

Tracy L. O'Connor, OTD, OTR/L, BCPR

Current Position

January 2016-present *Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy and Academic Fieldwork Coordinator*
Department of Occupational Therapy
University of South Alabama
Mobile, Alabama 36688

Employment History

January 2016- August 2017 USA Medical Center
PRN-Occupational Therapist

August 2007- August 2009 *Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy and Academic Fieldwork Coordinator*
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Jan 2009-August 2009 *USA Medical Center*
PRN-Occupational Therapist

August 2009-December 2015 *USA Medical Center*
Acute Care Occupational Therapist

August 2014-December 2015 *Part-time Faculty USA OT Department*
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May, 2004-August, 2007 *Lecturer of Occupational Therapy and Academic Fieldwork Coordinator*
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May, 2004-Oct 2008 *West Florida Rehabilitation Institute, Pensacola, Florida*
PRN-Occupational Therapist

October, 2000-May, 2004 *West Florida Rehabilitation Institute, Pensacola, Florida*
-Outpatient Occupational Therapy clinical specialist
-Assisted in the development of the lymphedema program
-Clinical instructor for students
-Assisted with marketing various outpatient programs
-Instructed staff through in-services
-Provided treatment for clients in acute care, inpatient and outpatient rehab

March, 1999-September, 2000 *Mercy Medical, Daphne, Alabama*

- Inpatient and Outpatient staff therapist
- Assisted in the growth of the lymphedema program
- Clinical instructor for students
- Instructed staff through in-services
- Provided therapy for clients in outpatient, inpatient, and home health

January, 1998-February, 1999 *DCH Northport, Northport, Alabama*

- Inpatient staff therapist
- Assisted in the development of the restraint reduction program
- Presented to JCAHO concerning restraint reduction program
- Developed proposal for new OT psychiatric program

Educational Background

University of St. Augustine
Occupational Therapy Doctorate (2007)

Tuskegee University
Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy (1997)

Auburn University
Masters in Special Education: Mental Retardation (1994)

Auburn University
Bachelors in Special Education: Mental Retardation (1992)

Professional Presentations

Impact of Occupational Therapy Student Debt on Career and Lifestyle Choices. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association Virtual Fall Conference, October, 2020.

The Impact of Venous Insufficiency on Occupational Performance. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association Fall Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama, October, 2019.

The Impact of Venous Insufficiency on Occupational Performance. OT/PT Graduate Research Poster Presentations, University of South Alabama, October, 2019.

Embedding Standardized Patients in Occupational Therapy Courses. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, April, 2019.

Positioned for Learning: An Investigation on the Effectiveness of an Educational Presentation for Teachers on Laptop Ergonomics for Children. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, April, 2019.

The Impact of Venous Insufficiency on Occupational Performance. 26th annual USA Spring Graduate Research Forum, University of South Alabama, 2019.

Embedding Active Learning Experiences into OT Courses Utilizing Standardized Patients. AOTA Education Summit, 2018.

Positioned for Learning: An Investigation on the Effectiveness of an Educational Presentation for Teachers on Laptop Ergonomics for Children. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association, September, 2018.

Research Symposium: Building Evidence for Occupational Therapy Practice. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association, September, 2018.

The Impact of Urinary Incontinence on Physical Activity and Leisure Participation in Women. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association, September, 2018.

Fieldwork Educators' Perspectives on Fieldwork Education in Occupational Therapy. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association, September, 2018

Portfolio Development in OT Programs -Poster Presentation. USA-Annual Research Forum, Mobile, Alabama, March, 2009.

Fieldwork Supervisors and Students Perceptions of the Professional Portfolio. Nevada Occupational Therapy Association October, 2008.

Portfolio Development in OT Programs. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama. September, 2008.

USA Resource Notebook. USA Freshman Seminar Workshop. August, 2008.

Fieldwork Supervisors' and Students' Perceptions of the Occupational Therapy Student Portfolio. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Montgomery, Alabama. April, 2008.

Creating a Site Specific Fieldwork Manual for Fieldwork Supervisors. Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Metairie, Louisiana, April 2008

Perceptions of the Occupational Therapy Student Portfolio. Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Metairie, Louisiana, April, 2008.

Research Manual for Fieldwork Supervisor-Poster Presentation. Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Metairie, Louisiana. April, 2008.

Research Manual for Fieldwork Supervisor-Poster Presentation. USA-Annual Research Forum, Mobile, Alabama, March, 2008.

