

Pablo Pagan-Rivera, Psy.D.
 Licensed Clinical Psychologist | California & Illinois
Open to Relocation and Hybrid Travel Assignments

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

August 2015 – July 2020	Doctorate of Psychology (PsyD) in Clinical Psychology Clinical training in evidence-based treatments with a focus on personality disorders, emotional dysregulation, PTSD, and other trauma- and stress-related disorders. <i>Dissertation:</i> Intervention Manual - Emotional Regulation Skills Group for adults with the diagnosis or features of borderline personality disorder in the Correctional System of Puerto Rico. Albizu University; San Juan, Puerto Rico; 4.00 GPA.
August 2015 – May 2018	Master of Science (M.S.) in Clinical Psychology Albizu University; San Juan, Puerto Rico; 4.00 GPA.
June 2015 – July 2015	Graduate-level course in Anatomy and Neurobiology University of Puerto Rico (UPR), Medical Science Campus, School of Medicine; San Juan, Puerto Rico; 4.00 GPA.
August 2013– Dec 2013	Graduate-level courses in Substance Abuse Counseling Universidad Central del Caribe (UCC); Bayamon, Puerto Rico; 4.00 GPA.
August 2010 – July 2015	Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Psychology, Minor: Secondary Education Universidad del Sagrado Corazon (USC); San Juan, Puerto Rico; 4.00 Major GPA; 3.88 Overall GPA

LICENSES

May 2026 - Present	Clinical Psychologist – State of California License Number: 36738 (05/05/2026 to Present) California Board of Psychology; California, USA
April 2025 – Present	Authorization to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology (APIT) The PSYPACT Commission - Mobility No. 21676
November 2021 - Present	Clinical Psychologist – State of Illinois License Number: 071.010663 (11/08/2021 to Present) Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation; Illinois, USA
August 2019 – July 2021	Associate Sex Offender Provider – State of Illinois License Number: 270000218 (08/27/2019 to 07/31/2021) Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation; Illinois, USA

CERTIFICATIONS

May 2022 - Present

Standard - CPR / AE (Adult / Child / Infant)

ID Number: E566E3CB (05/04/2022 to 05/04/2024)

National CPR Foundation (NCPRF)

March 2022 – Dec 2023

Certified Group Psychotherapist (CGP)

Certification Number: 70979 (03/31/2022 to 12/31/2023)

International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

October 2023 – Present

Licensed Clinical Psychologist – Independent Contractor

Orenstein Solutions PLLC; Peoria, Illinois

Conduct in-person psychological evaluations for Veterans pursuing VA disability benefits, specializing in Mental Health and PTSD-related claims. Perform 10–12 comprehensive evaluations per week, including clinical interviews, diagnostic assessments, and the completion of VA Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs). Assess service-connected mental health conditions with a focus on trauma, functional impairment, and diagnostic accuracy. Translate clinical findings into clear, detailed, and timely reports that directly support federal disability determinations. Apply trauma-informed approaches and in-depth knowledge of military culture to ensure respectful, accurate evaluations. Maintain compliance with VA standards, ethical guidelines, and documentation protocols while managing a consistent caseload efficiently.

August 2022 – Present

Owner & Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Reconnect Psychotherapy, PLLC; State of Illinois

Founded and lead a remote group practice providing culturally responsive, affirming mental health services to underserved populations, including Latinx/Hispanic communities, LGBTQIA+ individuals, Veterans, and individuals with occupational and trauma-related conditions. Provide individual therapy, couples counseling, psychological assessment, and psychological testing services in both English and Spanish. Conduct comprehensive psychological evaluations, including Independent Medical Evaluations (IMEs/IMOs), Veterans' psychological assessments, trauma and PTSD evaluations, and workers' compensation-related psychological assessments and treatment planning. Experienced in diagnostic clarification, functional impairment assessment, clinical interviewing, psychometric testing, and detailed clinical documentation/report writing. Oversee clinical operations, compliance, and practice development for a growing multidisciplinary team of psychotherapists and allied health professionals. Provide supervision, consultation, and quality assurance while expanding access to telepsychology services across Illinois and PSYPACT-participating states.

August 2023 – March 2025

Clinical Supervisor & Consultant

Wexford Health Sources Inc.; Logan Correctional Center; Lincoln, Illinois

Provide training and clinical supervision to doctoral-level staff, ensuring high-quality therapy, assessments, and compliance with service hour requirements. Review clinical documentation for accuracy and adherence to best practices. Lead case consultations and coordinate annual staff training to support professional development and improve care delivery.

