Vincent J. Walsh-Rock, Ph.D, LCPC, PEL, NCC, ACS

Professional Education

Doctorate Counselor Education and Supervision – (2018)
Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL (CACREP accredited program)
Master of Science in Education – Counseling – (1996)
Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL (CACREP-accredited program)
Administrative Certificate
Loyola University, Chicago, IL (2005)
Addictions Counseling Certificate – (1999)
College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL

Professional Licensure and Certification

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (2007-present)
Illinois Professional Educator License
Administrator Endorsement (2005-present)
School Counselor Endorsement (1996-present)
K-12 Music Teacher Endorsement (1988-present)
Approved Clinical Supervisor (2020-present)
National Certified Counselor (2023-present)
Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (1999-2006)

Related Experience

Clinical Professor, Professional Lecturer – (2022-present)
DePaul University

- Full time teaching in School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Programs
- Specialized Program Coordinator for College Counseling and Student Affairs Track (2022-2025)
- Faculty Advisor for students in Clinical Mental Health program.
- Provide monthly consultation for prevention and clinical staff on the topics: program design, evaluation, group counseling, trauma-informed practices, and clinical services.

Executive Director
Illinois School Counselor Association – (2020-2025*)*

- Increase Association membership from 900 to 2200 members.
- Move Association to a Policy & Governance Structure
- Created Illinois School Counselor Association and Illinois State Board of Education Advisory Council
- Create increased opportunities for volunteers in the areas of Advocacy, Professional Development, Scholarship and Professional Recognition
- Serve as point of contact for sponsors and exhibitors

- Foster relationships with Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Student Assistance Commission, Illinois Association of College Admission Counselors

Consultant and Trainer
Champaigne School District #4 – (2024-2025)

- Created training for all school counselors in the district on "Comprehensive School Counseling"
- Co-Trainer, Dr. Leonis Wright
- Facilitated monthly workshops on the ASCA National Model

Assistant Principal for Counseling and Student Support Services – (2005-2021)
Downers Grove South High School, Downers Grove, IL

- Direct supervision and program development for all counseling and students support services for a high school of 2,800 students. Department includes 19 professional staff and 9 non-certified staff.
- Direct crisis service, response planning, and threat of harm assessments.
- Implemented Trauma-Informed practices
- Collaborated on the implementation of Restorative Practices

Reflective Practitioner Supervisor (2018-2019)
Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

- Provided weekly clinical supervision to master's level practicum students

Clinical Supervisor (2019-2020)
Private Practice, Downers Grove, IL

- Provided clinical supervision for 1 school counselor.

Clinical Supervisor (2015-2017)
Private Practice, Chicago, IL

- Provided clinical supervision for 5 school counselors in group setting. Co-facilitated group with Dr. Ann Friesema.

Clinical Supervisor (2014-2015)
DePaul University, Chicago, IL

- Provided clinical supervision for 3 school counselors in group setting. Co-facilitated group with Clinical Director, Dr. Ann Friesema.

Professional Publications

Walsh-Rock, V. J. (2018). Exploring the clinical supervision experiences of school counselors: Perceptions of counseling skills and professional identity. (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). Northern Illinois University, Dekalb.

Walsh-Rock, V. J., Tollerud, T. R., Myers, C. E. (2017). Assessment of school counselor supervision in Illinois. *Journal of Counseling in Illinois. (4)*1, 24-25.

Professional Presentations

Walsh-Rock, V. (2024, November) *ISCA updates, 504 updates, Supporting Unhoused Students,* Workshop for Southwestern Illinois Annual School Counselor Academy, Edwardsville, IL

Walsh-Rock, V. (2024, November) *Supporting Students and Families who are Unhoused,* Workshop for Illinois School Counselor Association, Itasca, IL

Walsh-Rock, V. (2024, November) *Effective 504 Plan work strategies and information for school counselors,* Workshop for Illinois School Counselor Association, Itasca, IL

Walsh-Rock, V. (2024, August) *A Model of Intentional Partnership,* Quad Cities Counselor Academy, Moline, IL

Walsh-Rock, V. (2024, January) *Medicaid Expansion in Illinois: Opportunities to Support More Children in Need of Services & Implications for School Counselors,* Workshop for Illinois School Counselor Association, Virtual

Walsh-Rock, V. (2023, September) *Legal Updates and ISBE Directives pertinent to School Counselors*, Workshop for Quad Cities Counselor Academy, Moline, IL

Walsh-Rock, V. (2023, May) *School Counselors: A Model of Intentional Partnership,* Workshop for Quad Cities Counselor Academy, Moline, IL

Holleman, J., Welsh, P., Thompson, A., Walsh-Rock, V. (2023, April) *DEI: What is My Role as a White Professional,* Keynote session for Illinois Association of College Admission Counselors, Springfield, IL

Walsh-Rock, V. (2022, September) *Understanding Section 504.* Workshop for Lake County Counselor Association Fall Workshop, Grayslake, IL

Walsh-Rock, V. (2022, August) *A Trauma-Sensitive Approach to Foster Student Relationships,* Workshop for Technology Center of DuPage, Addison, IL

Walsh-Rock, V., Bloomquist, S., & Wistocki, R. (2022, January) *Threat Assessment Roundtable.* Workshop for Illinois School Counselor Association, Virtual

Friesema, A. & Walsh-Rock, V. (2019, November) *Growth Fostering Relationships in Supervision.* Workshop for Illinois Counseling Association State Conference, Skokie, IL

Walsh-Rock, V. & Bricker, A. (2018, December) *Threat Assessment Models: Accounting for Clear and Present Danger.* Workshop for Directors of Counseling and Student Services of Suburban Chicago, Oak Brook, IL

Walsh-Rock, V. (2017, April) *504 or IEP: Choosing the correct path*. Workshop for Illinois School Counselors Association, Rosemont & Bloomington, IL.