Student Portfolio Development, Are They Worth It?-Poster Presentation. USA-Annual Research Forum, Mobile, Alabama, March, 2008.

Research Manual for Fieldwork Supervisor-Poster Presentation. Mississippi State Occupational Therapy Association Spring Conference, Jackson, Mississippi, February, 2008.

Student Portfolio Development, Are They Worth It?-Poster Presentation. Mississippi State Occupational Therapy Association Spring Conference, Jackson, Mississippi, February, 2008.

Research Manual for Fieldwork Supervisor-Poster Presentation. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama. October, 2007

Student Perceptions of the Occupational Therapy Student Portfolio-Poster Presentation. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama. October, 2007

Website Resource for OT Fieldwork Supervisors-Poster Presentation. USA-Annual Research Forum, Mobile, Alabama, March, 2007

Website Resources for OT Fieldwork Supervisors. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC, April, 2006

Website Resource for OT Fieldwork Supervisors-Poster Presentation. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama. September, 2006

Kinesiotaping. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association. North Central District Meeting. Jasper, Alabama, October, 2005

Website Resources for OT Fieldwork Supervisors. Invited by Azalea City Hand Rehab, Mobile, Alabama, November, 2005.

Website Resources for OT Fieldwork Supervisors. Invited by Ocean Springs Hospital-Outpatient Pediatric Department, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, November, 2005.

Website Resources for OT Fieldwork Supervisors. Invited by Baptist Hospital, Pensacola, Florida, November, 2005.

Website Resources for OT Fieldwork Supervisors. Invited by USA Medical Center, Mobile, Alabama, November, 2005.

Website Resources for OT Fieldwork Supervisors. Invited by UTCOTS, Memphis, Tennessee, November, 2005.

Website Resources for OT Fieldwork Supervisors. Invited by West Florida Hospital, Pensacola, Florida, November, 2005.

Website Resources for OT Fieldwork Supervisors. Invited by USA Children's and Women's, Mobile, Alabama, November, 2005.

Kinesiotaping. By invitation workshop presented at Mobile Infirmary, Mobile, Alabama, August, 2004.

Kinesiotaping. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association. South District Spring Conference. Fairhope, Alabama, 2004

Using the Fieldwork Performance Evaluation Form. Invited by West Florida Rehabilitation Institute, Pensacola, Florida, 2004

Grants

SOTL Grant, University of South Alabama, 2018

Recipient of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) Adviser Grant Program for her work on *Social Responsibility: The Power of the Association of College Honor Societies to Make a Difference, A Chapter Leadership Project.*

Courses Developed/Taught

University of South Alabama

Undergraduate courses:

OT 101 Introduction to Occupational Therapy

OT 201 Introduction to Occupational Therapy

AHP 101 Freshman Seminar

Graduate courses:

OT 500 Occupation in Context (co-teach)

OT 524 Biomedical and Phenomenological Perspectives on Disability I

OT 534 Biomedical and Phenomenological Perspectives on Disability II

OT 519 Professional Development I

OT 529 Professional Development II

OT 539 Professional Development III

OT 549 Professional Development IV

OT 517 Occupational Evaluation I

OT 527 Occupational Evaluation II

OT 521 Practicum I

OT 531 Practicum II

OT 541 Practicum III

OT 551 Practicum IV

OT 550 Level II Fieldwork (A)

OT 555 Level II Fieldwork (B)

OT 580 Level II Fieldwork (C)

OT 540 Intervention III

OT 559 Leadership

OT 573 Acute Care

OT 581 Clinical Practice I

OT 582 Clinical Practice II

Professional Service

University of South Alabama

University

Faculty Senate, 2016-present

USA Faculty Senate Executive Committee, April 2019-April 2021

USA Ad Hoc Health Affairs Committee Chair April 2020-April 2021

USA Academic Development and Mentoring Committee, Committee Chair, April 2018-April 2020

USA Market Analysis Subcommittee, November 2019-January 2020

University Assessment Advisory Committee for Academic and Student Support Services,
August 2019-2020

USA Handbook Committee, May 2017-April 2018

Faculty/Staff Annual Fund Campaign-Department Representative, 2008

Faculty/Staff Annual Fund Campaign-Department Representative, 2007.

Member, USA Freshman Seminar Committee, University of South Alabama, 2007-2009.

