Professional Experience

***University of Florida, Department of Occupational Therapy – Adjunct Faculty***

*Summer 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018*

* *OTH 5002 – Foundations of Occupational Therapy* with responsibilities including coordination of 20+ therapist visits, student mentorship, grading of assignments in multiple formats and creation of test questions/assignments in collaboration with primary professor.
* *OTH 6636/OTH 6642 – Adult Assessment/Intervention* with responsibilities including course content development/revision, lecturing, student mentorship, assignment development, exam question development, lab administration and assignment grading.
* *OTH 6635/OTH 6641 – Pediatric Assessment/Intervention* with responsibilities including course content development/revision, lab development/supervision, exam development/grading, assignment development/grading, organizing/leading experiential activities, student mentorship, collaboration with departmental faculty.
* *Clinical Research Assistant -* Part-time role with responsibility for qualitative data review and coding using grounded research theory related to symptomatology of learning disorders in college students and reported coping strategies.

***UFHealth Per Diem Occupational Therapist***

*December 2016- Present*

* *Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration -* Complete evaluations as part of inter-disciplinary teams for diagnoses including Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis/Motor Neuron Diseases, Parkinson’s disease, Atypical Parkinsonsim, Cortico-Basal Degeneration, Supranuclear Palsy, Essential Tremor, pre/post Deep Brain Stimulator placement.
* *Shands Rehabilitation Hospital* – Complete evaluation and develop clinical plan of care for multiple inpatient diagnoses in an interdisciplinary setting. Provide skilled clinical intervention in collaboration with interdisciplinary team and documented plan of care to achieve discharge goals.

***UFHealth Rehab Center for Kids – Occupational Therapist***

*January 2016 – July**2016*

* Specializing in complex medical management, low vision and visual perceptual disorders, and neurological conditions.

***UFHealth Shands Rehab Hospital – Occupational Therapist (Brain Injury Team)***

*May 2013 – January 2016, July 2016 – December 2016*

* Deliver occupation-based intervention and oversee care for patients with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), multi-trauma and other diagnoses with inter-disciplinary team in inpatient rehab setting. Coordinate with case management to ensure effective discharge planning, including recommendations for Durable Medical Equipment (DME), family training, and continuum of care services.
* Supervise Level I/II fieldwork students, one-day observation students and volunteers providing mentorship and education.
* Responsible for coordinating implementation of Canadian Occupational Performance Measure (COPM) and standardized visual assessments in standard practice, via trialing use, demonstrating efficacy, training peers, and relaying recommendations for incorporating documentation into Electronic Medical Record (EMR) to supervisors.
* Implemented the facility’s first Brain Injury Awareness Month activity, incorporating collaboration across departments and community organizations to highlight UFHealth Shands Rehab’s role in brain injury treatment/prevention.
* Review evidence-based practice guidelines and current research to make informed recommendations regarding departmental purchases for equipment, such as cognitive assessments, feeding adaptive equipment, materials for occupation-based stations/
* Developed “Occupation-Based Stations” for improved delivery of care, including staff training for infection control, and collaborating with Maintenance and Risk Management during building process to ensure adherence to all applicable hospital codes.
* Serve as Electronic Medical Record (Epic Systems) “Super-User”, including validating new builds, making recommendations for improved workflow, piloting new workflows, and assisting in training peers in new builds.
* Responsible for additional departmental projects, assisting with departmental scheduling during call-outs, training/mentoring new employees, providing community presentations, delivering staff in-services.

***Kelly Services (Orlando, FL) – Substitute Teacher***

*July 2008 – August 2010*

* Provided substitute teaching services to students in K-12, with an emphasis on ESE classrooms.

***Orlando Science Center (Orlando, FL) – Science Educator***

*September 2009 – August 2010*

* Provided science based educational curriculum education in 9-12th grade classroom settings; operated and provided education regarding the human body and health professions using SimMan device; lead 1st-2nd and 4th-5th grade science summer camps requiring curriculum delivery and classroom management skills.

***The Golden Rule Foundation (Orlando, FL) – Project Coordinator***

*July 2008 – August 2009*

* Developed collaborative service-learning projects for elementary aged students, including international students; provided oversight/development for all project management elements (budget management, marketing material creation, fundraising, etc.)

***National Kidney Foundation of Florida (Orlando, FL) – Program Manager***

 *November 2007 – June 2008*

* Performed five – year strategic planning to set future programmatic goals, reporting to three Board committees.
* Worked closely with various health professionals and dialysis/transplant patients to determine stakeholder needs for programmatic planning; Developed programs according to feedback, including revision of educational handout program.
* Coordinated free kidney screenings in the community in multiple community settings/populations.
* Created and delivered educational presentations related to kidney health, transplantation, nutrition.
* Participated in statewide coalitions related to kidney health and transplantation.

***Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center (Miami, FL) – Senior Health Education Coordinator*** *March 2005 – November 2007*

* Managed all aspects of a multi-topic school health program providing 800+ presentations and educating 24,000+ yearly.
* Supervised 16 part-time staff, including College Intern Program; created/revised policies to standardize training of employees, including drafting a new part-time employee handbook.
* Managed contracts and community collaborations.
* Designed 10+ curriculums and delivered 200+ presentations for youth and adult populations.
* Increased youth program offerings from seven lessons to 11 lessons in one year.
* Assumed responsibility for a struggling grant program, exceeding the deliverables by 17%.
* Created the adult health education department, including vision/goals, marketing/implementation strategy.

