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She graduated from Hasan Kalyoncu University in 2019. Throughout her undergraduate education, she completed her internships and voluntary work at Sehitkamil State Hospital, refugee associations, and a Disabled Care and Rehabilitation Center.

In 2018, with the support of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey and within the framework of Yeşilay (the Green Crescent), she developed the Gaziantep Yeşil Kitap Kahve Project, which was approved for implementation. The project was implemented over an eight-month period between 2019 and 2020. Within the scope of the project, she conducted group interventions on “Communication” for families and designed an “Exam Anxiety Group Therapy” program for students aged 17–18. In addition, she planned and implemented various psychosocial activities for individuals aged between 7 and 20. As a result of these activities, approximately 4,000 children and adolescents were reached.

Between February 2020 and April 2023, she served a Psychologist at the Yeşilay Counseling Center (YEDAM). During this period, she received specialized training on intervention approaches for Tobacco, Alcohol, Substance, Internet, and Gambling Addictions and conducted several thousand psychotherapy sessions. She successfully completed the SAMBA and Gambling Group Therapy training programs within the scope of YEDAM.

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Furthermore, she was an active member of the Gambling Working Group at YEDAM, contributing to research and intervention efforts related to gambling addiction. In 2021, she successfully completed the Beck-oriented Cognitive Therapy Skills and Clinical Initial Interview training at Emel Stroup CBT Istanbul.

In 2021, she was admitted to the Master's Program in Addiction Psychology (with thesis) at Istanbul Gelişim University. She completed her thesis research in 2023, entitled "The Relationship Between Online Gambling Addiction and Impulsivity in Adult Individuals."

In 2022, she successfully completed the Advanced Cognitive Behavioral Therapy training at DATEM. Additionally, she completed the Advanced EMDR Therapy training programs at Enstitü AY in both 2022 and 2023. She continues her professional practice with adult and adolescent populations, focusing on Addiction Counseling and utilizing therapeutic approaches including EMDR, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Mindfulness, Motivational Interviewing, and group interventions incorporating music.