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**EDUCATION**

Doctorate	Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC Doctor of Physical Therapy (2013)
Undergraduate	Clemson University, Clemson, SC Bachelor of Science in Health Science (2010)

**LICENSURE, CERTIFICATIONS, ADVANCED TRAININGS**

- State of South Carolina, License Physical Therapist, #7051
- American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties – Geriatric Clinical Specialist (2024)
- American Physical Therapy Association, Credentialed Clinical Instructor Level 2
- American Heart Association, Healthcare Provider CPR Certified
- UPLIFT Coach: Arjo safe patient handling equipment and transfer technique coach
- Certified Brain Injury Specialist (2017 – 2020)
- Kinesio Tape Levels I – III (2015 – 2016)
- LSVT BIG (2016 -2018)

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Dec. 2022 – Present    Clinical Assistant Professor

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC  
Arnold School of Public Health, Department of  
Exercise Science, Physical Therapy Program

- Student Success and Progression Committee - Chair
- Associate Director of Clinical Education
- Admissions Committee

January – May 2022 Adjunct Instructor

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC  
Arnold School of Public Health, Department of  
Exercise Science, Physical Therapy Program

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of South Carolina, Physical Therapy Program**

#### **Instructor of Record**

2022 – Present	Acute Care Physical Therapy, PHYT 770
2023 – Present	Essentials of Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy, PHYT 766
2023 – Present	Integumentary Physical Therapy, PHYT 756
2023 – Present	Foundations of Physical Therapy, EXSC 201-J10
2024 – Present	Geriatric Physical Therapy, PHYT 765
2025 – Present	Professional Issues in Physical Therapy, PHYT 740

#### **Additional Teaching/Lecturer**

2023 – Present	Faculty Research Interests (1-hour lecture)
2023 – Present	Transforming Healthcare, PUBH678 – Interprofessional Education, small group facilitator
2023	Neuromuscular Assessment and Treatment, PHYT809 – Skills check grader
2023	Fundamentals of Physical Therapy, PHYT720 – Skills check grader

#### **Local Invited Presentations**

- Early Mobility Champion (2017 – 2018)
  - Developed and presented lectures and hands-on training on braces, transfers, and mobility for Certified Nursing Assistance/Patient Care Technicians.
- Nursing Orientation (2018)
  - Presented education and provided hands-on training on braces, transfers, equipment, mobility precautions, and rehabilitation services in the acute care setting to on-boarding nurses.
- Prisma Health Richland Products Committee (2018)
  - Researched equipment not in formulary, provided education to the Rehab Department and nursing unit the equipment was trialed on, and presented

findings to the Products Committee. The equipment was added to formular following the presentation.

- Rehabilitation Services Department (June 26, 2018)
  - Presented education on the Rancho Los Amigos Scale, barriers to therapy following acute brain injury, treatment ideas, and treatment considerations in the acute care setting.

## **RESEARCH STUDENT ADVISING**

### **DPT Students**

1. Crystal Rucker, Chris Chen, David Kelley (2023 – 2025). Feasibility of performing standardized outcome measures in the acute LVAD population to predict hospital length of stay and discharge destination
2. Keeton Toke, John Leaphart, Charles Brantley (2024 – Present). Influence of Insurance Provider on re-admission rates of those admitted to a Skilled Nursing Home
3. Maggie Brion, Chase Thompson, Sweta Mandilwar (2024 – Present). Utility of Standard Outcome Measures in the Acute LVAD Population
4. Donovan Campbell, William Kizer (2025 – Present). Determining if high fidelity SIM lab experiences have an impact on SPT efficacy before going into PHYT 851

### **MS Students**

1. Kadiedra Porter (2025). An Application of Training Principles in Taks-Oriented Arm Training after Stroke.

## **PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

Oct 2025 – Present     Physical Therapist – PRN

NHC Health Care, Columbia, SC

- Evaluate, develop plans of care, and provide creative and appropriate treatments for patients with multiple diagnoses and functional levels in the subacute and assisted living settings.