Walsh-Rock, V. (2016, October, 2017, January, October, 2017, January, 2018) *Effective Supervision and Evaluation Strategies to Use with School Counselors and Support Personnel.* Online Administrative Academy for Illinois Principals Association.

Klug, A., & Walsh-Rock, V. (2016, April) *Supporting Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students: A Whole School Approach.* Workshop for Illinois School Counselor Association State Conference, Rosemont, IL.

Walsh-Rock, V., Friesema, A., Coleman, B., Rose, L., Sarmiento, M. (2015, November) *Clinical group supervision experiences: Understanding the combined experiences of group and supervision.* Workshop for Illinois Counseling Association State Conference, Schaumburg, IL.

Walsh-Rock, V., Friesema, A., & Wix, K. M. (2014, November) *Clinical Supervision Experiences for School Counselors: Fostering Empathy in a Problem-Focused Environment,* Workshop for Illinois Counseling Association State Conference, Schaumburg, IL.

Myers, C., Tollerud, T., & Walsh-Rock, V. (2013, November) *Providing supervision for school counselors: An assessment of need for training in Illinois,* Workshop for Illinois Counseling Association State Conference, Skokie, IL.

Walsh-Rock, V., & Wix, K., Sutorius, M. (2013, November) *Embedding counselor wellness in a threat assessment model,* Workshop for Illinois Counseling Association State Conference, Skokie, IL.

Walsh-Rock, V., (2012, April) *504 or IEP: Choosing the correct path,* Illinois School Counselor Association State Conference, Skokie, IL.

Professional Teaching

- Clinical Professor-Professional Lecturer, College of Education, DePaul University, Chicago, IL (2022-present)

  CSL 458: Group Counseling
  CSL 466: Assessment and Treatment of Chemical Dependency
  CSL 467: Counseling Theories
  CSL 501: Counseling Skills

CSL 514: Crisis Intervention in School Counseling
CSL 520: Counseling Children and Adolescents
CSL 521: Contextual Dimensions of School Counseling
CSL 522: Delivery of Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Programs
CSL 552: Practicum in School Counseling
CSL 553: Internship in Counseling I
CSL 554: Internship in Counseling II
CSL 556: Couple and Family Counseling

- Adjunct Faculty, College of Education, DePaul University, Chicago, IL (2021, Fall & 2022, Spring)

  CSL 521: Contextual Dimensions of School Counseling
  CSL 522: Delivery of Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Programs

- Adjunct Faculty, Counseling, Adult and Higher Education, Northern Illinois University-CACREP institution, Dekalb, IL (2015, Spring)

  CAHC 570: Consultation and Management of Developmental School Counseling Programs

- Adjunct Faculty, College of Education, DePaul University, Chicago, IL (2014, Winter, 2014, Summer, 2015, Winter, 2016, Summer)

  CSL 511: Supervision

- Co-Teach with Dr. Teresa Fisher, Counseling, Adult and Higher Education,
  CAHC 513: Post-Secondary College and Career Planning

Professional Activities

- ISBE Social Emotional Learning Standards Revisions - Alignment Committee Meeting, *Recommendations made September 2025*

- Co-developed Developmental Model for Illinois School Counselors (Wright, L. & Walsh-Rock, V.) *Released November 2023*

- Co-Chair for ISBE Model Policy creation to address supporting parenting teens and teens experiences domestic violence, *Released June 2024*

- Writing Committee for ISBE Draft recommendations for the implementation of Trauma-Informed training and practices for pre-service professional educator licenses. *Released June 2024*

- Facilitated panel for Illinois Legislator Summit "Teen Mental Health Supports" *November, 2023.*

Leadership Positions

Ensuring Success in School Task Force, Illinois State Board of Education
Member, (2022 – 2024)

Illinois School Counselor Association Task Force for the development of a Clinical Supervision Credential for School Counseling
Facilitator and Members, (2022 – 2024)

Illinois Terrorism Task Force
Member, (2022 – 2025)

Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership
Member, (2021 – 2022)

Illinois Career and Education Success Network
Member, (2021 – 2025)

Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance: Ad Committee-Screening and Linking to Services Subcommittee
Member, (2021 – 2025)

Medicaid Expansion for School Health (MESH) Learning Collaborative Advisory Committee
Member, (2021 – 2024)

Speaking 4 Children
Member, (2018 – 2025)

Illinois School Counselor Association Executive Board:
Past President, (2018-2019)
President, (2017-2018)
President Elect, (2016-2017)
President Elect-Elect, (2015-2016)

Recognitions

DePaul University "Excellence in Teaching" Award – 2026

Illinois School Counselor Association "Administrator of the Year" – 2018

Illinois School Counselor Association "Internship Supervisor of the Year" - 2020

Illinois State Board of Education Those Who Excel – "Award of Excellence for Student Support Services" – 2003

Illinois State Board of Education Those Who Excel – “Award of Distinction for Student Support Services” - 2000