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## **SUMMARY**

Licensed occupational therapist with over 17 years of experience working with geriatric/older adult population. Experienced staff clinician, rehab director, and program developer. Expertise in working in skilled nursing facilities, home health, and outpatient rehabilitation. Clinical specializations include aging-in-place, fall prevention, dementia management, low vision, and program development. Currently teaching in a graduate occupational therapy program with research interests in older adult cognitive assessments, the effects of lupus on occupational performance, and effective simulation strategies in occupational therapy education.

## **EDUCATION**

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| <b>Ph.D. Student in Instructional Development and Design</b><br><i>University of South Alabama (USA), Mobile AL</i> | Expected December 2022 |
| <b>Master of Business Administration</b><br><i>Auburn University, Auburn, AL</i>                                    | December 2014          |
| <b>Master of Science in Occupational Therapy</b><br><i>University of Alabama-Birmingham, Birmingham, AL</i>         | December 2003          |
| <b>Bachelor of Science in Biology</b><br><i>Samford University, Birmingham, AL</i>                                  | May 1998               |

## **POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION**

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| <b>Graduate Certificate in Low Vision Rehabilitation</b><br><i>University of Alabama-Birmingham, Birmingham, AL</i> | December 2004 |
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## **CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSURE**

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| <b>Certified Aging in Place Specialist</b><br><i>National Home Builders Association</i>                      | May 2019                                  |
| <b>Occupational Therapist, Registered</b><br><i>National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy</i> | June 2004- present                        |
| <b>Licensed Occupational Therapist</b><br><i>State of Alabama</i><br><i>State of Florida</i>                 | June 2006- present<br>June 2004-June 2016 |

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE****Assistant Professor**, University of South Alabama, AL

January 2016-present

**Adjunct Professor**, University of South Alabama, AL

Sept 2015- December 2015

**COURSE DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS**

New courses developed on 2018 Standards of the Accreditation Council on OT Education (ACOTE)

OT 501 Occupational Development

OT 505 Scientific Inquiry

OT 506 Research Design

OT 515 Psychosocial Interventions in Occupational Therapy

OT 528 Occupational Therapy and the Adult Experiential Learning Lab

OT 545 Scientific Inquiry II

OT 553 Occupational Therapy and the Older Adult

OT 554 Older Adult Experiential Learning Lab

OT 558 Technology and Environmental Interventions in OT

OT 577 Management and Supervision

OT 576 Research Analysis and Publication

OT 578 Intervention Competencies

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHING AND CLINICAL SKILLS**

Reality Works, Inc

*Wearable DIY Simulators*

October 2021

National Home Builders Association

*Universal Design Essentials for CAPS certification*

August 2021

Alabama Occupational Therapy Association Fall Conference

September 2021

*Keynote Address: "The Next Normal: Work in Progress"**Introduction to Implementation Research for Occupational Therapy**The Use of Devices in the Reduction of Urinary Incontinence**Emotional Responses of OT Students to Filtered Fluorescent Lighting*

American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference

April 2021

*Home and Community Health SIS: Addressing Medicare Part B**Multisensory Stimulation Rooms with Persons with Dementia**Executive Cognitive Functions: Clinic and Community Strategies**Achieving a Diversity of Thought: Implementing a Student Led Implicit Bias Program**Do You Have the Skills to Champion the Functional Cognitive Cause in Postacute Care?**College Student Mental Health: An Opportunity for OT**Reducing the Risk of Rehospitalization: What Can We Do About It?**Developing an Online Platform for Structured Case Clinical Simulation**Promoting Experiential Learning and Clinical Competency in Occupational Therapy*

University of South Alabama Office of Research Compliance

*Responsible Conduct of Research Training*

April 2021

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| Occupationaltherapy.com   |                   |
| <i>Executive Functions and Everyday Activities</i>                            | March- April 2021 |
| <i>Wheelchair Seating Assessment</i>  |                   |
| <i>Wheelchair Seating: The Mat Assessment</i>                                 |                   |
| <i>Best Practices in Instructional Design/Technology for Client Education</i> |                   |
| <i>Comprehensive Geriatric Assessments: Are you on board</i>                  |                   |
| <i>Creating Functional Homes for Dementia</i>                                 |                   |
| <i>Developing Clinical Competency Through Simulation Based Education</i>      |                   |
| <i>Getting Ready for PDPM: Group and Concurrent Therapy</i>                   |                   |
| <i>Functional Outcome Assessment, Compliance for SNF Therapists</i>           |                   |
| Association of College and University Educators                               |                   |
| <i>Effective Online Teaching Practices</i>                                    | January 2021      |
| USA Innovation in Learning Center   |                   |
| <i>Synchronous &amp; Asynchronous Tools for Effective Course Design</i>       | May 2020          |
| AARP of Lower Alabama   |                   |
| <i>Car Fit volunteer trainee</i>  | March 2018        |
| Maine Health's Partnership for Healthy Aging                                  |                   |
| <i>Matter of Balance Volunteer Lay Leader trainee</i>                         | March 2017        |
| USA Innovation in Learning Center   |                   |
| <i>USA Online Sakai certification</i>   | March 2016        |

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

**C. Taylor.** *The Effects of Authentic Experiential Learning on Student Mastery of Assistive Technology Interventions in Occupational Therapy.* Ph.D. student research presenter at the annual Midsouth Education Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA (December 2019).

