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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION:

Walden University

Minneapolis, MN

Doctoral Degree in Education

2005

Western New England College

Springfield, MA

Business Administration

M.B.A.

1977-1980

Springfield College

Springfield, MA

Education

M.Ed. Adapted Physical Education

1974-1976

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

Certificate Degree in Physical Therapy

1972-1973

Trenton State College

Trenton, NJ

Health and Physical Education

B.S.

1967-1971

LICENSURE INFORMATION/REGISTRATION NUMBERS:

Physical Therapist:

State of Massachusetts – Registration #2282

State of Connecticut – Registration #94-475894

EMPLOYMENT AND POSITIONS HELD:

Radford University

Radford, VA

July 2009

Program Director

Department of Physical Therapy

American International College

Springfield, MA

February 1995-2009

Assistant Dean School of Health Sciences

August 2006-present

- Responsible for the oversight, development, and implementation of the operational budgets for the Divisions of Nursing, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy in the School of Health Sciences
- Responsible for new program development and implementation in the School of Health Sciences, such as the undergraduate degree in Health Sciences
- Participated in academic strategic planning for both the Division of Physical Therapy and the School of Health Sciences
- Participated in the strategic planning of the College
- Extensive curriculum development and accreditation experience
- Facilitated a high level of community and industry integration into the educational process of clinician development and research

Program Administrator, Associate Professor

Division of Physical Therapy

Doctoral Degree Program in Physical Therapy

February 1995-present

- Transitioned masters physical therapy curriculum to entry-level doctor of physical therapy program 2005
- Developed and implemented a CAPTE accredited masters in physical therapy program 1996
- Responsible for program administration, budget management, curriculum development and implementation, hiring of faculty, student selection, equipment purchasing and faculty development
- Completed three successful Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education assessments

Return to Work Centers

Holyoke, MA

Vice President and Owner

1985 – 1996

- Established multiple freestanding physical therapy treatment centers in the states of
- Massachusetts and Connecticut.
- Developed and established the first CARF certified facilities for work hardening in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Created extensive training and educational programs for senior and middle management personnel for Fortune 500 companies, local small manufacturing firms, banks, educational facilities and local state agencies
- Wrote and participated in Department of Industrial Accident Grants to educate small employers on repetitive trauma syndrome
- Spokesperson at national conferences on work hardening and the development of job related injuries. Areas of specialization encompassed ergonomic job design, worker training, and work hardening and work capacity evaluation

Springfield College

Springfield, MA

Adjunct Faculty-Physical Therapy Program

1989-1990

- Taught an introduction course in ergonomics at the masters level for physical therapy students

Cooley Dickinson Hospital

Director of Rehabilitation Services

Northampton, MA

1982-1987

- Administrative responsibility for the occupational, physical therapy, and speech departments for a two hundred and ten bed acute hospital

Noble Hospital

Westfield, MA

Supervising Physical Therapist

1979-1982

- Supervised physical therapist in an acute physical therapy program and outpatient services

Springfield Physical Therapy Group

Springfield, MA

Director

1976-1979

- Facility director and administrator of a freestanding orthopedic outpatient physical therapy practice

Western Massachusetts Hospital – Rehabilitation Unit

Westfield, MA

Supervising Physical Therapist

1974 – 1976

Staff Therapist

1973 – 1974

PUBLICATIONS:

Martorello, L., & Swanson, E. (2006), Effectiveness of an automatic wheelchair braking system in the prevention of falls. *RESNA*, 18(2), 166-169.

Chapter 12 Contribution, “Rehabilitation Management for Work-Related Injuries”, *Occupational Health: Recognizing and Preventing Work-Related Disease* by Barry S. Levy, M.D. and David H. Wegman, M.D., Little Brown, 2nd Edition, 1988

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

Carley, P, Swanson, E. (2007, November). Biomechanical considerations to reduce worker injuries related to static standing postures at the National Ergonomic Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Swanson, E. (2006, October). Ergonomic success at Merrill Lynch: Empowering employees to modify their worksite at the Eastern Ergonomic Conference and Expositions 5th Annual, Boston, MA.

GRANT ACTIVITY:

Co-authorship with Department of Occupational Medicine Department of the University of Massachusetts at Worcester, Reducing Repetitive Trauma in the Workplace Amount of Grant: \$30,000 (funded by Department of Industrial Accidents, State of MA). Nature of grant was to assist employers/employees in the certification of high risk work postures related to repetitive trauma of the upper extremities.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Member, American Physical Therapy Association – 1975- present

POSITIONS HELD IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Physical Therapy Association –

- Interim President, Western District (1988)
- Past President, Western Massachusetts Orthopedic Study Group (1986-1987)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Member, Board of Directors
Roncalli Institute Home Health Care Agency
(1984-1986)
- Member of the Community Advisor Board for the Healthsouth Rehabilitative Hospital, Ludlow, Massachusetts (2001-present)
- Editor for Work Place Health a regional new letter dealing with work related injuries (2001-2002)

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY:

- Walk for Breast Cancer-American Cancer Society- 2000, 2001, and 2003
- Volunteer (wheelchair sweep)-Boston Marathon-1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003
- Clean up Easthampton, a community clean up day of parks and city streets –2002 and 2003
- Career Mentor for student/athletes at The College of New Jersey- 2004-present
- Mentor for physical therapists through the American Physical Therapy Association 2005

CONTINUING EDUCATION/WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED:

- Platform Presentation: Combined Sections American Physical Therapy Association, February 2002, Are Concrete Floors Bad for Workers or is there more to Floor Surfaces.
- Develop and present workshops to industry throughout the State of Massachusetts for upper and middle management levels content pertaining to workplace ergonomics (1983– present).

CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL COURSES ATTENDED:

- Sacroiliac Joint and Its Relation to Low Back Pain, Atlanta, GA- May 2000
- FitforeGolf, Las Vegas, March 2001
- Surgery & Rehabilitation of the Hand (with emphasis on arthritis), Philadelphia, PA- March 2002.
- Developing Leadership, Administrative and Professional Skills in Students and Junior Staff, Springfield, MA –April 2002

- Academic Administrators Special Interest Group, San Antonio, Texas October- 2003
- The Thrower's Arm-Making and Keeping the Overhead Athlete Healthy, The University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut –February 23, 2004
- Principles of Strength and Conditioning: Research and Application for physical therapists- May 7, 2005
- Evaluation and Treatment of Common Shoulder Impairments- May 14, 2005

SERVICE TO AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE:

Division of Physical Therapy Committees:

- Recruitment and Retention (1996-present)
- Curriculum Review Committee (1996-present)
- Acceptance Committee-Division of Physical Therapy (1996-present)
- Student Focus Group (1996-present)
- Clinical Instruction Focus Group (1996-present)

- Consultant and Advisor to undergraduates of Physical Therapy Program
- Student/Alumni Mentor for the Athletic Department of The College of New Jersey (2004-present)
- Strategic Planning Committee of the College (2005-2006)
- Executive Committee School of Health Sciences (1998-present)
- Member of Dean's and Director's Committee (1996-present)

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- PTR 101 Introduction to Physical Therapy
- PTR450 Clinical Reasoning I
- PTR451 Clinical Reasoning II

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL ACTIVITIES:

- Member of the Publications Subcommittee of the American Physical Therapy Association (2007- current)
- Perform chart reviews and Independent Medical Examinations for insurance providers
- Mentor for the APTA Member Mentoring Program