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**Visiting /Assistant /Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy**

Engaging educator with extensive expertise in occupational therapy. Demonstrated history of creating curricular materials for undergraduate and graduate level courses, as well as leading student education and fieldwork within outpatient programs. Innovative professional adept at collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to coach, mentor, and qualify the next generation of clinical professionals with a focus on patient-focused outcomes and value-based care. Proven commitment to treating patients by addressing “what matters to them rather than what is the matter with them.”

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Clinically Focused Instruction | Curriculum Development | Occupational Therapy | Healthcare Equity & Innovation

Population Health | Gaps Assessments | Interdisciplinary Collaboration | Coaching & Mentoring | Research Methods

Student Engagement & Enablement | Presentations | Scholarly Leadership | Committee Participation | Publishing

Patient Outcomes Improvement | Value-Based Care Models | Cultural Competency | Quality Assurance | Field Work

Wound Care | Burns | Lymphedema | Orthosis Fabrication | Thumb/CMC Arthritis | Tennis Elbow | Carpal Tunnel

**EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS**

THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT AUGUSTINE | **Doctor of Occupational Therapy (2021)**

THE UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE | **Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy (1996)**

STATE OF ILLINOIS | **Licensed Occupational Therapist #056005850 (Valid through 12/2023)**

HAND THERAPY CERTIFICATION COMMISSION | **Certified Hand Therapist (Valid through 12/25)**

THE AYERS INTERNATIONAL | **Sensory Integration Certified (2012)**

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE, Naperville, IL. 8/2021 –Present

**Assistant Professor of Master of Occupational Therapy**

*Current courses:* Physical dysfunction, Specialties in OT, Assessment Theories and Assessment Application

COTAD Faculty Advisor

NCC Hand Study group Mentor or Level 2 Field work.

**Adjunct Assistant Professor**

*Courses Taught: MOCT603: Specialty Intervention.*

Develop curricular materials for Splinting/Orthosis Fabrication, Introduction to Hand Therapy, Wound Care, Lymphedema, Burns, and Prosthetics.

* Write and administer summative assessment for Introduction to Hand Therapy.
* Oversee fieldwork, including managing curriculum development for fieldwork review days and planning student and surgeon meetings to ensure attainment of goals.
* Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams on monitoring and improving student performance.

MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Downers Grove, IL

**Capstone Clinical Site Mentor**  2018 – Present

* Engage students in preparing pre-capstone proposals and conducting needs assessments.
* Establish clinical capstone development goals, as well as ensure students are working toward achievement.
* Assist with submission of Institutional Review Board (IRB) applications where needed.
* Prepare final manuscripts and assist with dissemination of results.

ELMHURST UNIVERSITY, Naperville, IL

MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Downers Grove, IL

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE, Naperville, IL

**Clinical Instructor Level 1 & 2**  2018 – Present

*Oversee student educator performance in Occupational Therapy program to ensure competence in entry-level skills*

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

North Central College Naperville IL 2021-present

DULY HEALTH AND CARE, Plainfield, IL 2017– Present

**Neurological Program Coordinator** (2020 – Present) PRN

Direct program planning and strategy for PT/OT Neurological program. Build and develop team, including setting individual performance goals and monitoring achievement. Train and mentor staff. Lead instructional design and training.

***Key Achievements:***

* Improved Neuro schedule utilization for team from 5% to 35% within two quarters.
* Increased PT/OT specialty for LSVT from 4 to 12 to support patient needs, as well as enhanced and optimized community resource pool to ensure comprehensive care outside the program.
* Developed Population Health initiatives during OT and Hand Therapy months.
* Supported professional development of rehabilitation technicians by creating and managing mentoring program.

**Senior Occupational Therapist: Outpatient Hand Therapy** (2017 – Present)

Lead treatment planning and care for surgical hand/elbow and shoulder rehabilitation patients. Utilize protocol-based practices for tendon repairs, fractures, arthritis, tendonitis, and other conditions. Make recommendations for ergonomic and body mechanics improvements to prevent future injury. Consult with patients and caregivers on recommendations for custom fabricated orthotics and adaptive equipment.

***Key Achievements:***

* Led home exercise plan development using Medbridge.
* Educated patients on Triple Aim of Care and advised them of strategies for maintaining well-being.
* Served on EMR-EPIC Clinical Specialty Groups for Neurological and Hand Therapy.

ATI PHYSICAL THERAPY, City, ST 2012– 2017

**Outpatient Occupational Therapist**

Evaluated patients for various diagnoses and conditions, including fractures, flexor/extensor tendon surgical repairs, inflammatory conditions, nerve conditions, and work-related injuries. Developed treatment protocols, as well as supported and assisted clinical team in ensuring compliance with best practices. Oversaw custom orthotic fabrication. Collaborated and communicated with interdisciplinary teams.

***Key Achievements:***

* Completed Graston and Kinesiotape technique training and managed soft tissue mobilization for patients.
* Facilitated patient education on injury prevention techniques, which included conducting ergonomic assessments and advising patients on strategies for integrating ergonomic practices into workplace.

***Additional Career Experience***

* **Clinical Team Manager,** Quality Therapy & Consultation (2003 – 2012)
* **Occupational Therapist,** Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (2000 – 2003)
* **Occupational Therapy Supervisor: Home Health & Early Intervention,** Universal Rehabilitation (1998 – 2002)
* **Staff Occupational Therapist: Outpatient/Inpatient,** Harare Central Hospital – Zimbabwe (1997 – 1998)

**COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION (AOTA)

**Illinois RA to the Representative Assembly**

**COTAD-ED member**  2022 – 23.

WOMEN OF DOMINION INTERNATIONAL

**Board Chair**  2018 – Present

*Direct all programming and outreach for organization*

[GIRLS LET’S TALK](http://www.womenofdominion.org/wod-initiatives/girls-lets-talk-glt/--)

**Founder**  2015 - Present

*Manage annual programming, activities, and annual conference planning*

**PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**“**[**Occupation Centered Hand Therapy: A Capstone Project**](https://youtu.be/mO_KeQNhIWg)**”**

Author, University of Saint Augustine (2022)

[*Aired on MoxieOT Podcast with Sarah Zera*](https://youtu.be/xqfdmDC46Ng)

**“NBOTC Inaugural Virtual OT Conference”**

Presenter, National Black Occupational Therapy Caucus (2022)

**“AACA Pedagogy Symposium”**

Presenter, North Central College (2021)

**“Hand Arthritis and the Elderly”**

Author, Duly Health and Care (2020)

**“The Face of God Illuminated in the Light of Grief”**

Author, Xlibris (2018)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT AUGUSTINE | **Capstone Project: Level 2 Hand Therapy Prep Fieldwork Manual** (2021)

LINKEDIN | **Human-Centered Leadership** (2021)

LINKEDIN | **Performance Management: Setting Goals & Managing Performance** (2021)

LINKEDIN | **Developing Credibility as a Leader** (2021)

LINKEDIN | **Leadership Strategies for Women** (2021)

LINKEDIN | **Building Self-Confidence** (2021)

**HONORS & AWARDS**

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

**Excellence in Scholarship & Teaching Award**

**High Honors Graduate (OTD)**

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**Member,** ILLINOIS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

**Member,** AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

**Member,** NATIONAL BLACK OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CAUCUS

**Member,** CHICAGO METRO HAND STUDY GROUP

**Member:** AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HAND THERAPISTS