 5380: Social Work in the Border Region, The University of Texas at El Paso, 2025.

Publications

Escalante, R., Mallonee, J. *“It Was a Start to Life Again”*: A Qualitative Analysis of a Comprehensive Food Pantry Program in El Paso, Texas During and After The COVID-19 Pandemic. (In preparation).

Schober, Gregory S., Eva M. Moya, Thomas M. Fullerton, Jr., Robbie Kennebrew, Steven L. Fullerton, Jesus Aleman, **Rosa E. Escalante**, Britny Hernandez, James-Paul Duran, and Tandra Ghosh. 2024. *“From Research to Action: Implementation Efforts to Build Food Security Equity in El Paso.”* The Research Report was submitted to El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank.

Mallonee, J., **Escalante, R.**, Robles, E. H., & Tucker, C. (2023). *“Something very taboo”*: A qualitative exploration of beliefs, barriers, and recommendations for improving mental health care and access in the Paso del Norte U.S.-Mexico border region. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 11.

Certifications

Certificate in Disability Inclusion and Accessible Design	2025
University of Michigan	
Texas Victim Assistance Training(TVAT)	2022-Present
The Texas Department of Criminal Justice Victim Services Division	
Photovoice Training Voices and images: A Research Method	2022-Present
The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)	
Responsible Conduct of Research	2022-Present
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)	
Opioid Overdose Prevention Training for Trainers Certified	2021-Present
UT Health San Antonio/ School of Nursing	
Mental Health First Aid USA Certified	2019-Present
National Council for Behavioral Health	
QPR for Suicide Prevention Certified	2018-Present
The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)	

Human Subjects Research 2018-Present
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)

Student & Professional Organizations

Phi Alpha Honor Society-Omicron Theta 2023-Present
Member

Student Association of Social Workers 2021-2022
Member

National Association of Social Workers, Texas-Rio Grande Chapter 2020-Present
Member

Food Equity Council at UTEP 2022-Present
Member/ Research Team

Students for Public Health 2018-2019
Member

Eta Sigma Gamma 2017-2019
President Spring 2019

- Managed five ESG officers and oversaw members
- Organization named Collegiate RSO of the Year- College of Health Science and Gold Standard Organization
- The organization received the Eta Sigma Gamma National Chapter Recognition Award

Sergeant at Arms Fall 2018

- Communicate with leadership to establish dates of organization meetings.
- Arrange meeting room reservations and ensure communication arrangements with leadership are provided to members.

Health Promotion Student Association 2017-2019
Member

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars UTEP Chapter 2014-2019
Member

Alpha Lambda Delta UTEP Chapter 2014-2019
Member