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## **EDUCATION**

**Nova Southeastern University**  
Doctor of Occupational Therapy

March, 2012

Master of Occupational Therapy

December, 2009

**Mercy College**

Bachelor of Science: Health Science

May, 2004

## **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

President's Award Phi Theta Epsilon, 2009

Chancellors Award Nova Southeastern University, 2009

Deans List 2009, 2010

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, American Society of Hand Therapists 2018-Present

Member, American Occupational Therapy Association 2015-Present

Member, Florida Occupational Therapy Association 2018-Present

## **CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSURE/REGISTRATION**

**2011-2/28/23 State of Florida Occupational Therapy Licensure**  
**#14592**

**2011- Pending NBCOT National Certification for Occupational Therapy**  
**#267082**

## **Current certifications:**

Graston Provider

SAEBOFLex

Physical Agent Modalities

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Kinesiotape

## **TEACHING**

### **Doctoral Capstone Coordinator/Assistant Professor**

Nova Southeastern University Fort Lauderdale, FL 3/2023-Present

### **Adjunct Professor**

Keiser University Fort Lauderdale, FL 8/2018-Present

#### **Course Instructor:**

OTH 3000 Foundations in Occupational Therapy (Instructor, 2022; co-instructor 2018-2021, 2 cohorts per year)

OTH 6937 Fieldwork Seminar 1 (Instructor 2018- present 2 cohorts per year)

OTH 5245 Neuroanatomy for Occupational Therapy (Instructor, 2022)

OTH 5203 Occupation Based Assessments in Adults and Older Adults (Instructor, 2022)

OTH 5352 Occupational Therapy Process: Mental Health (Instructor, 2022)

OTH 6938 Fieldwork Seminar Two (Co-Instructor, 2022)

OTH 3413 Functional Human Motion (Co-Instructor, 2018, 2019, and 2021; 2 cohorts per year)

OTH 5800 Applied Kinesiology in Occupational Therapy (Co-instructor 2016, 2017 and 2018)

Additional faculty duties included assisting in the preparation for ACOTE reaccreditation and self-study, student advisements, mentoring of junior faculty and curriculum development including course development and assessment.

### **Adjunct Professor**

Nova Southeastern University Fort Lauderdale, FL 8/2012-3/2023

OTH 6207 MOT Occupational Therapy for Children and Adolescents Practicum (co-instructor 2019- current)

OTH 6107 MOT Occupational Therapy for Children and Adolescents (co-instructor 2019- present)

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OTH 6207 Adult Assessment and Intervention (guest lecturer 2018-present)

OTH 5800 Applied Kinesiology in Occupational Therapy (Co-instructor 2016, 2017 and 2018)

### **Licensed Occupational Therapist**

North Broward Medical Center Deerfield Beach, FL 6/2011-Present  
Licensed Occupational Therapist responsible for evaluation, treatment and discharge of the adult population in the acute, inpatient and outpatient occupational therapy setting. Supervision of both level one and level two Masters of Occupational Therapy students. Education of staff on various topics.

West Boca Medical Center Boca Raton, FL 6/2011-June, 2016  
Licensed and registered Occupational Therapist responsible for evaluation, treatment, and discharge of pediatric patients in the acute and outpatient occupational therapy setting.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Capstone Mentor**

Marymount University Arlington, VA

11/2022- Present

Duties include:

1. Collaborating and providing guidance for development of the student's capstone objectives or questions throughout capstone courses 1.
2. Mentoring the student in reviewing literature/evidence, community or topic-specific resources, methods, data/information analysis and synthesis, and dissemination relevant to the capstone project. Maintaining a collaborative relationship with the capstone coordinator (and site liaison if applicable) and student.
3. Scheduling and meeting with capstone student on a regular basis to

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provide timely feedback, suggest relevant tasks and resources, and encourage the student to meet deadlines.

