

KAYLEIGH FESSENDEN, MOT, OTR/L

Occupational Therapist

Accomplished clinical professional with established relationships in healthcare. Successful experience in program development. Excellent leadership skills and ability to develop trusted working relationships. Expertise includes outpatient and inpatient rehabilitation, orthopedics, prosthetics, amputation, fall prevention, geriatrics, balance training and hip fracture rehabilitation. Effective communicator with a family centered approach, engages with caregivers, physicians, and all team members. Previous success in Director of Rehabilitation position.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Created and developed Joint Commission accredited Hip Fracture Rehabilitation program** for Encompass Health
- **Managed and directed team of 10 members in outpatient rehabilitation facility** for Ageility Physical Therapy Solutions
- **Consistently met Profit and Loss goals** while assuming fiscal management roles and reaching productivity expectations
- **Achieved “Student of the Year” award** for the College of Health and Sciences at Nova Southeastern University.

EDUCATION

MOT Occupational Therapy, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

BA Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

EMPLOYMENT

2020-present **OT Instructor for Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, Concord, NC**

Provide education to Master of Occupational Therapy Students through a hybrid learning bridge program. Serve as advisor for several students to assist with mentoring and ensuring success in the program.

2019 – 2020 **Director of Rehabilitation, Ageility Physical Therapy Solutions, Charlotte, NC**

Daily management of all therapy services, in outpatient rehabilitation in assisted living environment. Management of two buildings, managing relationships with Executive Director, Director of Resident Services. Scheduling, budgeting equipment procurement, hiring, program and personnel management. Met all operational and budgetary goals.

2015-2018 **Senior Occupational Therapist, Encompass Health, Sunrise, FL**

Daily management of caseload including evaluations, treatment and discharges of patients. Serve as mentor for new staff and students. Student fieldwork coordinator for approximately twenty-five students per year, planning, managing and placing students while guiding them through group research project. Develop and maintain joint commission accredited hip fracture rehabilitation program. Lay leader of Matter of Balance community program.

2011-2015 **Staff Occupational Therapist, HealthSouth Rehabilitation, Sunrise, FL**

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2021-Present Member of Teammate and Alumni Engagement Committee
 2021-Present OT instructor for Occupation Development through the Lifespan and OT in Health Care
 2020-Present OT instructor for Therapeutic Modalities, Kinesiology and Adult Intervention classes
 2020-Present Member of Strategic Enrollment Management Plan Recruitment Sub committee
 2019-2020 Provide monthly health talks for residents of The Laurels and Haven in Highland Creek and Summit Place Of Mooresville
 2017-2018 Keiser Advisory Board Member for ACOTE certification
 2017-2018 Member of Amputee support group Am power, provide presentations on community resources
 2017 Volunteer at Camp no Limits for children with amputations
 2017 Speaker for CEU at Nicklaus Children's hospital for Upper and Lower Extremity Limb Loss: A guide for Occupational and Physical Therapists
 2016-2018 CARFIT certification – participate in yearly event for older adults in the community at City of Sunrise
 2015-2018 Lay leader for Matter of Balance education on fall prevention for community dwelling older adults
 2015-2018 Preceptor and Mentor for new occupational therapy staff
 2015-2018 Lead and guide Level 2 student group research projects

- Fall Efficacy Scale and Berg Reliability
- H2O Bar: What the Research Says
- Environmental Control Options
- Community Reintegration in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Setting
- Benefits of Incorporating Music into Therapy

 2015-2018 Guest Lecturer for Adult Physical Disability Practice Course at Nova Southeastern University
 2015-2018 Student Fieldwork Coordinator at Encompass Health Hospital of Sunrise
 2014-2018 Speaker at Annual Hip Fracture Competency for entire staff of Encompass Health of Sunrise
 2014 -2018 Inservice for PT, OT, SLP Level 1 and 2 students on how to optimize treatment for patients with amputations
 2014-2018 Co Program Champion Hip Fracture Rehabilitation Joint Commission Team
 2013 Drive able Certification
 2012 PNF 1 Certification
 2012 Interactive Metronome Certification
 2010 Student of the Year for the College of Health and Sciences at Nova Southeastern University
 2009 Member of Ethic Bowl Champion Team College of Health and Sciences at Nova Southeastern University
 2008-2010 AOTA Annual Conference Attendance

Organizational Affiliations

2020-present NCOTA member
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 2018- present North Carolina Licensure
 2017-2018 Advisory Board Member – Keiser University
 2016-2018 Member – Amputee Support Group Am power
 2011-2019 Florida State Licensure
 2011-present National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Member
 2008-2010 Member: American Occupational Therapy Association