College of Allied Health

Gonfalonier for the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions 2020-current

Clinical Education Committee. Member, October 2019- present

Gonfalonier for the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions, 2018-2019

Clinical Education Committee, Chair, October 2018-October 2019

Member, Biosafety Committee, College of Allied Health, University of South Alabama, 2016-2020

Academic Standards Committee, 2019

Non-tenure Track Faculty Task Force, 2018

Member, Biosafety Committee, College of Allied Health, University of South Alabama, 2004-2009.

Member, Allied Health First Year Experience Committee, College of Allied Health, University of South Alabama, 2005-2006.

Member, Shaw High School Committee, College of Allied Health, University of South Alabama, 2005-2006.

Department of Occupational Therapy

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of South Alabama, 2021.

Member, Admissions Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of South Alabama, 2016-present.

Member, Portfolio Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of South Alabama, 2008-2009.

Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of South Alabama, 2004-2009.

Member, Admissions Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of South Alabama, 2004-2009.

Member, Student Promotion and Evaluation Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of South Alabama, 2004-2009.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of South Alabama, 2005-2006.

Member, Admissions Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of South Alabama, 2002.

Member, Admissions Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of South Alabama, 2000.

University Related Community Service

Jag Health and Wellness Fair, September 2016

Healthy Minds Wellness Fair, April 2016

Recognitions Chair, Alabama Occupational Therapy Association, 2008-2020

Occupational Therapy South District Chair, 2004-2008

Baldwin County Special Olympics, 2008

Faulkner Vocational High School Career Fair, 2006 & 2007

Professional Service

Treasurer: Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy, January 2021-present

AOTA Education Summit Reviewer, 2021

President: Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy, January 2020-January 2021

Secretary: Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy, January 2019-January 2020

AOTA National Conference Reviewer, 2019

Treasurer: Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy, 2017

Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy, October 2016-present

Extracurricular participation

Pre-Occupational Therapy Club Advisor, 2016-2020

Occupational Therapy Pi Theta Epsilon Honor Society Advisor, 2005-2009

Pre-Occupational Therapy Club Advisor, 2004-2009

Recruitment/Advising Activities

March 2021: Auburn OT/PT Club, Guest Speaker

October 2019: Freshman Year Experience Course for College of Allied Health, Guest Speaker

June 2019: AHEC High School Student Presentation

April, 2019: AHP 1010, Guest Speaker,

October 2018: Freshman Year Experience Course for College of Allied Health, Guest Speaker

October, 2018: USA Day

October, 2017: USA Day

October, 2016: USA Day

September, 2016 Jag Health and Wellness Fair

August, 2016 USA Get On Board Day
February 2016 USA Day
January, 2009: Transfer student advising
August, 2008: JagFest
August, 2008: Freshman and transfer advising
March 24, 2008: Recruiting at Auburn University
January 4, 2008: Advising
August, 2007: JagFest
May 25, 2007: Advising
April 21, 2007: Get Acquainted Day
April 10, 2007: OT 101 tour of OT department
February 3, 2007: Get Acquainted Day
January 5, 2007: Advising
August, 2006: JagFest
June 23, 2006: Freshman advising
June 20, 2006: Freshman advising
June 16, 2006: Freshman advising
April 2006: Get Acquainted Day
February 2006: Get Acquainted Day
January 2006: New student orientation/advising
August 2005: Convocation
August 2005: Student Orientation
July 2005: Transfer student orientation advising
June 2005: Transfer student orientation/advising
May 2005: Freshman orientation/advising

Awards and Honors

Elsie McKibbin Lectureship Award given by the Alabama Occupational Therapy Association, 2019

“Top Prof” Recognition given by Gold Key Chapter of Mortar Board, University of South Alabama, March 2018.

“Top Prof” Recognition given by Gold Key Chapter of Mortar Board, University of South Alabama, March 2018.

American Occupational Therapy Association: Board Certification in Physical Rehabilitation, 2018

“University of South Alabama Organization Advisor of the Year” given by the University of South Alabama Student Government Association and Campus Involvement, April 2009.

Pre-OT Club: Organization Proficiency Award nominee-Recognition given by the University of South Alabama Student Government Association and Campus Involvement 2008-2009.

PTE: Organization Proficiency Award nominee-Recognition given by the University of South Alabama Student Government Association and Campus Involvement 2008-2009

“OT Award of Excellence” given by the Alabama Occupational Therapy Association, September

2008.

Outstanding Advisor nominee (nominated by members of PTE organization) given by the University of South Alabama Student Government Association and Campus Involvement, 2007-2008.

Pre-OT Club: Organization Proficiency Award nominee-Recognition given by the University of South Alabama Student Government Association and Campus Involvement, 2007-2008.

