

Christelle Duckitt

Educational Psychologist

M.ED.PSYCH (STELL)



Curriculum Vitae

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- **Maiden Name:** Pentz

Education

Professional Registration

- 2010–Present: Registered Educational Psychologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (**HPCSA number:** PS 0112003)
- Advanced Candidate in Jungian Sandplay Therapy (International Sandplay Society ISST and South African Sandplay Therapy Society)

Tertiary Education:

- **Stellenbosch University**
 - **March 2010:** Master's in Educational Psychology (M.EPsych)
 - **2008:** Completion of Master's Thesis — Title: *Alternative Stories About a Girl with Autism Spectrum Disorder*
 - **2007:** B.EdPsych (Cum Laude) with School Counseling and PGCE qualifications

Secondary Education:

- **Stellenberg High School**
 - **2003:** Matric Certificate with distinction (7 subject distinctions)

Work Experience as Educational Psychologist

- **January 2022 – Current: Psychologist in Private practice**
- **Responsibilities:**
 - Providing psychological and emotional support to children and adolescents by means of play therapy and psychotherapy
 - Psycho-educational assessments for children from age 3 to 17
 - Parent guidance and support
 - Supervision to Educational Psychology interns and counsellors
 - Training at various schools
- **January 2017-December 2022: Educational Psychologist at Jan Kriel School for Learners with Special Educational Needs in Kuilsriver: (www.jankriel.co.za)**
- **Responsibilities:**
 - Working in a clinical setting with children and adolescents (Gr.R – Gr.12) with Special Educational needs (Specific Learning Disorder, Epilepsy, Hearing & Visual impairment, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Psychiatric disorders, Physical Disabilities, Medical conditions).
 - Providing psychotherapeutic support for learners with issues such as depression, suicide, family conflicts, divorce, behavioural problems, trauma. Working as part of a multi- disciplinary team, heading the emotional support services at the school, supporting the school counsellor and supervising of intern Educational Psychologist on different levels, implementing psycho-educational programmes with parents, learners and teachers and maintaining relationships with other important role-players in the school and community. Psycho-Educational assessments including career, psychometric, scholastic, school readiness, diagnostic etc.
- **Jan 2012 – Dec 2016: Head of psychosocial support services and Educational Psychologist at Community Keepers, NPO (www.communitykeepers.org):**
- **Responsibilities:**
 - Working mainly with children and adolescents (Gr.R – Gr.12) who come from lower socioeconomic circumstances, providing psychotherapeutic support for learners with issues such as depression, suicide, family conflicts, divorce, ADHD, behavioural problems, trauma, and substance abuse.
 - Working as part of a multi- disciplinary team, supporting the school counsellors on different levels, implementing psycho-educational programmes with parents, learners and teachers and maintaining relationships with other important role- players in the school and community.

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- **Jan 2011 – Dec 2016: Educational Psychologist at The Psychology Practice:**
- **Responsibilities:**
 - Rendering psycho-educational services at private practice in Stellenbosch and Paarl. These services include psychometric testing, psychotherapy, parental guidance and support, liaising with schools and other relevant professionals, report writing, and facilitating workshops. Work with children, adolescents and University students.
- **Jan 2010 – Dec 2010: Educational Psychologist at Vera School for learners with Autism (One year contract post for the Western Cape Education Department).**
- **Responsibilities:**
 - Team leader of a multi-disciplinary outreach team (including a teacher, speech therapist, and occupational therapist).
 - Duties: Autism specific services rendered to learners with autism in the broader Western Cape area. Capacity building at Boland School for autism (Paarl), Cheré Botha School (Bellville) and Mitchell’s Plain. Services include adapting and performing psychometric assessments with the purpose of compiling an Individual Educational and Developmental Programme (IEDP) for each learner; report writing; presenting workshops on autism; educator training and support; assessing and making classroom adaptations, parent training, parent and sibling psychotherapeutic support. Reason for leaving: Got married and moved to Franschhoek – travelling distance to central Cape Town too great.
- **Oct 2009 – 2013: Co-founder and Governing Body member of Boland School for Autism – an NGO that serves children with autism in the Paarl area (www.bolandautism.org.za).**
- **Responsibilities:**
 - Part of the school governing body, liaising with the surrounding community for possible support, assisting with the management of IEDP’s, parental and sibling support, staff training and management, fundraising, creating autism awareness in the community.