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SUBJECT: Motivation Letter for Master's Degree in Managing Digital Transformation in the Health Sector

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a graduate of Athens Technological Educational Institute, Social Work Department. After four years of study and having chosen as focus area of my studies the child protection, I graduated in June 2016 with the grade 7.43/10-“Very Good”.

As part of my studies in Social Work Department, I was taught subjects which were related to vulnerable groups such as the disabled and the elderly ones, handicapped and infringing adults as well as minors, dependent drug users etc. Throughout the four academic years, I was given the opportunity to gain skills and crises response techniques, and get familiar with the individual interview techniques for vulnerable individuals and their families.

Firstly, the above theoretical knowledge has been reinforced and embedded by three Practice Laboratory Internships. I chose to conduct the first three months of my internship (October 2013-January2014) at the SOS Children's Village in Vari. My position included reception of import requests at the Children's Village and cooperation with stakeholders, professionals and the family environment. At the same time, I was supportive so that foster and birth family communicate with each other, I coordinated the arising medico-social, educational and recreational issues and updated the guest's history. In addition, I collaborated daily with child therapists for the co-designing of the appropriate intervention and handling of each case. Finally, I participated in individual sessions with minors and SOS mothers - aunts for the resolution of crisis related to the birth family and to address individual behavior problems.

Secondly, another three-month Internship (March 2014-May 2014) took place in Athens Oncology Hospital "Agios Savvas". The main task of that internship

position was the social and emotional support of patients and their relatives during disease diagnosis and treatment. In the context of the above-mentioned task, I would get the patients' and family's history and I would investigate on any additional particular needs of lonely patients. Furthermore, I maintained the necessary connection between the medical-nursing staff and community agencies for post-hospital care, participating in the weekly meetings of the hospital psychologists and psychiatrists and providing information for insurance benefits to uninsured Greek and Foreigner patients.

Finally, my last six-month Internship (April 2015-September 2015) was held in "Pedopolis - Agios Andreas", Branch of the Hospital "Mother". I was in charge of the following tasks: Giving information to prospective foster families and volunteers, meeting with the birth family members and organize the weekly schedule of minors' guests. Moreover, participation in the evaluation of prospective foster families, cooperation with Pedopolis lawyer to gather evidence for court hearings aiming to remove child's custody from parents, and collaboration with police agents in tracing children's birth family. Additionally, keeping contact with NGOs and the rest of "MOTHER" hospitality units for coordinating our actions. Connection with the community and its services for searching of certifications and issuance / renewal of children's health documents. Lastly, accompaniments of minors, individual sessions with guests, participation in interdisciplinary Pedopolis team meetings and interventions, when necessary, during the visits or the phone calls of the birth families.

Besides, from June 2017 , until up to mid-September 2017, I worked as a social worker for the Children's Camps of the Municipality of Athens. The hosted population of the Camp included children, teenagers, people with disabilities, people with mental illness and elderly ones. My tasks consisted in the organization of individual and group sessions, the information and counseling/psychological support of the hosted people, their relatives and staff and the preparation of the relevant reports. Furthermore, whenever needed, I referred the hosted ones to other competent -external- public or private services and bodies, in collaboration with the interdisciplinary group of the Camp (social workers, psychologist, doctors and nursing staff). Additionally, I participated actively in the informative and educational seminars that took place at the beginning of each campsite period, in order to provide the camp staff with the necessary knowledge to deal with difficult situations.

What is more, since November 2017, I have been working for the NGO “Nostos” under a program funded by UNHCR for the accommodation and integration of refugees and asylum seekers. As a social worker in the aforementioned program, I organize individual and group sessions for the diagnosis and assessment of needs and the provision of advisory support to the beneficiaries. All personal information are documented and archived by creating beneficiaries’ personal profiles, while helping them conduct their CVs in order for them to be able to look for a job.

Moreover , from February 2020 until September 2020 I worked as support officer in Hope for Children CRC Policy Center . I was responsible for health , security ,education and entertainment of unaccompanied minors in a shelter located in Larnaca.

Lastly , since September 2020 am working in Older People’s Home Kaimakli “Archangelos Michael” and the Alzheimer Rehabilitation Center [AMEN] . I am responsible for programming new entrances and record the social history of each patient . I have daily communication with their relatives and discussing about their special needs, trying to find solutions to their difficulties and making a daily activity plan in collaboration with other professionals . I participate in weekly meetings and interviews of candidates for various job positions .

All in all, having worked as a social worker with people with a diverse national , aging and cultural background, I am more than conscious about the everyday difficulties (health, racism,systemic etc.) they face. My working experience makes me capable of assisting the vulnerable population in every aspect needed, while I am more than willing to be trained through the specific master’s degree to earn new knowledge and experiences.

My theoretical knowledge combined with my working experience I have, make me a suitable candidate for the announced master’s position . You have my assurance that, if selected, I am going to do my best, with undiminished interest and perseverance to contribute greatly to the promotion of the objectives of the aforementioned program .

Thank you in advance, for the attention and interest you are going to show to my application.

Yours sincerely,
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