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TEACHING PHILOSOPHY & ACADEMIC GOAL

As a career Physical Therapist with over 20 years of clinical practice, I developed a passion for educating patients by translating complex topics in anatomy, kinesiology, and pathology into clear, actionable understanding. This passion led to my current position in the biology department at Grace. Here I am able to apply this same passion to instruct students in classroom and laboratory settings. At the same time, I am able to walk alongside and mentor students in preparation for careers in anatomy and health-related fields, while maintaining an emphasis on faith and character development.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Year	Degree / Credential	Institution & Honors
1999	Master of Science in Physical Therapy (M.S.P.T.)	Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI — <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
1998	Bachelor of Science in Anatomy & Physiology	Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI — <i>Cum Laude</i>
1995	Bachelor of Science in Holistic Health (Minor: Biology)	McPherson College, McPherson, KS — <i>Cum Laude</i>

LICENSURE & TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY

Category	Details
Licensure	Licensed Physical Therapist, State of Indiana
Clinical Specializations	Concussion Rehabilitation, Work Rehabilitation, SIJ Dysfunction, Runner's Rehab
Instruction & Pedagogy	High School & Collegiate Student Internship Instruction & Mentorship, Staff Education
Technical Proficiency	Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Outlook,, Clinical EMR & Billing Systems, Google drive, AI

CLINICAL & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Department Chair of Life Sciences and Biology Program Director 2026 - Present

Grace College, Department of Biology Winona Lake, IN

Assistant Professor of Biology 2023 - Present

Grace College, Department of Biology Winona Lake, IN

- Lecture and lab instructor for General Biology II, Anatomy & Physiology I & II, Introduction to Microbiology, and Advanced Anatomy & Physiology I & II.
- Advisor for students with Pre-Physical Therapy degree major
- Serve on Institutional Review Board for research projects
- Organized and led Go Encounter Trip to Croatia in spring 2026

Physical Therapist & Clinical Instructor 2010 – 2023

OSMC — Outpatient Orthopedic Center, Elkhart, IN

- Instruct and mentor high school and collegiate student interns entering anatomical and therapy-related fields.
- Provide comprehensive outpatient care for generalized and complex orthopedic conditions.
- Serve as clinical specialist in concussion management, work rehabilitation, SIJ dysfunction, and sports injury/runner's rehab.
- Provide mid-level management for therapy staff; lead clinical education on software upgrades, insurance nuances, and billing.

Physical Therapist 2004 – 2010

North Central Orthopedics

- Delivered patient care, diagnostic evaluations, and individual treatment plans in an outpatient orthopedic setting.
- Educated patients and families on anatomical diagnoses, functional kinesiology, and home exercise protocols.
- Collaborated with physicians, case managers, and nursing teams for integrated care delivery.

Physical Therapist & Alternate Administrator 2003

Hometown Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Clinic

- Managed clinical patient care alongside administrative functions: scheduling, payroll, billing, purchasing, and facility operations.

Staff Physical Therapist & Clinical Educator 1999 – 2002

Greencroft (2001-2002) | Carriage Manor, Rosewood Terrace, Oak Leaf Village (2000-2001)

- Provided physical therapy across inpatient, outpatient, assisted living, and skilled nursing environments.
- Conducted educational inservices for facility staff and improved wound care standards via targeted nursing education.
- Led resident health screenings and wellness exercise groups.

Home Health Physical Therapist 1999 – 2003

Regional Home Health Care

- Educated patients and family caregivers on patient safety, ergonomic modifications, and home exercise programs.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER SERVICE

- **Nappanee Missionary Church:** Active member and volunteer at Welcome Center & Coffee House Ministry; assisted with middle school camps and retreats for foster care families and youth, small group leader for high school ministry.
- **Yellow Creek Mennonite Church:** High school youth group sponsor for 7 years; established college-age ministry class; worship team member; Vacation Bible School volunteer.
- **Youth Support:** Actively involved in supporting youth in academic and extracurricular endeavors.