

October 27, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this recommendation at the request of Cheryl McGill, who is a student at Walden University in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. I have had the pleasure of getting to know Mrs. McGill as a residency student this past year, and was impressed with many of her counseling and interpersonal skills displayed during our time together. As a faculty member at Walden University and the owner of a private therapy practice, I am aware of the skills counselors in training need to be successful in field placement, and beyond. I am impressed with Cheryl's alacrity for learning, her compassion, organization, and exceptional skill development as an individual and group therapist.

I was lucky to witness Cheryl's skill during the residency experience. She has several strengths to offer an employer or field placement site. She is open and accepting of others and their perspectives on various counseling related topics. She could demonstrate foundational skills needed to establish rapport, separate the content from the process in the session, and successfully implement intentional techniques with clients. She gave productive and constructive feedback to her peers, and was equally graceful in receiving feedback from others.

In conclusion, I would highly recommend Cheryl McGill. If her performance in my class is any indication of how she would perform in the available position, Cheryl will be an extremely positive addition to your organization. If you need any additional information, feel free to contact me at 412-559-9152 or by email at elizabeth.ventura@waldenu.edu anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Elizabeth Ventura". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Dr.", "Elizabeth", and "Ventura" being capitalized and prominent.

Elizabeth Ventura, Ph.D

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