August 2022 – August 2023

Mental Health Services Director

Wexford Health Sources Inc.; Logan Correctional Center; Lincoln, Illinois

Provide guidance, direction, training, and clinical supervision to all mental health staff within the facility. Ensure that all staff are compliant with all applicable IDOC, facility and Wexford Health Sources policies and procedures, corporate protocols, and ethical and professional standards. Serve as representative for, and/or liaison between, mental health services and other health care providers, as well as IDOC administration, and coordinate patient care with other departments.

September 2020 – July 2022

Group Therapy Program Manager | Staff Therapist | Postdoctoral Fellow

Group Therapy Program Manager (January 2022 – July 2022). Developed, implemented, and managed the agency's group therapy program. Provided clinical supervision and training in group therapy for staff. Ensured compliance with legal, ethical, and insurance standards. Standardized clinical training, performance, and outcome tracking across the program.

Staff Therapist (November 2021 – July 2022). Delivered individual, group, family, and relationship therapy with a focus on LGBTQIA+ clients and clients in diverse relationship structures (e.g., poly/kink, open relationships). Provided affirming, culturally responsive care using trauma-informed and evidence-based approaches.

Postdoctoral Fellow – LGBTQIA+ Focus (September 2020 – October 2021). Completed a specialized fellowship focused on providing affirmative care to LGBTQIA+ individuals and those in non-traditional relationships. Conducted individual, group, and relationship therapy under supervision while deepening clinical expertise in inclusive and identity-affirming practices.

August 2019 – August 2020

Pre-Doctoral Intern

Pre-Doctoral Internship in Clinical Forensic Psychology

Liberty Healthcare Corp.; IDHS Treatment & Detention Facility; Rushville, IL

Intensive sex offender-specific group therapy, CBT and DBT skills groups, psychological evaluations, and case management, to individuals who have been civilly committed under the Illinois Sexually Violent Persons (SVP) Commitment Act and remanded to the custody of the Department of Human Services for treatment.

CLINICAL PRACTICUMS

February 2018 – July 2019

Metamorphosis Humanitarian Program

Municipal Emergency Management Office; Cataño, Puerto Rico

Group therapy and family interventions to older adults with trauma history and risk for suicide, living in public housing in Puerto Rico, using Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Therapy.

December 2018 – July 2019

Emotion Management for Trauma Recovery and Suicide Prevention

Ruth E. Cruz Santos Vocational School; Public School; Cidra, Puerto Rico

Group therapy and family interventions to adolescents with trauma history and risk for suicide in a public school using EMDR Therapy.

January 2016 – July 2019

Albizu Community Mental Health Clinic

Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

Supervisors: Elizabeth Torres, PsyD / Youssef Ahmad, PhD

Individual, group, couples, and family therapy; psychological, psychometric, and psychoeducational evaluations to children, adolescents, and adults in the community; providing consultation and collaborating in projects with different organizations.

August 2016 – January 2019

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Program

Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

Supervisor: Minoshka Lique, PsyD

Individual psychotherapy, group skills training and telephone coaching to people with borderline personality disorder and other emotion dysregulation disorders; family interventions, and active member of the DBT therapists' consultation team meeting.

September 2017 – July 2018

Critical Incident Response Program – Hurricane Maria

Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

Supervisors: Minoshka Lique, PsyD / Melissa Bezares, PsyD

Provided psychological first aid to mitigate the psychological impact of hurricane Maria and aided in the normal recovery from this event.

August 2017 – July 2018

Rape Victims Help Center (CAVV)

Puerto Rico Department of Health; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

Supervisor: Jocelyn Moyet, PhD

Individual and family therapy, and psychological evaluations to children, adolescents and adults, victims of sexual assault in Puerto Rico.

August 2016 – Dec 2017

Hogar Albergue para Niños Jesús de Nazaret

Child Protective Services Division; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

Supervisor: Mayra Rosado, PhD

Individual psychotherapy and psychological evaluations to children placed for care in the foster home through the social service agency because of abuse and/or neglect.

January 2017 – Dec 2017

Integral Development of Childhood Project

Puerto Rico Department of Health, Mayagüez & Arecibo Health Regions

Supervisors: Youssef Ahmad, PhD / Mairim Vega, PsyD

Neurodevelopmental evaluations to children whose mother were diagnosed with Zika virus during pregnancy in order to provide services.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2018 – May 2021

Adjunct Faculty

Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

Bachelor's Degree Program in Psychology

Courses: *Social Experimental Psychology Class, Social Experimental Psychology Laboratory, and Introduction to Forensic Psychology*

May 2019 – July 2019

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Clinical Psychology (PsyD) Program
Course: *Trauma – Psychological Perspectives*

May 2019 – July 2019

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Clinical Psychology (PsyD) Program
Course: *Schizophrenia & Other Psychotic Disorders*

August 2018 – July 2019

Clinical Supervision Assistant

Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Clinical Psychology (PsyD) Program
Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Program and Clinical Practicum I & II