PTE: Organization Proficiency Award nominee- given by the University of South Alabama Student Government Association and Campus Involvement, 2007-2008.

Pre-OT Club: Merit Award Winner-Recognition given by the University of South Alabama Student Government Association and Campus Involvement, 2007-2008.

“Top Prof” Recognition given by Gold Key Chapter of Mortar Board, University of South Alabama, March 2007.

Alpha Eta Society, Allied Health Professions Honorary, University of South Alabama, March 2007.

“Top Prof” Recognition given by Gold Key Chapter of Mortar Board, University of South Alabama, March 2006.

Outstanding Advisor nominee (nominated by members of PTE organization) given by the University of South Alabama Student Government Association and Campus Involvement, 2006-2007.

Pre-OT Club: Organization Proficiency Award nominee-Recognition given by the University of South Alabama Student Government Association and Campus Involvement, 2006-2007.

PTE: Organization Proficiency Award nominee-Recognition given by the University of South Alabama Student Government Association and Campus Involvement, 2006-2007.

Professional Development

Certifications

American Occupational Therapy Board Certification in Physical Rehabilitation, 2018-present

Constraint Induced Therapy

One week Course in the Treatment of Children and Adults with Hemiplegic, Birmingham, Alabama 2008 & 2007.

Kinesio Taping Fundamentals & Kinesio Taping for Upper & Lower Extremity (21 contact hours), New Orleans, LA, January, 2004.

Completed the training in the practice and principles of the Casley-Smith Method of Complex Lymphatic Treatment for Lymphoedema and is a Certified Lymphoedema Therapist (120 contact hours), Atlanta, GA, March, 2000.

Neuro-Developmental Treatment (NDT) Approach

Three Week Course in the Treatment of Adults with Hemiplegia (112 contact hours), Jackson, MS, 1999.

Continuing Education Courses completed

Strategic Course Design Mini-Course, University of South Alabama, May 2021

Upper Extremity Reconstructive Surgery for Tetraplegia, May 2021

Conference on Teaching and Learning, University of South Alabama, 2021

AOTA National Conference, 2021

Foundational Skills for Fieldwork Educators: Giving Effective Feedback, March 2021

Diversity and Inclusion Training, University of South Alabama, 2020-2021

Succeeding at Life's Occupations Following a Brain Injury, March, 2021

Management of the Hemiplegic Shoulder, March, 2021

The Unique Role of Occupational Therapy in the Treatment of Parkinson's Disease, March, 2021

Neuromodulation for Spinal Cord Injury: OT's Role in Enhancing Outcomes, March, 2021

From Compensation to Restoration: Activity-Based Therapy and Spinal Cord Injury, March, 2021

The Value of Occupational Therapy in the Acute Care Management of Patients with COVID-19, March, 2021

Swell to Well: Wound Management for Clients Living with Lymphedema, March, 2021

Occupational Therapy Treatment for Patients with Multiple Sclerosis, March 2021

Translating and Implementing Motor Learning Approaches for Neurorehabilitation, March, 2021

Institute for Multi-Sensory Education's Intermediate Virtual IMSA Orton-Gillingham Training (30 hours) December, 2020.

Institute for Multi Sensory Education's Comprehensive Virtual IMSA Orton-Gillingham Training (30 hours) November, 2020.

ALOTA Fall (Virtual) Conference, 2020

Conference on Teaching and Learning, University of South Alabama, 2020

Occupational Therapy's Role in Delirium, Assessment, Prevention and Management within the ICU, May 2020

Acute Care Back to the Basics: Burn Care, May 2020

Acute Care Back to the Basics: OT's role in the Emergency Department, May 2020

Sustaining the Well-Being of Healthcare Workers During Corona Virus, May 2020

Suicide and Self Harm in the Elderly, May 2020

Conference on Teaching and Learning, University of South Alabama, 2019

AOTA National Conference, 2019

ALOTA Fall Conference, 2019

ALOTA Fall Conference, 2018

ALOTA Fall Conference, 2016

ALOTA Research Presentations, May 2016

ALOTA Fieldwork Projects, April 2016

ALOTA Case Poster Presentations, December 2015

ALOTA Fall Conference, 2014

Southeastern Burn Conference, September 2013

ALOTA Fall Conference, 2013

ALOTA Fall Conference, 2012

ALOTA Fall Conference, 2011

ALOTA Fall Conference, 2010

ALOTA South District Spring Conference, March, 2009

ALOTA: Student Projects, 2009

ALOTA Fall conference, September, 2008

Health Information Literacy, August, 2008

AOTA Conference, 2008

South District Spring Conference, 2008

Parenting a Child with Special Needs, 2008

Informal Use of OT Expertise within a Pre-School Classroom, 2008

The Incorporation of the Saeboflex and Saebostretch in the Treatment of Neurological Conditions, 2008

