

Curriculum Vitae – Hanna Usatenko, PhD

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SUMMARY

Researcher with an MS and a PhD in Psychology and 10 years of clinical experience, psychotherapy and counselling. Skilled in teaching and knowledge dissemination on mental health, psychology and disability inclusion, coordinating international educational projects with multiple stakeholders, and leading health initiatives. Proficient in statistical analysis of mental health data, knowledge mobilization, implementation science, grant writing and lecturing across academic, health, and community settings.

EDUCATION

- 2019 – 2024 PhD (Psychology), the Institute of Social and Political Psychology of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine (Kyiv, Ukraine, WES recognized in Canada)
- 2002 – 2007 Master of Science (Educational Psychology), Bachelor of Science (Social Pedagogy)
Nizhyn State University of Mykola Hohol (Ukraine). Research on professional motivation
- 1999 – 2001 Diploma, Nursing in Mental Health, Chernihiv Medical School (Ukraine)

COURSES

- 2026 – 2027 Graduate Teaching and Learning Program, UAlberta (in progress)
- 2026 Amazon Web Services Health Science Research Skilling Accelerator, UAlberta (Canada)
- 2026 Research Project Management, certificate (Canada)
- 2025 CIFAR Winter School of Neuroscience, certificate (Canada)
- 2025 Research Ethics Course, compliance with the Tri-Council Policy Statement (TCPS 2), certificate
- 2024 Research Meets Policy Course, Simon Fraser University, certificate

TEACHING, MENTORSHIP AND KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

- 2026 Usatenko, H., Malyi-Prasol, R., Ranahan, P., Vu, A.-T., Smith, A., & Moretti, M. (2026). *Supporting parents in war and displacement: A pilot study of the Connect program adaptation for Ukrainian migrant parents in Canada* [Conference presentation]. International Attachment Conference 2026. doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.18415.60326
- 2025 Mentorship of undergraduate and graduate students, advanced statistics in psychology, SFU
- 2024 Developer, Trainer of the Disability Inclusion course for 1500 health and social workers, Ukraine
- 2023 Usatenko, H. (2023). *The role of women in fostering equitable access to Assistive Technology: key considerations in the context of service development, creative problem-solving, research and innovation* [Conference presentation]. 17th International Conference of the AAATE
- 2022, 2024 Guest lecturer, Special Education Course, Skovoroda National University, Kharkiv, Ukraine
- 2022 Teaching Assistant, Lecturer. Psychology, Social Psychology courses. Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
- 2021 Chaika, M., Kryvonogova, O., & Usatenko, H. (2021). *The theory and practice of augmentative and alternative communication in education of children with disabilities*. Manual. DyvoGra.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2025 – pres. Postdoctoral Fellow, [Computational Psychiatry Lab](#), University of Alberta

- Analysis of Canadian longitudinal health data using machine learning. Research on aging, outcome prediction, and preparation of scientific manuscripts.
- 2025 – 2026 *Research Associate, Postdoctoral Fellow, Adolescent Health Lab, Simon Fraser University*
Coordination of an international research implementation project. Research evaluation and analysis of program outcomes. Qualitative and quantitative research on parent–child attachment. Contribution to grant writing and reporting to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). Research ethics applications. Mentorship.
- 2023 – 2024 *Disability Inclusion Consultant, UNICEF (Ukraine)*
UN Disability Inclusion Strategy implementation. Gap identification in inclusion at the national level. Training for 1,500 professionals and capacity building for communities, research and non-profit organizations. Knowledge dissemination events, coordination of working groups.
- 2022 – 2023 *Senior Community Accountability Officer, International NGO Mercy Corps (Ukraine)*
Process analysis, maintaining professional relationships with 10+ stakeholder organizations, coordinating cooperation with humanitarian aid partners. Service quality monitoring, training on accountability implementation for national non-profit organizations.
- 2018 – 2022 *Co-founder, Partnerships, AAC Community in Ukraine, NGO, aac.org.ua*
Knowledge mobilization, policy writing on assistive technology. Adaptation of international practice, 30+ training events for professionals on augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). Research impact evaluation. Implementation studies and knowledge dissemination.
- 2015 – 2026 *Research Lead, CEO, DyvoGra Social Enterprise (Ukraine) dyvogra.com*
Research on assistive technology (AT) for communication and parent-child attachment. Project management and leadership in international collaborative projects on AT implementation research. Fundraising and grant writing. Management of an 8-person team.
- 2013 – 2023 *Therapist, trainer. Private practice, psycheya.info (Ukraine)*
Leadership in the national project of intervention standards in bullying prevention.
Interruption for two maternity leaves in 2009 – 2013
- 2008 – 2009 *Training and Development Specialist, EFG Group Universal Bank (Greece, Ukraine).*
Coaching and mentorship. Training effectiveness evaluation and learning data analysis.
- 2005 – 2009 *Behavioral Psychologist, SAVSERVICE Trading Company (Ukraine)* Training and adaptation.
- 2001 – 2005 *Nurse, Mental Health Hospital, Inpatient Unit (Ukraine)* Clinical research on anxiety.

PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

- 2026 Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma, Springer Nature
- 2024, 2026 Conference abstract reviewer, AAATE Conference Review Committees. aaate.eu

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- 2026 – pres. *Research Team Volunteer, Baby Bliss Bot Project (the digital AAC solution), The Inclusive Design Research Centre, OCAD University (Toronto), User Experience Research*
- 2025 – 2026 von Tetzchner, S., Martinsen, H., & Stadskleiv, K. (2026). *Augmentative and alternative communication for children, adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities* (H. Usatenko, Translator). DyvoGra Publishing. [Ukrainian edition].
- 2025 Contribution to the Road Map for Access to Assistive Technology (World Health Organization)
- 2023 – pres. *National Contact Person, Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe*
Community building, implementation of European research and practice on health and assistive technology (AT) in Ukraine. Consultancy on integration of AT into service provision.
- 2014 – 2015 *Partnerships coordinator, Ukrainian Association of Specialists in Overcoming Traumatic Events*

