

CHIBUIKE OPARAUGO, M.S.

Ph.D. Candidate (Expected November 2026)

Health Education & Promotion (Specialization in Leadership & Management)

**Certified Police and Correctional Academy Instructor | Field Training Officer |
Correctional Case Manager | Behavioral Health Educator | Public Health Professional**

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Behavioral health, correctional rehabilitation, and public health professional with more than fourteen years of progressive experience in correctional services, correctional case management, residential reentry, health education, staff development, and leadership.

Experienced in behavioral health education, psychiatric rehabilitation principles, correctional rehabilitation, recovery-oriented case management, and community reintegration for justice-involved populations. Proven ability to assess client needs, develop individualized case plans, coordinate behavioral health and community referrals, collaborate with multidisciplinary teams, and promote successful reentry through evidence-based and person-centered approaches.

Certified Police and Correctional Academy Instructor, and Field Training Officer with extensive experience designing and delivering instruction in mental health, suicide prevention, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), Naloxone (Narcan), correctional wellness, ethics, interpersonal communication, civility in the workplace, and legal aspects of corrections.

Currently completing a Doctor of Philosophy in Health Education and Promotion with a specialization in Leadership and Management, expected November 2026.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Recovery-Oriented Practice
- Behavioral Health Education
- Mental Health Awareness
- Suicide Prevention
- Correctional Rehabilitation
- Correctional Case Management
- Residential Reentry Services
- Community Reintegration
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Naloxone (Narcan) Education
- Health Education & Promotion
- Public Health
- Community Resource Coordination
- Behavioral Health Referrals
- Crisis Recognition and Response

- Trauma-Informed Practice
- Motivational Communication
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration
- Adult Learning & Staff Development
- Ethics and Professional Practice
- Leadership & Organizational Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Correctional Case Manager

Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

- Conduct comprehensive offender assessments to identify criminogenic, educational, vocational, behavioral health, and reentry needs.
- Develop individualized case management and transition plans using evidence-based and person-centered approaches.
- Coordinate referrals to behavioral health, medical, educational, vocational, and community service providers.
- Collaborate with correctional officers, psychologists, medical personnel, social workers, and community partners to support rehabilitation and continuity of care.
- Monitor progress toward institutional and community reintegration goals while maintaining comprehensive case documentation.
- Facilitate discharge planning and successful transition into community-based services.

Residential Reentry Case Manager

- Conduct intake interviews and comprehensive client assessments.
- Develop individualized reentry plans that promote successful community reintegration.
- Coordinate referrals for behavioral health, substance use treatment, housing, employment, healthcare, and supportive services.
- Monitor client progress and compliance with program requirements.
- Promote recovery-oriented and strengths-based approaches to rehabilitation.
- Maintain detailed case records and collaborate with multidisciplinary service providers.

Correctional Officer

Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

- Served twelve years in a secure correctional environment supporting institutional safety and offender rehabilitation.
- Worked collaboratively with case managers, psychologists, medical professionals, and behavioral health staff.

- Recognized and responded appropriately to behavioral health crises, suicide risks, and emergency situations.
- Promoted safe, professional, and recovery-oriented correctional practices.
- Assisted with offender programming and institutional operations supporting rehabilitation.

ACADEMY INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE

Certified Police and Correctional Academy Instructor

Certified Field Training Officer

Delivered academy and in-service instruction in:

- Mental Health
- Suicide Prevention
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Naloxone (Narcan)
- Correctional Wellness
- Interpersonal Communication
- Ethics and Professionalism
- Civility in the Workplace
- Legal Aspects of Corrections

Provided classroom instruction, facilitated adult learning, evaluated trainee performance, mentored new correctional professionals, and promoted evidence-based practices supporting behavioral health awareness, officer wellness, and effective communication.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Candidate *(Expected November 2026)*

Health Education and Promotion (Leadership & Management)

Walden University

Master of Science

Health Education and Promotion

Walden University

Bachelor of Arts

Mass Communication

University of Nigeria

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Basic Instructor Training – Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions
- Field Trainer Training Program

- 10-Day Case Management Practicum
- Correctional Entrance Level Training
- Maryland DPSCS In-Service Training
- Behavioral Health Education
- Mental Health Instruction
- Suicide Prevention
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Naloxone (Narcan)
- Correctional Wellness
- Ethics and Professionalism

(Supporting Instructor's certificate attached.)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation

Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Recognized for outstanding contributions to the Baltimore Region during 2022.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Public Health Association
- Maryland Public Health Association