July 2013 – Feb 2024     Physical Therapist Advanced

Prisma Health Richland Hospital, Columbia, SC

- Evaluate, develop plans of care, and provide creative and appropriate treatments for patients with multiple diagnoses and functional levels in the acute setting, including patients in the critical care, trauma, medical-surgical, pediatric, geriatric, neurological, cardiac and orthopedic units.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

American Physical Therapy Association, Member

APTA Academy of Acute Care Physical Therapy, Member

APTA Academy of Education, Member

APTA Academy of Geriatrics, Member

APTA Academy of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy, Member

APTA Health Systems Council, Member

South Carolina Physical Therapy Association, Member

Carolina Clinical Education Consortium, Member

## **Services to the University/College/School on Committees/Councils/Commissions:**

- Department
  - Admissions Committee Member
    - 2023 – Present
  - Student Success and Progression Committee Chair
    - 2023 – Present
  - DPT Clinical Faculty Search Committee Member
    - 2025
    - 2025 – Present

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- APTA Acute Care Academy CSM Proposal Reviewer (Spring 2025)
- Item Writer for the National Physical Therapy Examination (August 2023)
- Clinical Instructor (2014 – 2022)
- Early Mobility Champion (2017 – 2018)
- Prisma Health Midlands Rehabilitation Services Department Chair of Education Committee (January 2017 – 2020)
  - Facilitated & hosted the following in-service education and 1-2 day continuing education courses:
    - Shepherd Center: Bowel and Bladder Management in the Spinal Cord Injury Population (February 21, 2017)
    - Vasopressor Pharmacotherapy, Anticoagulant Pharmacotherapy, and Analgesics (August 2017)
    - Dementia Dialogues (August 2017)
    - Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists Examination Prep Course (July 2017)

- Innovative Stroke and Neurological Rehab Treatment Approaches (April 28, 2018)
- Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program (May 5-6, 2018)
- Tracheostomy Tubes (May 29, 2018)
- Rancho Los Amigos Scale (June 18, 2018)
- NeuroRestorative Rehab (June 19, 2018)
- Therapy Clinical Applications for Scrotal Edema Management (September 21, 2018)
- Legal Inservice: Update on Hospital Policies and Rehab PGRs (October 30, 2018)
- Mechanical Ventilation, New Ventilator, & Basic Mechanical Ventilation information for Rehab Professionals (November 8, 2018)
- Activity-Based Restorative Therapy (April 27 – 29, 2019)
- Advanced Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program (May 2019)
- Evidence-Based Assessment and Treatment for Stroke Recovery (June 1, 2019)
- Total Laryngectomies (November 13, 2018)
- Motion Concepts Cushions (February 12, 2019)
- Limb Edema Management (March 28, 2019)
- Fidelity Inservice (April 9, 2019)
- Medical Management of the Cardiac Patient (May 22, 2019)
- Reporting Therapy Services with CPT Codes (May 16, 2019)
- Respiratory Therapist Lead Presentation: Hi-Flow Nasal Cannula and Mechanical Ventilation (May 1, 2019)
- Carolina Orthotics and Prosthetics (July 16, 2019)
- Palliative Care in Acute Care (September 4, 2019)
- Pharmacist Lead Presentation: DVT Guidelines and Analgesics in Acute Care (December 9, 2019)
- Visual Rehabilitation & Neuro Handling After a Neurological Incident (January 25-25, 2020)
- South Carolina Assistive Technology Program (February 10, 2020)
- Complex Rehabilitation Wheelchair Seating and Mobility for the Adult (February 29, 2020)
- Prisma Health Richland Hospital Rehabilitation Services Department Journal Club facilitator (2019)
- Surgical Critical Care Committee, Member (2019 – 2022)
- Expert consultant for the Surgical Trauma Intensive Care Unit Based Council Early Mobility Project (2020)
- Served as a contract employee to Continue Care Hospital (LTACH) via Prisma Health contract for therapy services with the LTACH (Fall – Winter 2017)
- Creating and Managing Videos in Panopto. Virtual. September 20, 2024.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2016 Nominee, Clinical Educator of the Year, Medical University of South Carolina

