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Education

Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado	Master of Science Degree, Occupational Therapy
	December, 2005
University of Northern Colorado Greeley, Colorado	Bachelor of Science Degree, Human Rehabilitative Services, Sociology minor, May 2003

Fieldwork Experience

9/05-12/05	University of Wisconsin Hospitals Madison, WI	Out-Patient Rehabilitation-Pediatrics
6/05-9/05	Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago Chicago, IL	In-Patient Rehabilitation-Spinal Cord Injury
01/2005	Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital Braintree, MA	In-Patient Adult Rehabilitation
04/2004	Poudre Valley Hospital Fort Collins, CO	Out-Patient Rehabilitation-Pediatrics
02/2004	Western Hills Health Care Lakewood, CO	Long-Term Care-Geriatric Rehabilitation

Academic Experience

October 2013-Present	Department of Occupational Therapy College of Health Sciences Rush University, Chicago, IL Academic Fieldwork Assistant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanding and maintaining fieldwork sites, negotiating fieldwork agreements, resource to students and supervisors at Rush University Medical Center and other sites regarding clinical education.• Maintenance of a fieldwork database and filing system for scheduling, generation of a variety of FW studies and reports for the accreditation and program review process.• Collaboration with both academic programs and clinical sites in addition to the Rush Office of Legal Affairs to ensure timely contract negotiations. Collaborate and communicate with clinical fieldwork sites.• Assist in providing formal clinical educator training for potential clinical educators at Rush University Medical Center and fieldwork sites.
June 2013 and June 2012	Department of Occupational Therapy College of Health Sciences Rush University, Chicago, IL Adjunct Faculty and Course Director OCC505 Clinical Foundation Skills

- 10 week summer quarter with lecture creation and revision, lab preparation, final exam creation, and grading.
- January 2013 Department of Occupational Therapy College of Health Sciences Rush University, Chicago, IL
- Guest Lecturer, Group Dynamics course, “The Chicago Lighthouse and Groups”, 1 hour
- January 2013 and February 2012 Department of Occupational Therapy College of Health Sciences Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL
- Guest Lecturer, Evaluation & Intervention course, “Occupational Therapy Treatment of Low Vision”, 2 hours
- January 2013 2012 and 2011 Department of Occupational Therapy College of Health Sciences Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL
- Guest Lecturer, Fieldwork Foundations course, “Levels of Care Panel”, 15 minutes
- September 2012, 2011, October 2010 and 2009 Department of Occupational Therapy College of Health and Human Services Governor’s State University, University Park, IL
- Guest Lecturer, Assistive Technology course, "Low Vision for the Adult Population", 3 hours
- May 2012 and 2011 Department of Occupational Therapy College of Health Sciences Rush University, Chicago, IL
- Guest Lecturer, Fieldwork course, “Fieldwork Panel” 15 minutes
- June 2009 and June 2010 Department of Occupational Therapy College of Applied Health Sciences University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System, Chicago, IL
- Guest Lecturer, Assistive Technology course, “Low Vision Technology”, 1 hour

Administrative Experience

- September 2009-Current The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Chicago, IL
Associate Director of Occupational Therapy
- Training, supervision and administration of the Occupational Therapy Department
 - Supervision of (1 FTE) occupational therapists, level I and II occupational therapy students (from Rush University, University of Southern California, University of Illinois Chicago, Midwestern University) and volunteers
 - Train and mentor low vision clinic therapeutic staff in evaluations, treatment and management techniques for low vision rehabilitation
 - Produce yearly operational and budget plan for Occupational Therapy Department
 - Collaborate with clinic and executive directors and other administrative staff on interviewing, hiring, scheduling, programming and budgeting of the low vision therapeutic staff OT/COTA.
 - Collaborate and coordinate with occupational therapy educational programs in Chicago-land area, Wisconsin, California, Michigan with set up of level I and II Occupational Therapy Fieldwork programs.
 - Produce public service announcements (PSA), agency wide awareness for occupational therapy, OT month celebration planned and guest on Beacon radio show.
 - Grant implementation and management (Elderly Blind Grant): daily/weekly tracking, monthly billing and time sheet, quarterly tracking and report, annual report, budgeting, communication and instruction through low vision clinic staff and collaboration with accounting department.
 - Collaboration for purchase of Driving Simulator, development and implementation of driving rehabilitation program and collection of normative data.
 - Review and consultation regarding Occupational Therapy Low Vision program with various groups and Occupational Therapist.
 - Perform evaluations, home assessment, and training of visual impairments appropriate to patient diagnosis and care, life roles, age development, functional status, medical conditions.

- Training and participation with Implantable Miniature Telescope including screening, evaluation, and postoperative training.