4. Overseeing the student's plan of activities and ensuring that the student documents all activities performed in the doctoral capstone, including mentoring meetings with all involved parties.
5. Review and provide feedback on the scope of the student's doctoral capstone in conjunction with the ppOTD capstone coordinator.
6. Document student's progress and communications, especially at midterm and end of each capstone course.

**Co-Authorship for Manuscript:** Evaluation of Strength and Movement: A guide to Manual Muscle Testing, Goniometry, and Functional Performance. (Anticipation of Completion, June, 2023)

**PediProcess:** Development a Tutoring Structure to Enhance Student Learning for Pediatric Practice Course (Anticipation of completion Fall, 2023)

### **Research Assistant**

**Fall 2012-Fall 2014**

Physical Activity and the Role of Physical Therapy in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Parents' Perspective

- Worked with Dr. Melissa Tovin (PT) on a interdisciplinary study which examined BMI and the level of physical activity in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Responsibilities included data collection, transcription, parent interviews and poster formation

### **Capstone Project**

**Fall/Winter 2012**

Expert Perceptions of Childhood Obesity in Children with Autism: A Proposed Community Program

- Developed community-based program addressing childhood obesity for children diagnosed with Autism, using qualitative data collection and analysis approaches within a needs assessment methodology.

### **Student Researcher**

**Fall/Winter 2009**

Occupational Therapy Department at Nova Southeastern University

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- As a group, examined the effectiveness of an occupational therapy education tool on a class of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine students Pre/Post test experimental design

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Graston Module 2 Advanced Training (2022)
- Trauma Hand Therapy Essentials (2021)
- Saebo Certification (2021)
- Graston Technique Module 1 Basic Training (2021)
- Rehabilitation of Stroke (2021)
- BLS for Stroke, October (2019)
- Hand Therapy Certification Review Course (2017)
- Dr.'s Demystify the Thumb (2017)
- Rehab Your Reimbursement: CPT coding, Billing & Documentation Strategies for Rehabilitation (2016)
- Roles and Interventions of the Rehabilitation Team to Promote Best Practice for Stroke Rehab (2016)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (2016)

## PRESENTATIONS

**Braunius, C. (2022, September)** *Graded Motor Imagery to Improve Occupational Performance* Short course presentation to all Broward Health North. Pompano Beach, Florida .

**Braunius, C. (2022, July)** *NeuroFacilitation Techniques to Improve Mobility.* Short course presentation to all Broward Health North. Pompano Beach, Florida.

**Braunius, C. (2021).** *Kinesiotape Techniques and Application (2021).* Short course presentation to Broward Health North. Pompano Beach, Florida.

**Coffee and Healthy Conversations (2021)-** Community outreach to educate the aging population about the importance of staying active Century Village Deerfield Beach Florida

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Tovin, M & Braunius, C (2014) *Physical Activity and the Role of Physical Therapy in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Parents' Perspective*. Poster Presentation at the American Physical Therapy Association Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference. St. Louis, Missouri

**Braunius, C., (2014)** The Effects of Stroke on Occupational Performance- Organized and performed an in-service presentation as well as continuing education course on Stroke and its possible effects on occupational performance

- Presented to rehabilitation staff at North Broward Medical Center and is currently in rotation in the education department at Broward Health

**Braunius, C. et. al (2009).** Evidence-based Promotion of the Awareness of Occupational Therapy: Increasing Recognition of Occupational Therapy Among Colleagues & Consumers

- Performed a collaborative research study which examined Osteopathic medical students' knowledge of the profession of occupational therapy and when to refer patients for occupational therapy intervention before and after an educational module designed by student occupational therapists
- Results of study presented at the 2009 American Occupational Therapy Association's national conference in Houston, Texas

## SERVICE

2019- Present	Keiser University MSOT Advisory Board
2020- Present	Broward Health Education Committee
2021- Present	Costal Community Volunteer Kids Program

**CoastalSAFE:** Development of a training program for Costal Community Church volunteers to provide childcare for families with children with special needs for respite during service times (Anticipated Completion date February 2023)

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**REFERENCES**

Available Upon Request