

ARELIS BENÍTEZ

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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University - Nashville, TN MA(c), Religion Concentration: Religion, Psychology, and Culture	August 2015 – Present
Loma Linda University - Loma Linda, CA Master of Arts, Clinical Ministry GPA: 4.0	March 2010 – June 2011
Andrews University - Berrien Springs, MI MDiv(c) – Transferred out to enroll at Loma Linda University	June 2008 – March 2010
Denison University - Granville, OH Bachelor of Arts, Religion and Spanish	August 2003 - June 2007
Universidad Academia de Humanismo Cristiano (UAHC) Summer Abroad - Chile & Argentina, S.A.	Summer 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

Spiritual Life Service Award , Loma Linda University Health	October 2013
Gayle Saxby Scholarship , Loma Linda University School of Religion	June 2011
Loma Linda University School of Religion Scholarship	March 2011
Posse Foundation Full-Tuition Leadership Scholarship	Fall 2003 - Spring 2007
Lilly Internship	Fall 2006 - Spring 2007
Posse Summer Leadership Award (PSLA)	Summer 2006
Denison Alumni Stipend	Summer 2006

MEMBERSHIP

Seventh-day Adventist Healthcare Chaplains Association (SDAHCA) <i>Issued by SDAHCA</i>	2012 – Present
Society for Pastoral Theology <i>Issued by SPT</i>	2015 – Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Art of Integrative Care

Undergraduate: Radiology Technologist, Nursing; Graduate: Marriage and Family Therapy, Orthotics and Prosthetics

Christian Perspectives on Death and Dying

Undergraduate: Nursing; Professional: Pharmacy Students

Crisis Counseling

Undergraduate: Nursing

Diversity and the Christian Healthcare Professional

Professional: Dentistry

Orientation to Religion and Medicine

Professional: Medical Students

Personal and Family Wholeness

Professional: Dentistry Students

Wholeness for Physicians

Professional: Medical Students

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, Pastoral Care – Nashville, TN Aug. 2015 – Present
Chaplain Intern

Loma Linda University, School of Religion – Loma Linda, CA September 2014 – June 2015
Director of MS Chaplaincy Program, Faculty Member

Loma Linda University Medical Center - Murrieta – Murrieta, CA September 2012 – September 2014
Lead Chaplain

Loma Linda University, School of Religion – Loma Linda, CA January 2014 - March 2014
Contract Instructor

Loma Linda University, School of Religion – Loma Linda, CA August 2013 - September 2013
Contract Instructor

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center – Los Angeles, CA September 2011 – September 2012
Chaplain Resident

Loma Linda University Medical Center - Murrieta – Murrieta, CA May 2011 – September 2011
Chaplain

Loma Linda University Medical Center – Loma Linda, CA June 2010 - August 2010
Chaplain Intern

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Ohio Conference, Toledo First Seventh-day Adventist Church – Toledo, OH June 2007 - June 2008
Children’s Pastor

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Loma Linda University, Students for International Mission Service – Mumbai, India August 2014
Team Chaplain

Nursing Home Visitation – Toledo, OH June 2007 - June 2008
Lay Minister

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Southwest Healthcare Symposium – Temecula, CA October 2015
Guest Speaker

- Title: *Expressions of Resilience in the Midst of Crisis*

LLUH Institute for Community Partnerships (*Gateway Program*) – Loma Linda, CA July 2015
Guest Speaker

Loma Linda University Church – Loma Linda, CA June 2015
Baccalaureate Speaker

Young Adventist Scholar Panel for Practical Theology – Loma Linda, CA November 2014
Panelist, Healthcare Chaplaincy

The Oak Glen Fellowship at LLUH President's Home – Oak Glen, CA November 2014
Guest Speaker, LLU Students for International Mission Service, India Trip

Board of Trustees and Directors Retreat – Temecula, CA February 2014
Patient Interview for Vespers Presentation

Global Healthcare – Boca Chica, Dominican Republic October 2013
Presenter for Spiritual Care & Healthcare Topics

OTHER

- **Languages:** Fluent Spanish and English (speaking, reading, writing).
- **Microsoft Office:** Proficient