Clinical Experience

- September 2013-Current Illinois Eye Institute at the Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, IL
Staff Occupational Therapist
- Perform evaluations, and training of visual impairments appropriate to patient diagnosis and care, life roles, age development, functional status and medical conditions.
 - Identify areas in which abilities and impairments affect function; establishing long and short term goals and treatment plan of appropriate intensity and duration in conjunction with patient, family, optometrist, ophthalmologist, and other vision related professionals.
- June 2008-Current The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Chicago, IL
Staff Occupational Therapist
- Perform departmental responsibilities that support efficient delivery of patient care in a timely manner and maintains punctuality for patient care and meetings
 - Development of Occupational Therapy program. Creation of Occupational Therapy documents: Initial evaluation, plan of care, treatment notes, progress notes, discharge notes. Creation of resources for patient use: resources available for Macular degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma in addition to development of home safety recommendations other low vision resources
 - Perform Evaluations, home assessment, and training of visual impairments appropriate to patient diagnosis and care, life roles, age development, functional status, medical conditions.
 - Identify areas in which abilities and impairments affect function; establishing long-and short term goals and treatment plan of appropriate intensity and duration in conjunction with patient, family, optometrist, ophthalmologist, and other vision related professionals
 - Assist with grant writing (Low Vision Rehab OT fellowships). Produced curriculum description and manual of procedures.
 - Success in position led to promotion to Associate Director of Occupational Therapy and expansion of program to include 2 additional part time therapists and implementation of Drivers Rehabilitation program
- June 2006-June 2008 Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Stroke and Brain Injury Unit, Spinal Cord Injury Unit, Float, Chicago, IL
Staff Occupational Therapist
- Perform departmental responsibilities that support efficient delivery of patient care in a timely manner and maintain punctuality for patient care and meetings
 - Perform evaluations of impairments, disability and handicap appropriate to patient diagnosis, life roles, age development, functional status, medical condition, expected discharge environment and length of stay
 - Identify areas in which abilities and impairments affect function; establishing long-and short term goals and a treatment plan of appropriate intensity and duration in conjunction with patient, family and other team members.
 - Contribute to departmental goal achievement activities through attending regular all staff and departmental monthly meeting, journal clubs, brown bag meeting with OT's, grand rounds and in-services in areas as such: SAEBO, DOCS, Vital Stim, Nuero gym Tech, Shoulder Rehab, Oral Care, Mental Health, Depression and Emotional Issues, Tracking outcomes of BI, Hemispatial Neglect, etc.
 - Expand upon requirements of job duties by learning and showing competence at serial casting, NMES, other modalities as needed for complete patient care
 - Volunteered as Co-Chair of Locked-In Syndrome Committee, RICQI committee, Focus Group with RIC human resources and marketing, SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses,

Opportunities and Threats) committee, presentation for Residents re: “Non-pharmacological Methods to address Spasticity”, Blood Pressure checks at Stroke awareness Fair, supervision and education of level one Field work student for one month time span.

Lectures/Publications/Presentations:

- Presentations throughout Chicago-land area to senior programs, retirement communities, support groups and hospitals in the following topics: Low Vision and Safety, Bath Safety, Fall Prevention, Health/Wellness Fairs, and Low Vision Awareness
- "Chicago Lighthouse Vision Rehabilitation Center: Accomplishments and Shared Concerns" Illinois Occupational Therapy Association *The Communique* (April/May-Issue 2011)
- "Multidisciplinary Low Vision: Guide to Low Vision Professionals “American Academy of Optometry Annual Conference (11/2009 Orlando, FL)
- "Home Safety for the Visually Impaired and Blind" Discovery Conference (8/2009 Chicago, IL)
- "Low Vision Awareness" Swedish Covenant Hospital Allied Health Staff (7/2009) and Rush University Medical Center Acute Care Staff (6/2009)

Workshops/Courses/Conferences Attended

3/2/2011	Mobility Counseling: Principles and Core Components Webinar
2/19/2011	The Eyes Have It...Again Wheaton, IL
11/12-11/15 2009	American Academy of Optometry Orlando, FL
9/4-9/6 2008	Envision Conference San Antonio, TX
2/7-2/8 2008	Low Vision Assessment and Treatment Chicago, IL
8/9-8/11 2007	Envision Conference Kansas City, MO
2/16-2/18 2007	Thermal and Electrical Modalities Course Chicago, IL
2/13&2/20 2007	Visual Perceptual Course- Internal Chicago, IL
10/16-10/17 2004	Workshop: Facilitating Movement and Improving Function Fort Collins, Colorado

Community Service

The Young Philanthropist Board Member of The Chicago Lighthouse (June 2008-Present)