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Curriculum vitae

Education

University of Alabama

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, First Curriculum (1992)

University of Indianapolis

Master of Science in Physical Therapy (1995)

University of South Alabama

Doctorate of Physical Therapy (2010)

Professional Certification

ABPTS Certification in Pediatric Physical Therapy (2004)

Employment

University of Central Florida Program in Physical Therapy

Instructor (2007-present)

Responsible for development and implementation of entry level doctoral program in physical therapy courses. Currently serving on Retention and Advancement Committee, Petitions and Grievances Committee, Professional Standards Committee, International Affairs Committee, and University Library Advisory Committee. Serve as a faculty advisor for student research projects.

Coordinate student mission trip each spring to serve underprivileged children in Kingston, Jamaica.

Courses Taught:

PHT 5218 Theories and Procedures I (Primary Instructor)

PHT 5218L Theories and Procedures I Lab (Primary Instructor)

PHT 6219 Theories and Procedures II (Primary Instructor)

PHT 6719 Theories and Procedures II Lab (Primary Instructor)

PHT 6322 Pediatric Physical Therapy (Primary Instructor)

PHT 7329 Advanced Pediatric Physical Therapy (Primary Instructor)

PHT 7722C Physical Therapy Integration I (Co-Instructor)

PHT 6723C Physical Therapy Integration II (Co-Instructor)

PHT 5718 Neurological Physical Therapy (Co-Instructor)

PHT 5718L Neurological Physical Therapy Lab (Co-Instructor)
PHT 6719 Advanced Neurological Physical Therapy (Co-Instructor)
PHT 6719L Advanced Neurological Physical Therapy Lab (Co-Instructor)
PHT 5005 Foundations II

Gentiva Health Care

Home Health Physical Therapist, (2007- 2008)

Provided evaluation and treatment of adults with a variety of orthopedic and neurological diagnoses, Safe Stride Specialty Program therapist providing evaluation and treatment to individuals with balance disorders, and supervision of physical therapist assistants

ChildrenFirst Home Health Care

Per Diem pediatric physical therapist, (2007-present)

Responsible for evaluation and treatment of children from birth to 21 years of age with a variety of neurological, orthopedic, and developmental diagnoses in their home environment.

Outpatient Clinic Director, (2005-2007)

Established policies and procedures, maintain medial and personnel files, manage multidisciplinary staff, and provide evaluation and treatment to children birth to twenty one years of age with a variety of diagnosis

Therapy Department Manager and PPEC Medical Day Care Manager, (2003-2007)

Updated policies and procedures, oversee administrative and clinical services provided by therapy department and medical day care centers, manage staff of 20 office staff and 90 field staff, ensure quality of care, participate in quality assurance programs, coordination of services with Early Steps in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Volusia, and Brevard counties, and marketing to local hospitals, physicians, and community.

Led team through successful CHAP accreditation survey

Clinical Case Manager (2001-2003)

Responsibilities: Provide direct care services including evaluation and treatment of children and young adults in the home environment, evaluation for orthotics and medical equipment, and clinical supervision of a multidisciplinary therapy team

Medwaiver Physical Therapy Provider for the State of Florida

Home Health Physical Therapist, (1998-present)

Provided physical therapy evaluation and treatment of adults with a variety of neurological, orthopedic, and developmental diagnoses in the home environment, recommendations regarding cost plans, orthotics, assistive devices, and other durable medical equipment, communication with physicians, case managers, and other therapists regarding patients' medical and rehabilitative status

Florida Hospital

Staff Physical Therapist, (1996-2001)

Responsibilities: Member of day treatment rehabilitation team for children with neurological injuries, assessments for orthotics and wheelchairs, provide physical therapy evaluation and treatments to children with a variety of diagnoses birth to twenty one years of age, acute care and outpatient care for

adults with orthopedic, neurological, and general medical/surgical diagnoses as well as wound care, and education on assistive devices and durable medical equipment

Teaching Experience

University of Central Florida, (2007 – 2008)

Adjunct instructor, Pediatric Physical Therapy

Additional responsibilities: Coordinating 2008 humanitarian trip and participated in admissions process

Teaching assistant for Pediatric Physical Therapy, (2006-2007)

Guest lecturer for Neurological Rehabilitation Symposium, (2006)

Community partner (2005-2006) providing lecture and lab experiences for Pediatric Physical Therapy

ChildrenFirst Home Health Care

Instructor for Continuing Education, (2002-2007)

Courses Included: Get Paid to Play, Transitioning into Pediatric Physical Therapy, Ready Set Breath, EIP Transitioning to the New Model, Evidence Based Practice, Neurological Pediatric Therapy Across the Continuum, Making Sense Out of Sensory Integration, and Transitioning Tiny Babies From Hospital to Home.

Teaching Assistant for Mary Massery, (2006)

“If You Can’t Breath You Can’t Function”

Seminole Community College

Continuing Education Instructor, (2002)

Get Paid to Play

Presentations

Platform Presentation 1996 APTA National Convention

Tucker et al. *Reliability of Subtalar Joint Neutral Measurement in Children with Down Syndrome Birth to Three Years of Age.*

Traumatic Brain Injury In Children

Rehabilitation Symposium at University of Central Florida

March 2006

Evidence Base Treatment Strategies for the Child with Spasticity

Florida Physical Therapy Association State Conference

September 2009

Managing Children with Sickle Cell Disease: An Interdisciplinary, Collaborative Model

Presented with Ana Leon PhD, LCSW, Kenyatta Rivers PhD., CCC-SLP, Tracy Jones, RN, BSN, and Krystal Gonzales BA

Florida Speech and Hearing Association State Conference

May 2010

Play Your Way
Florida Physical Therapy State Conference
Presented with Chrissy Balder, DPT, Erin Brown, DPT, and Jillian Salas, DPT
September 2010

Professional Activities

APTA member
Pediatric Section Member
Neurology Section Member
UCF Library Advisory Committee
Member of Specialty Academy of Content Experts for American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties
Coordinator of International Missions with Florida Hospital SHARES 1996-2001, 2007-present

Continuing Education, (2002-present)

Pediatric Seating and Mobility
Intro to EIP for Therapists
Empowering Parents for the Journey Ahead
If You Can't Breathe you Can't Function
Developmental Assessment and Treatment for Children Birth to Three Years of Age
Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatrics Sponsored by Pediatric Section of APTA
APTA Combined Sections 2005, 2009,2010
Craniosacral I
Craniosacral II
SER I
Neurological Rehabilitation Symposium
Safe Strides - Balance Disorders Course
HIV Update
Domestic Violence Update
FPTA Conference 2009
Summer Faculty Conference 2010