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Professional Education

Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy Capstone Project: Sensory-based Coping Strategies to Support Emotional Regulation in Adolescents and Young Adults	May 2025
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI Master of Science in Occupational Therapy	Dec. 2012
University of Sheffield, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England Master of Arts in International Studies	Nov. 2005
Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication (Cum Laude)	Dec. 1998

Professional Credentials

State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Board of Occupational Therapists
Licensed Occupational Therapist
License Number: 5201008506
Valid through: 3/26/27

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy
Registered Occupational Therapist
Certification Number: 307683
Valid through: 3/31/28

Professional Experience: Academic

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI Faculty Specialist I – Clinical Specialist Clinic Coordinator—Unified Clinics	2025 – Present
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI Part-time Instructor Clinic Coordinator—Unified Clinics	2023 – 2025
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI Part-time Instructor	2016 – 2023

Teaching Experience: Clinical

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

2016 – Present

Course Instructor

Summer 2025

Level I Fieldwork: Adolescent/Young Adult Clinic

Summer 2024

OT 6501, 6502

Summer 2023

Summer 2022

Course Instructor

Fall 2025

Level I Fieldwork: Work-to-Work Clinic (Young Adult/Psychosocial)

Spring 2025

OT 3501, 3502, 4750, 4820, 6501, 6502, 6503, 6504

Fall 2024

Spring 2024

Fall 2023

Spring 2023

Fall 2022

Spring 2022

Fall 2021

Summer 2021

Spring 2021

Fall 2020

Spring 2020

Fall 2019

Course Instructor

Spring 2025

Level I Fieldwork: Skills for Living Clinic (Pediatrics)

OT 3501, 6504

Course Instructor

Summer 2023

Level I Fieldwork: Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital

Spring 2023

OT 6501, 6502, 6503, 6504

Fall 2022

Course Instructor

Fall 2021

Level I Fieldwork: Adult Clinic

OT 6503

Course Co-Instructor

Spring 2019

Level I Fieldwork: Work-to-Work Clinic (Young Adult/Psychosocial)

Fall 2018

OT 4820

Spring 2018

Fall 2017

Spring 2017

Fall 2016

Teaching Experience: Classroom

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI	2024 – Present
Course Instructor Pediatric Practice for the OTA OT 3201	Fall 2025
Course Instructor Documentation for the OTA OT 3110	Fall 2025
Course Co-Instructor Orientation to OT OT 2020	Spring 2025 Spring 2024
Course Co-Instructor Documentation for the OTA OT 3110	Fall 2024
Course Instructor Orientation to OT OT 2020	Fall 2024

Professional Experience: Academic (Other)

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI Youth Mental Health Interprofessional Networking and Workforce Development (Y-Mind) Mentor	Jan.– Aug. 2024
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI Clinical Supervisor Trainee	Jan. – Apr. 2016

Professional Experience: Clinical

Rehab Without Walls, Lansing, MI Occupational Therapist, Per Diem <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Evaluate the daily living skills of pediatric and adult neurorehabilitation clients, develop client-centered goals, and provide home and community-based treatment focused on helping clients achieve their maximum level of independence.	2016 – 2025
Finicky Feeders Clinic, Western Michigan University, Unified Clinics, Kalamazoo, MI Occupational Therapist <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Provided comprehensive evaluation and treatment for pediatric clients with food selectivity due to food aversions, difficulty with texture transition, oral motor challenges, and/or disruptive mealtime behaviors.	2017 – 2019

- Collaborated with parents and caregivers and developed client-centered home programs to ensure long-term carryover of progress from clinic to home environment.

Finicky Feeders Clinic, Western Michigan University, Unified Clinics, Kalamazoo, MI 2016 – 2017
Occupational Therapist, Research Study: Measuring the Effectiveness of the Finicky Feeders Program at WMU OT Pediatric Unified Clinic Using Single Subject Methodology

- Provided evaluation and treatment for food selectivity to children with self-restricted diets according to the Just Right Challenge Feeding Protocol (JRCFP).
- Participated in weekly treatment fidelity meetings.

Kalamazoo Functional Rehabilitation, Kalamazoo, MI 2015 – 2016
Occupational Therapist, Independent Contractor

- Performed comprehensive evaluations and developed client-centered treatment plans to help clients with injuries from auto or work-related accidents improve function in their home, community, workplace, and/or school.

Kalamazoo Area Rehabilitation Services, Kalamazoo, MI 2013 – 2014
Occupational Therapist

- Provided outpatient occupational therapy evaluation and treatment services to pediatric and adult clients with a variety of diagnoses, including traumatic brain injury, autism spectrum disorder, and ADHD.

Professional Training & Certifications

American Heart Association Basic Life Support Program 2024 – 2026
BLS Provider

Yoga Alliance 2021 – Present
Registered Yoga Teacher 200

Beckman Oral Motor Assessment and Intervention 2017

Fieldwork Experience

Kalamazoo Area Rehabilitation Services, Kalamazoo, MI Fall 2012
Level II Fieldwork Experience (Outpatient—pediatric/adult)

Borgess Gardens, Kalamazoo, MI Summer 2012
Level II Fieldwork Experience (Skilled Nursing Facility)

Work-to-Work Program, Western Michigan University, Unified Clinics, Kalamazoo, MI Spring 2012
Level I Fieldwork Experience

Pediatric Clinic, Western Michigan University, Unified Clinics, Kalamazoo, MI Level I Fieldwork Experience	Summer 2011
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Other Employment

Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI), Portage, MI Program Coordinator	2009 – 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Oversaw administrative functions related to ABAI’s continuing education programs.	

Working Capital for Community Needs (WCCN), Madison, WI Development & Marketing Director	2006—2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Responsible for planning and executing fundraising initiatives, including but not limited to annual giving, major gifts, grant writing, and procurement of loan fund investments.– Developed and implemented integrated marketing and communication plans.	

Vancouver Language Centre (VLC), Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico English Teacher	2003 – 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Created and taught original English-language lesson plans to meet the needs of adult learners and primary school students participating in the VLC after-school program.	

International Visitors Center of Chicago (IVCC), Chicago, IL Communications Manager	2001 – 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Created, developed, and implemented outreach strategies through event planning, membership development, publication production, and volunteer coordination.	

University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Health & Human Development Sciences, Chicago, IL Coordinator of Alumni Affairs & Development	1999 – 2000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Used communication skills to implement alumni cultivation and fundraising activities.	

Professional Presentations: Oral

Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Annual Fall Conference Moderator: Mental Health SIS Meeting	Oct. 2025
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Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Annual Fall Conference Moderator: Mental Health SIS Meeting	Oct. 2024
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Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Annual Fall Conference Moderator: Mental Health SIS Meeting	Oct. 2023
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Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Annual Fall Conference Session Co-Presenter: Preliminary outcome data for a multi-component treatment for food selectivity	Oct. 2017
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Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Annual Fall Conference Session Co-Presenter: Work-to-Work: Community collaboration to serve young adults in transition	Oct. 2012
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Professional Presentations: Poster

American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference Poster Presentation Additional Speaker: Multicomponent treatment for food selectivity with single-subject, multiple-baseline data	Apr. 2018
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Service

Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA) Mental Health SIS Chair	2023 – Present
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Professional Affiliations

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Member	Current
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Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA) Member	Current
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Yoga Alliance (YA) Member, Registered Yoga Teacher, RYT 200	Current
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