

Robert L Dabney Jr



Personal Profile

- Dedicated to supporting individuals spiritually, socially, and psychologically.
- Values the diversity of culture and uniqueness in each person while securely maintaining my own personal beliefs, values, and culture.
- Enthused with building and maintaining nurturing relationships with students, family members, staff and peers alike.
- Passionate about people, especially during time of need.
- Patient when under pressure and able to provide leadership and organization in high-stress environments.

Career Objective Statement

To be a servant leader utilizing time tested principles for motivating personal growth and development, while building young men & women to become the future leaders of tomorrow. Utilizing my gifts, talents, and experience to meaningfully impact the community at large one person at a time.

Education

Clinical Pastoral Education, AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center Hinsdale, *Hinsdale, IL*
(February 2018/ May 2018)

Master of Divinity, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, *Berrien Springs, MI*
(August 2014/ August 2017)

Master of Arts, Communication, Andrews University, *Berrien Springs, MI*
(January 2016/August 2017)

Clinical Pastoral Education Residency, Florida Hospital Orlando, *Orlando, FL*
(September 2013/ August 2014)

Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Southern Adventist University, *Collegedale, TN*
(January 2010/ May 2013)

Work Experience

Paraprofessional

CORE Academy (Special Education Services), *Aurora, IL*

February 2020 - Present

- Provide general supervision of students inside the school setting
- Assist in the prevention and management of incidents of non-compliance and/or escalation in behavior
- Maintain alertness for problems likely to disrupt the educational process or to be a safety concern and correct and report these conditions Respond to emergency situations
- Provide interventions to students to assist in managing behaviors

Healthcare Chaplain

AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center, *LaGrange, IL*

August 2017 - January 2020

- Ministers to the spiritual, emotional, psycho-social and cultural needs of patients, family members, and hospital staff.
- Performs pastoral visitation, public worship services, and outreach services in assigned areas or to specific faith groups.
- Assesses and responds to the spiritual and emotional needs of those counseled, including crisis intervention and bereavement.
- Participates in an interdisciplinary approach to pastoral care and patient health.
- Documents visits and interventions appropriately according to the standards of the healthcare organization.

Graduate Assistant

Andrews University, *Berrien Springs, MI*

August 2016 - May 2017

- Assisted in organizing and scheduling the calendar for three undergraduate and two graduate courses
- Responsible for grading papers, homework assignments, and test.

Resident Chaplain/ CPE Student

Florida Hospital Orlando, *Orlando, FL*

September 2013 - August 2014

- Provided pastoral care to patients, families, and staff on the following units: Medical Telemetry, Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Children's Emergency Center, and Pediatric Progressive Care Unit

US Army

Medical Specialist

June 1998 – July 2007

- Over 9 years of Honorable service in the U.S. Army with 24+ months deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/ Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Provided medical care for diverse populations in a vast variety of settings in both peacetime and combat operations.

Volunteer Experience

Volunteer Chaplain

Silverdale Detention Facilities, *Chattanooga, TN*

May 2010 – February 2013

Shelby County Correctional Facility, *Memphis, TN*

November 2007 – November 2009

- Conducted religious services and provided an environment for deep sharing and emotional exploration for inmates.

Leadership Experience

- Served as Vice President of the Andrews University Seminary Chaplaincy Club 2015-16
- Established and led a Sickle Cell Support Group at Florida Hospital Orlando 2014
- Ordained as an Elder at the Orchard Park SDA Church, May 2013
- Outreach Team Leader at Orchard Park SDA Church 2012-2013
- President, Student Ministerial Association, Southern Adventist University 2012-13
- Launched the "Men at Work" community service program at Orchard Park SDA Church, 2012
- Vice President, Student Ministerial Association, Southern Adventist University 2011-12
- Established a Men's Ministry at Orchard Park SDA Church and served as leader from 2011- 2013

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After serving 9 years in the US Army, I studied to become a Professional Healthcare Chaplain for Amita Health. I resigned, after serving in that capacity for 3 years to better care for my own well-being and mental health.

On my journey to wellness, I launched my VetPark in 2018, to create a business that helps Veterans throughout the US gain access to the therapeutic modalities that proved most helpful (Alternative Therapies) to me. I'm currently working to establish strong relationships with veterans in the Aurora area and consistently seeking opportunities to bring healing to our Community.

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