August 2016 – July 2019

Graduate Level Tutor

Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Provide individual and small group tutoring to students in the university.
Subjects: *Statistics, SPSS, Psychotherapy, Clinical and Research skills, Case Conceptualizations, Psychological Evaluations, APA style, etc.*

January 2018 – May 2018

Adjunct Faculty

EDP University College, San Sebastian Campus; San Sebastian, Puerto Rico
Bachelor's Degree Program in Health Sciences
Course: *Introduction to Human Behavior I*

January 2018 – May 2018

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program, PsyD
Course: *Assessment of Personality: Projective Techniques - Laboratory*

May 2016 – May 2018

Adjunct Faculty

Ponce Paramedical College, Mayagüez Campus; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Associate Degree Program in Health Sciences
Courses: *Psychology and Human Relations, Psychology of Child Development and Psychological Fundamentals of Death.*

August 2017 – Dec 2017

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program, PsyD
Course: *Assessment of Intelligence – Laboratory*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

January 2021 – Dec 2023

Dissertation Committee Member

Clinical Psychology (PsyD) Program; Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Topic: *Exploratory Study: Experiences of Puerto Rican Clinical Psychologists in The Practice of Self-Care*

Provide subject matter expertise as requested; read drafts and provide meaningful feedback at each defense stage of the dissertation process; and guide the candidate in the selection of methods/procedures for data collection and analysis.

January 2022 – July 2023

Dissertation Committee Member

Clinical Psychology (PsyD) Program; Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Topic: *Attitudes and perception of psychology graduate students in Puerto Rico towards people with gay and lesbian sexual orientation.*

Provide subject matter expertise as requested; read drafts and provide meaningful feedback at each defense stage of the dissertation process; and guide the candidate in the selection of methods/procedures for data collection and analysis.

August 2021 – July 2023

Dissertation Committee Member

Counseling Psychology (PsyD) Program; Albizu University; Mayagüez, PR
Topic: *The experiences of acceptance and rejection in the family context of young adults that identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community in Puerto Rico.*

Provide subject matter expertise as requested; read drafts and provide meaningful feedback at each defense stage of the dissertation process; and guide the candidate in the selection of methods/procedures for data collection and analysis.

January 2019 – July 2019

Research Assistant

Clinical Psychology Program; Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Topic: *Self-destructive behaviors in Puerto Rican patients living with BPD*

Conduct literature reviews; collect and analyze data; attend project meetings; maintain accurate records; prepare progress reports; summarize project results.

January 2018 – July 2018

Research Assistant

Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health
Clinical Psychology Program; Albizu University; San Juan, Puerto Rico
Topic: *Mortality in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria*

Assist in the development of interview schedules; travel to field sites to interview subjects; collect and analyze data; attend project meetings; prepare progress reports.

January 2017 – Dec 2017

Research Assistant

Puerto Rico Department of Health
Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Topic: *Integral Development of Childhood Project*

Assist in the development of interview schedules; recruit and interview subjects; collect and analyze data; attend project meetings; prepare progress reports; summarize project results; assist with preparation of educational and training workshops for the project.

August 2016 – July 2017

Research Assistant

Research Supervisor: Youssef Ahmad-Pereira, PhD
Clinical Psychology Program; Albizu University; Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
Topic: *Clinical Utility of EEG in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder*
Conduct literature reviews; attend project meetings; set up, calibrate, and maintain research equipment; prepare progress reports.

July 2013 – July 2015

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Laboratory of Fear Learning Department of Psychiatry,
University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Topic: *Prefrontal control of avoidance behavior.*

Conduct literature reviews; collect and analyze data; request and acquire supplies;
prepare progress reports; write and contribute to publications; prepare findings for
publication and assist in laboratory related tasks.

May 2014 – August 2014

Undergraduate Research Assistant,

M.I.T. Summer Research Program in Biology and Neuroscience,

Picower Institute of Learning and Memory

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

Topic: *Amygdala-prefrontal pathways coordinating fear and reward.*

Conduct literature reviews; collect and analyze data; prepare progress reports;
write and contribute to publications; prepare findings for publication and assist in
quality control and data management.

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

- Doctoral training in clinical psychology with specialization in assessment and diagnosis
- killed in psychological testing, clinical interviews, and diagnostic formulation
- Experience with IMEs/IMOs and workers' compensation psychological evaluations
- Strong report writing for clinical and medico-legal purposes, including diagnostic and functional analysis
- Proficient in DSM-5 diagnosis and differential diagnosis
- Experience collaborating with attorneys, physicians, and multidisciplinary healthcare teams
- Bilingual in English and Spanish with experience serving diverse populations

REFERENCES

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