## Cheryl L. Zemina, OTD, MS, OTR/L, BCG

## **Experience**

**Adjunct Professor** 

Gannon University Ruskin, FL August 2020-Present

Responsible for content preparation and teaching of occupational therapy lectures and lab activities, interdisciplinary and intradisciplinary collaboration to enhance student learning, connecting with and scheduling guest expert lecturers. Content is specific to adult physical disabilities and kinesiology for entry level occupational therapy doctorate students.

PRN Occupational Therapist

Legacy Healthcare Riverview, FL August 2020-Present

Responsible for evaluation and treatment of a wide variety of geriatric clients residing in assisted living facilities.

Guest Lecturer/ Teaching Assistant

Nova Southeastern University OTD Program – Clearwater, FL August 2016-Present

Responsible for assisting with lectures and labs, grading assignments. Guest lecturer for low vision rehabilitation.

Occupational Therapist

Hawthorne Health and Rehab Center, Brandon, FL February 2008-July 2020

Responsible for daily evaluation and treatment of a variety of adult clients with diagnoses that include CVA, low vision, amputees, hip/knee/shoulder replacements, hand therapy, cardiac conditions, urinary incontinence, and general debility. Clinical instructor for OTD, MOT, COTA.

Regional Director of Operations

Innovative Senior Care (Brookdale Senior Living) Sun City Center, FL June 2006-February 2008

Responsible for all financial operators, staffing and orientation, resident education, program development/implementation and supervision of rehab services in numerous locations, including SNF, assisted living facilities and an independent living facility. Served as Rehab Agency Administrator, Administrator of Home Health Agency. In addition, was responsible for oversight of all companion services on campus. Served as corporate orientation trainer for new directors throughout the United States. Liaison between ISC (rehab division) and community directors.

Rehab Director

Health Center of Plant City Plant City, FL

February 1998-June 2006

Daily management of PPS RUGS levels, as well as managed care dollars. Responsible for recruitment, orientation and supervision of all therapy staff. Provided occupational therapy hands-on treatment, as needed.

Regional Occupational Therapy Manager

National Health Care Corporation, Murfreesboro, TN 1990-1998

Responsible for staffing orientation, management, clinical supervision and retention of OT staff throughout Central Florida. Also, financial management of in-house OT department and outside contract accounts. Served as multidisciplinary resource person for rehab and nursing departments regarding areas such as restraint reduction, falls prevention and dementia management/programming. Consultant for corporate recreation program directors.

**Permanent Guest Lecturer** 

COTA Program, Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL

1994-2000

Areas of curriculum covered included: Progressive neurological diseases, the disease process of and rehab interventions for CVA, anatomy and physiology of the eye and rehab interventions for low vision, medical ethics, dysphagia and OT treatment for Alzheimer's Disease.

Fieldwork Consultant

Southeast Region for the American Occupational Therapy Association 1999-2000

Duties included: Education and support of OT student fieldwork programs through on-line and phone consultation, presentations at various colleges/universities and continuing education courses, as well as written communication – representing the AOTA's support and policies regarding student fieldwork.

Staff Occupational Therapist

Bay Pines VA Medical Center, St. Petersburg, FL

1983 - 1989

Responsibilities included evaluation and treatment of patients with a multitude of adult diagnoses; student program development and student training in psychiatry and physical disabilities; physical disabilities clinic supervisor, hospital dysphagia specialist; cardiac rehab team member; wheelchair and motorized vehicle evaluations and prescriptions. Appointed as automatic acting OT chief in the event of any absence of the chief.

## **Publication**

American Journal of Occupational Therapy, June 2018 <a href="https://doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2018.030197">https://doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2018.030197</a>

**Board Certification in** 

Gerontology

## **Education**

Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy	Marymount University Arlington, VA	August 2022
Master of Science	University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL	December 2015
Post-Graduate Certificate In Low Vision Rehabilitation	University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL	August 2013
Bachelor of Health Science in Occupational Therapy	University of Florida Gainesville, FL	December 1983
Certification		

American Occupational Therapy

Association

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