Education

***University of Florida – Masters in Occupational Therapy*** *December 2012*

* Recipient of Class of 2012 “Jane Slaymaker Memorial Award for Outstanding Leadership and Community Service”
* Graduated Magna Cum Laude
* Fieldworks: LTACH. Outpatient pediatric settings, school-based pediatrics, adult outpatient, mental health.
* Volunteered with Shands Arts in Medicine to engage dialysis patients in art projects during treatment (2010).
* Created and organized “Project Accessibility” – a community service project focused on improving home accessibility.
* Volunteered at the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services family camp weekend (2010 – 2012).
* Awarded an inter-professional education grant, operated under IRB-2 protocol, to conduct a needs assessment for rehabilitative services in Alachua County, including provision of community services via the coordination of a large health fair and a series of free occupational therapy education/consultation sessions.

***Florida International University – Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences***

*May 2006*

* Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Volunteer/Community Activities

***Equal Access Clinic Occupational Therapy Specialty Clinic Director***

*July 2013 – September 2015*

* Established the first free community-based occupational therapy clinic in the state of Florida.
* Served as clinical director for all clinic operations, including supervising and mentoring student volunteers from the University of Florida Masters of Occupational Therapy program, establishing community partnerships, ensuring adherence to all applicable ethical/legal guidelines, coordinating fundraising efforts and managing clinic finances, recruiting patients and clinical volunteers.

***North Central Florida Occupational Therapy Forum***

*March 2014 – Present*

* Active participant in implementation of forum activities, including networking with community colleagues to establish mentorship opportunities for students and local advocacy efforts.
* Developed and coordinated “Dinner with an OT” event providing networking and mentorship opportunities for local students, as well as professional development opportunities for local Occupational Therapists (2015).
* Annual participant and coordinating assistant for “Speed Dating with an OT” event providing professional development opportunities to local Occupational Therapists, while exposing students to multiple practice areas available in the profession (2014-2017).

Teaching (\*\*\*Denotes curriculum personally developed)

*University of Florida Masters of Occupational Therapy Curriculum*

Peabody Developmental Motor Scales and Early Intervention Developmental Profile – Clinical Implementation and Scoring (2018)

Qualitative Motor Evaluation, Ayers Clinical Observations and Visual Motor Integration Assessment (2018)

Clinical Evaluation and Treatment of Feeding and Eating in Pediatrics (2018)

Applied Treatment Activities \*\*\*(2018)

Clinical Evaluation and Intervention of Play (2018)

Case Management for Entry Level Occupational Therapists\*\*\* (2017)

Primary Care as an Emerging Practice Area (2017)

Dementia Roundtables (2017)

Cognition Lab (2017)

Swallowing/Feeding for Entry Level Occupational Therapists Lab (2017)

Hemiplegic Shoulder Pain Assessment and Intervention (2017)

Sensory Assessment and Intervention Lab (2017)

Balance Assessment and Intervention (2017)

Trunk Control Assessment and Intervention (2017)

Upper Extremity Assessment (2017)

BSN Delta Casting for the Upper Extremity (2017)

Vision Assessment for the Entry Level Occupational Therapist\*\*\* (2015, 2016, 2017)

Vision Intervention for the Entry Level Occupational Therapist\*\*\* (2015, 2016, 2017)

Introduction to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Setting\*\*\* (2014, 2015, 2016)

*UFHealth Shands Rehabilitation Inservice Programs/Lectures*

EPIC Care Plan Training (2015)

BiVABA in Clinical Practice Across the Continuum (2015)

Increasing Occupation Based Intervention using Occupation Based Stations (2015)

EPIC FIM Flowsheet Training (2014)

Ataxia Management (2014)

Cognitive Rehabilitation (2014)

*Other*

Behavior Management for the Brain Injured Patient (*UF Dept. of Physical Therapy*) (2015, 2017)

BSN Delta Casting for the Upper Extremity (*UF Dept. of Physical Therapy*) (2015, 2017)

Stress Management\*\*\* (*various community groups*) (2015)

What is Occupational Therapy?\*\*\* (*United Church of Gainesville*) (2014)

Honors and Awards

***Distinguished Young Alumni Award*** *2017*

University of Florida College of Public Health and Health Professions, Department of Occupational Therapy

***Emerging Leaders Program Participant*** *2014*

American Occupational Therapy Association

***Award of Appreciation* *for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Occupational Therapy*** 2*013*

Florida Occupational Therapy Association

***Jane Slaymaker Memorial Award for Outstanding Leadership and Community Service*** *2012*

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**Professional Presentations**

* Short Course Presenter (“*First Semester to First Year Practitioner: Service-Learning as a Vehicle to Professional Development”)* – Florida Occupational Therapy Association State Conference (2014)

**Publications**

* “Student Run Free Therapy Clinics: Integrating Service-Learning and Care for the Uninsured” - *OT Practice* (February 2015)

Memberships

* American Occupational Therapy Association
* Florida Occupational Therapy Association
* National Board of Credential for Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)

Certifications

* Beckman Oral Motor Programs (2016)
* Bioness H200 Wireless Device (2014)
* National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (2013)
* PAMS/Modalities (2013)