Wooster, D., Deacy, R., Hall, R., O'Connor, T., **Taylor, C.**, and Thompson, T. *Embedding Standardized Patients in Occupational Therapy Courses.* Poster presentation at the American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, New Orleans, LA (April 2019)

Elmore, J., Hogan, I., Mansel, J., Norris, K., Porter, B., Ulrich, M., and **Taylor, C.** (Principal Investigator). *Understanding How Perceptions Affect Quality of Life and ADL Completion in Patients with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus.* Poster presentation at the annual Alabama Occupational Therapy Association Fall conference, Orange Beach, AL (September 2019).

**C. Taylor.** *Occupational Therapy for Individuals with Lupus.* Guest presenter at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Strutting 4 a Cure Lupus Awareness Day. Hats and Heels, Inc. Mobile, AL, (May 2019).

Dupin, D., Mayfield, M., Shotts, S., Thompson, E., and **Taylor, C.** (Principal Investigator). *Current practice and Perceptions of Therapists on the Use of Allen Cognitive Level Assessment in Skilled Nursing Facilities.* Poster presentation at the annual American Occupational Therapy Association conference, Philadelphia, PA, (April 2019).

Lee, L., McKissick, B., Naro, J., Parker, T., and **Taylor, C.** (Principal Investigator). *The Effects of Lupus on Engagement in Occupations Among African American Females.* Poster presentation at the Alabama Occupational Therapy Fall conference, Orange Beach, AL (September 2018).

Deacy, R., O'Connor, T., **Taylor, C.**, and Wooster, D. *SOTL Snapshots: Occupational Therapy Interventions.* Conference presenter at the University of South Alabama Conference on Teaching and Learning, Mobile, AL (May 2018).

**C. Taylor.** *Occupational Therapy for Individuals with Lupus.* Guest presenter at the Mobile Area Lupus Patient Support Group, Providence Hospital, Mobile, AL (May 2018)

**C. Taylor.** *Stages of Cognitive and Behavioral Function.* Course instructor for dementia course titled: Optimizing PT and OT outcomes in older adults with dementia. University of South Alabama College of Allied Health Professionals, Mobile, AL (August 2017).

**C. Taylor.** *Living Long in the Home.* Guest presenter at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Generational Resiliency Conference, Gulf Shores, AL, (October 2016).

**C. Taylor.** *ICD-10 and Functional Limitation Coding in Occupational Therapy.* Presentation to OT faculty and students. University of South Alabama Department of Occupational Therapy, Mobile, AL (February 2016)

## GRANTS

University of South Alabama Quality Enhancement Plan on Team Based Learning, faculty workshop participant (February 2018)

Funded: \$300.00

University of South Alabama Scholarship on Teaching and Learning Commons (July 2017). *The effects of authentic experiential learning on student mastery of assistive technological interventions in occupational therapy.* Principal Investigator

Funded: \$1000

University of South Alabama Quality Enhancement Plan on Team Based Learning, faculty workshop participant (November 2016)

Funded: \$293.88

## HONORS AND AWARDS

OT of Award of Excellence

September 2017

*Alabama Occupational Therapy Association, Spring Conference*

Professional Development Fellow

May 2018 and May 2017

*University of South Alabama Quality Enhancement Plan*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

*University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL*

College of Allied Health

Grade Grievance Committee

September 2020- present

Research and Scholarly Activity Task Force

September 2020-present

Graduation Faculty Marshall

November 2020

Academic Integrity Review Panel

October 2020

Professional Behaviors Review Committee

April 2016- January 2017

Department of Occupational Therapy

Admissions Committee

February 2016-present

New Faculty Search Committee, member

December 2020-present

New Faculty Search Committee, chair

March 2018-July 2018

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE**

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| <b>Midsouth Educational Research Association</b><br>Member   | 2019- present |
| <b>American Occupational Therapy Association</b><br>Member   | 2001-present  |
| <b>Alabama Occupational Therapy Association</b><br>Member<br>Southern District Co-chair<br>Recognitions Committee member | 2016-present  |

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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| Rehab Director, Aegis Therapies, Centreville, AL                                       | September 2013- July 2015   |
| Rehab Specialist, Amedisys Home Health, Anniston, AL                                   | June 2010 - June 2012       |
| Low Vision Program Developer<br>Southern Vitreoretinal Associates, Tallahassee, FL     | June 2004- January 2006     |
| Staff Occupational Therapist, various agencies<br>Restore Therapy Services, Mobile, AL | October 2015- December 2015 |
| Alacare Home Health, Anniston, AL  | September 2009- June 2010   |
| Gentiva Home Health, Anniston, AL  | March 2009- September 2009  |
| Rehab Care, Inc., Birmingham, AL   | August 2006-February 2009   |
| Restore Therapy Services, Birmingham, AL   | April 2006- August 2006     |