

Jennifer Morales Cruz, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae

April 2021

CONTACT INFORMATION

jmorales@psm.edu

Ponce Health Sciences University

School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

PO BOX 7004, Ponce, PR 00732-7004

Psychologist License: 5835

Private Practice: 1801 Avenida Ponce de León Santurce Medical Mall Suite 411, San Juan PR 00909

EDUCATION HISTORY

August 2010-June 2016

Doctor of Philosophy PhD.

Clinical Psychology

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Pre-doctoral Research Fellow: Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC)

Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

Immigrant Health & Cancer Disparities

New York City

Psych Internship: New York City Health Hospitals Corp.

Gouverneur Hospital

Roberto Clemente Institute for Family and Community Care

January 2009-July 2009

Exchange student

Universidad Complutense- Madrid, Spain

August 2005-May 2010

Bachelor's degree

Social Work

Magna Cum laude

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

July 2018-present

Assistant Professor PhD Program

Associate Faculty PsyD Program

School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Ponce Health Sciences University

January- May 2018

Adjunct Faculty

PhD Clinical Psychology Program

Counseling Psychology Graduate Program

Carlos Albizu University, San Juan Campus

August 2016-2019

Evidence Based Practice Research

Third Mission Institute [Instituto Tercera Misión]

Carlos Albizu University, San Juan Campus

RESEARCH GRANTS

U54 CA163068 & CA 163071 (MPI: Morales, J & Gonzalez, B) 09/01/12 – 08/31/2

NIH/NCI Developmental Research Project \$35,000

Developing and Testing a Spanish-Language Intervention to Reduce Cancer-Related Insomnia

The project aims to implement an existing intervention that has demonstrated efficacy among cancer survivors. We propose to adapt and test a Spanish-language Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I) internet-based intervention in a pilot randomized clinical trial.

Role: MPI

Full project (submitted) (MPI: Morales, J & Gonzalez, B)

Efficacy of a Spanish-Language Intervention to Reduce Insomnia in Cancer Survivors

We propose test the efficacy of a newly developed behavioral intervention to reduce insomnia in Hispanic cancer survivors. The research aims to: 1) Test the efficacy of a new, Spanish-language behavioral intervention to reduce insomnia among Spanish-speaking cancer survivors, 2) Test whether the intervention targets informed by cognitive-behavioral theory influence the efficacy of the intervention, 3) Identify participants who receive the greatest benefit from using the intervention.

Role: MPI

TRAININGS, CERTIFICATES AND COURSES

April 2019

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia- Advanced Training

Department of Medicine, Division of Sleep Medicine

University of Pennsylvania, UPenn

February 2019

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia- Basic Training

Nystrom & Associates

Minnesota, Minneapolis

January 2017

A Taste of Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

Yahaira I. Márquez, Ph.D.

Rowan University Cares Institute

Center for Sociomedical Research and Evaluation, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus

Junio 2012-2013

Training on Culturally Adapted Cognitive Behavior Treatment for Adolescents with Diabetes and Depression

Institute of Psychological Research

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus.