2015 Clinical Educator of the Year, University of South Carolina

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

- Lee Silverman Voice Training BIG Certification Course. Columbia, South Carolina. 2015.
- Shepherd Center: Bowel and Bladder Management in the Spinal Cord Injury Population. Columbia, SC. February 21, 2017.
- Vasopressor Pharmacotherapy, Anticoagulant Pharmacotherapy, and Analgesics. Columbia, SC. August 2017.
- Dementia Dialogues. Columbia, SC. August 2017
- Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists Examination Prep Course. Columbia, SC. July 2017.
- Innovative Stroke and Neurological Rehab Treatment Approaches. Columbia, SC. April 28, 2018.
- Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program. Columbia, SC. May 5-6, 2018.
- Lisa Knight, RT: Tracheostomy Tubes. Columbia, SC. May 29, 2018.
- Dr. Colleen Wunderlich: Rancho Los Amigos Scale. Columbia, SC. June 18, 2018.
- NeuroRestorative Rehab Facility presentation. Columbia, SC. June 19, 2018.
- Palmetto Health Geriatric Symposium: The Winding Road of Geriatric Care. Columbia, SC. August 31, 2018.
- Therapy Clinical Applications for Scrotal Edema Management. Columbia, SC. September 21, 2018.
- Legal Inservice: Update on Hospital Policies and Rehab PGRs. Columbia, SC. October 30, 2018.
- David Dunlap, RT: Mechanical Ventilation, New Ventilator, & Basic Mechanical Ventilation information for Rehab Professionals. Columbia, SC. November 8, 2018.
- Activity-Based Restorative Therapy. Columbia, SC. April 27 – 29, 2019.
- Advanced Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program. Columbia, SC. May 2019.
- Evidence-Based Assessment and Treatment for Stroke Recovery. Columbia, SC. June 1, 2019.
- Seventh Annual Johns Hopkins Critical Care Rehabilitation Conference. Baltimore, MD. November 1-3, 2018.
- Erica Miller, SLP: Total Laryngectomies. Columbia, SC. November 13, 2018.
- Motion Concepts Cushions. Columbia, SC. February 12, 2019.
- Limb Edema Management. Columbia, SC. March 28, 2019.
- Medical Management of the Cardiac Patient. Columbia, SC. May 22, 2019.
- Reporting Therapy Services with CPT Codes. Columbia, SC. May 16, 2019.
- Respiratory Therapist Lead Presentation: Hi-Flow Nasal Cannula and Mechanical Ventilation. Columbia, SC. May 1, 2019.
- Carolina Orthotics and Prosthetics. Columbia, SC. July 16, 2019.
- Palliative Care in Acute Care. Columbia, SC. September 4, 2019.

- Eighth Annual Johns Hopkins Critical Care Rehabilitation Conference. Baltimore, MD. October 10-12, 2019.
- Pharmacist Lead Presentation: DVT Guidelines and Analgesics in Acute Care. Columbia, SC. December 9, 2019.
- Visual Rehabilitation & Neuro Handling After a Neurological Incident. Columbia, SC. January 25-25, 2020.
- South Carolina Assistive Technology Program. Columbia, SC. February 10, 2020.
- Complex Rehabilitation Wheelchair Seating and Mobility for the Adult. Columbia, SC. February 29, 2020.
- Foundations of Online Teaching. University of South Carolina (Online). May 10, 2023 – June 6, 2023.
- Faculty Development Workshop for New PT/PTA Faculty. Ithaca, NY. July 12-14, 2023.
- Item Writing and Test Development Workshop for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). Virtual. August 11-13, 2023.
- Ethical Engagement: Essentials in Short Term Behavioral Health. Virtual. January 30, 2024.
- Foundations of Implicit and Unconscious Bias. Virtual. January 30, 2024.
- Creating and Managing Videos in Panopto. Virtual. September 20, 2024.
- CSM 2025: I Found the Lab Value Now What? 2.0 Updated Resource for Updated Practice. Houston, TX. February 12, 2025.
- Faculty Search Committee Training. Virtual. February 12, 2025.
- 2025 Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA. Houston, TX. February 13 – 16.
- Ethics for Physical and Occupational Therapy Professionals (2025). Virtual. June 26, 2025.
- Having a Professional Presence: Creating Professional Boundaries. Virtual. September 9, 2025.
- Resilience in the Classroom. Virtual. September 24, 2025.
- Shoot for Success: Best Practices for Producing Video Lectures. Virtual. November 10, 2025.
- Support Zone 2 Training. Virtual. November 11, 2025.