Traci L. Taylor, OTR, OTD

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Skilled Occupational Therapist with a passion for educating and training future occupational therapists.
- Twenty-five years of work and clinical experience, with 15 years working in the public school system.
- Demonstrates proficient clinical skills in various treatment settings and with all age groups.
- Manages the occupational therapy department in current position, including evaluation and treatment of special education students, supervision of OT assistants, and managing sensory-motor programs on each campus.
- Provides supervision and education of Level I and II occupational therapy students.
- Provides ongoing education and training to school staff and related service providers.

EDUCATION

Post-Professional Doctorate of Occupational Therapy	2020
University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX	
Master of Occupational Therapy	1996
Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX	
Bachelor of Business Administration	1993
Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Whitehouse Independent School District Whitehouse, TX

2010-2021

Employed full-time, working on multiple campuses. Duties include evaluation of children ages three-21, participation in Admission, Review, Dismissal (ARD) meetings, consultation with teachers and staff regarding classroom modifications, and direct treatment of children with various orthopedic and neurological impairments. Treatment specialties include sensory integration therapy, handwriting instruction (Handwriting Without Tears), Brain Gym, and Ready Bodies, Learning Minds exercise program.

Ellis Rehab (Just for Kids!) Tyler, TX

2003-2012

Employed part-time and PRN to evaluate and treat children with a variety of orthopedic and neurological impairments in an outpatient pediatric clinical setting. Treatment specialties included sensory integration therapy, vestibular rehab, and handwriting instruction.

Andrews Center/Early Childhood Intervention Tyler, TX

2008-2009

Employed as a full-time therapist, working in various East Texas counties, primarily in homes and daycare settings. Duties included evaluation and treatment of infants and children, ages 0-3

years, parent and caregiver education, coordination of services with other disciplines, community outreach, and transition to school-based services.

Self-Employed/Contract Services Tyler, TX

2007-2009

Self-employed on a contractual basis to various facilities, including home health, outpatient, and school systems. Duties included evaluation and treatment of patients with orthopedic and neurological impairments, Medicare/Medicaid documentation, coordination of therapy services with other disciplines, and supervision of COTA's.

Tyler Independent School District Tyler, TX

2003-2007

Employed as a full-time therapist, working on multiple campuses. Duties included evaluation of children ages 3-21, participation in Admission, Review, Dismissal (ARD) meetings, consultation with teachers and staff regarding classroom modifications, and direct treatment of children with various orthopedic and neurological impairments. Treatment specialties included sensory integration therapy, handwriting instruction (Handwriting Without Tears), Brain Gym, and Ready Bodies, Learning Minds exercise program.

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners, Texas License Number: 107905, renewed January 31, 2021

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Certificate Number: 1013727, renewed March 31, 2020. Specialty Area: Pediatrics

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Instructor, including supervision of Level I & II fieldwork COTA and OT students Supervision of occupational therapy assistants and therapy technicians Acute Care, including Cardiac Rehab and Dysphagia Team Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, including infant massage and feeding Outpatient, including Neurological and Orthopedic Impairments Home Health Pediatrics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE/PRESENTATIONS

Guest Lecturer, Tyler Junior College Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, 2016-2021

Presenter/educator for Whitehouse ISD staff members, 2010-present

OT in the School System, WISD

Capstone Presentation, Move & Groove Education Module, WISD

2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Artificial Intelligence Explorations and Their Practical Use in School Environments: International Society for Technology in Education, 15-hour course certification-03/08/21-05/16/21

A Multisensory Approach to Pre-K, Region VII Education Service Center-07/22/20

How to Develop a Trauma-Informed School-Region VII Education Service Center-06/23/20

Texas Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference-November 2019

Practical Classroom Management Strategies for those Tough Kids-Region VII Education Service Center- 02/01/19

Additional training in the areas of Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessments, Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, Handwriting Without Tears, Write Out of the Box, Therapeutic Listening, Brain Gym, and Ready Bodies, Learning Minds.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Texas Occupational Therapy Association	Current
American Occupational Therapy Association	Current

HONORS & AWARDS

TJC Clinical Educator of the Year	2020
Innovator of the Year-Whitehouse Education Foundation	2020

GRANTS

"What Does My Brain Need?" Move & Groove Motor Lab, Whitehouse ISD Special Education Department, and Higgins Elementary; awarded \$5500 by the Whitehouse Education Foundation, November 2020.