Neuroanatomy Made Ridiculously Simple, 2008

The Ninetendo Wii in Occupational Therapy Inpatient Rehabilitation, 2008

Anxiety Disorders, 2008

Constrain Induced Therapy, 2007

ALOTA Fall Conference, 2007

Essentials of AMA Impairment, 2007

Legal Issues in Evaluation of Clinical Performance and Academic Dismissal, 2007

Physical and Occupational Therapy on a Shoestring Budget: Using everyday objects to achieve extraordinary, 2007

ErgoMOMics and DADonomics, 2007

Transferring Bariatric Client's, 2007

Yoga as a Therapeutic Intervention, 2007

Missions in Peru, 2007

BOT-2, 2007

Miller Fun, 2007

Sensory and Executive Issues In Autism Spectrum Disorders and the Practical Implications, 2006

ALOTA Fall Conference, 2006

Regulatory and Reimbursement Update, 2006

Infant Massage, 2006

Handwriting Without Tears, 2006

APTA CI Education and Credentialing Program, 2005

Dementia Treatment, 2005

Introductions to C-Spine: Evaluation & Treatment, 2005

Prediabetes & Diabetes, 2005

Evaluation and Treatment of the PNI in the UE: Splinting Lab, 2005

Musculoskeletal Disorders in the Workplace: Causes and Prevention, 2005

Fundamentals of Upper Limb Manual Medicine, 2005

Adaptive Childcare Techniques for Adults with Disabilities, 2005

Using the Fieldwork Performance Evaluation Forms: An Interactive Approach, 2004

Work Interventions for Young Adults in a GED Program, OT Program for Single Homeless Women, and OT's Role in Domestic Violence, 2004

Service Learning Through the Support Team Approach Model: Faculty and Student Perspectives, 2004

The Development of Curriculum for an Advanced Treatment Course in Low Vision Rehabilitation through the Application of the AOTA Standards for Continuing Competency, 2004

Content Validity & Inter-rater Reliability of the Total Acute Care Evaluation (T.A.C.E.), 2004

"Oh Say Can You See" Why Every OT Should Address Vision in Practice, 2004

Coding and Billing for Therapy and Rehab, 2004

Medical Errors, 2004

Therapeutic Listening, 2004

Maximizing Abilities and Potential of People with Dementia, 2004

Alzheimer's Disease or Related Disorders, 2004

Florida OT Laws and Rules, 2004

Sensory Integration Tool Kit Workshop, 2003

Medical Errors, 2003

End of Life, Palliative Care, 2003

Wounds and Skin Care for the Licensed Healthcare Provider, 2003

Advanced Upper Extremity NDT training, 2002

Stress in the Workplace, 2002

Advancements in Lower Extremity Prosthetics, 2002

Effectiveness of Reinforcement vs. Punishment with Brain Injury, 2002

Rehabilitation for Employment following a TBI: Innovative strategies and techniques, 2002

Risk Management Issues: Current Topics in Bedside delivery of care, 2002

Treatment Strategies for Visual Perceptual Deficits, 2001

Taking a Breather from Stress, 2001

Ethical and Legal Aspects of Pain Treatment, 2001

Enhancing Motor Recovery with Constraint-Induced Movement Therapy, 2001

Physical Agent Modalities for the Occupational Therapy Practitioner, 2000

Alabama AIDS Symposium Teleconference, 2000

Interventions in Early Parkinson's Disease, 2000

Aphasia, 2000

AIDS Conference and Self learning Packet, 2000

ADLs and Energy Conservation, 2000

Treating Falls & Balance Problems in the Elderly, 1999

Intermediate/Advanced Course in Splinting, 1998

Introduction to NDT in Adult Hemiplegia, 1998

NDT in Action: Functional Treatment Ideas in Everyday Living, 1998

Restraint Reduction Seminar, 1998

Team Works-Understanding Change/Making the Difference, 1998

Communicating with the Aphasic Patient, 1998

Professional Association Membership

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Alabama Occupational Therapy Association (ALOTA)

Professional Credentials

Licensed Occupational Therapist

Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy