

CURRICULUM VITAE
Susan Philhower Denham Ed.D,MS, OTR/L, CHT

Education:

Alabama State University
Montgomery, Alabama
Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Policy and Law
Spring 2006

Troy State University Montgomery
Montgomery, Alabama
Masters, Human Resource Management
Spring 1992

University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, Alabama
Bachelors, Occupational Therapy
Fall 1989

Auburn University
Auburn, Alabama
Biology
Spring 1987

Licensure Information:

Licensed to practice as an Occupational Therapist in the State of Alabama, issued 1990,
license number 0181

Certified to practice as an Occupational Therapist by the National Board for Certification in
Occupational Therapy, issued 1990, Certification number 003591

Blue Cross/ Blue Shield preferred provider, issued 2001 # 510-99539

Certified Hand Therapist, Certification obtained 2002, from the Hand Therapy Certification
Commission, Certification number 1021100145

Employment and Positions Held:

1998-Present **Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy**

Spring 2011 –Present-**Department Chair**

Alabama State University

Montgomery, Alabama

Classes: Introduction to Gross Anatomy, Gross Anatomy Lab, Medicine and Surgery, Kinesiology, Documentation, Pediatrics, Adjustment and Disability, Physical Dysfunction, Media II, Patient Care Concepts and Medical Terminology (taught for Health Information Management program)

Courses Developed: Introduction to Gross Anatomy, Medicine and Surgery, Documentation, Pediatrics, Adjustment and Disability, and Physical Dysfunction, Splinting and Orthotics.

Developed and serves as the Faculty advisor for the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)

Collaboration with the occupational therapy faculty to develop the Alabama State University Occupational Therapy Bachelors Curriculum

Served as Chair in the development of the Alabama State University Occupational Therapy Masters Curriculum.

Developed a prerequisite course for Gross Anatomy course in order to improve retention

Assisted in various recruitment activities for the occupational therapy program

Clinical work with PT Solutions and King & Craig Rehab, Hand Therapy

2009-Present **Contractor of Occupational Therapy Services**

Southern Orthopedic Associates, Montgomery Al

-Hand Therapy

PT Solutions, Montgomery Al

-Hand Therapy

-Industrial Rehabilitation

1996- Present **Contractor of Occupational Therapy Services**

King & Craig Physical Therapy

Montgomery, Alabama

Evaluate and treat patients following industrial/ work related injury.
Provide written reports to insurance companies, attorneys and employers.
Provide expert testimony in court and depositions as needed for civil cases and disability hearings.

Fabricate splints and orthotics for various orthopedic injuries

1996-1998 **Senior, Occupational Therapist**
Amedysis Homecare
Montgomery, Alabama

1996-1998 Full time senior therapist
1998-Present contract therapist for home bound patients. Fabrication or ordering of orthotics for homebound patients with orthopedic and neurological injury.

1989-1996 **Industrial Rehabilitation Coordinator and Senior Therapist**
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center
Montgomery, Alabama

Evaluation and treatment of orthopedic injuries.
Acute treatment of hand, elbow and shoulder patients using various modalities and treatment techniques.
Extensive, advanced splinting experience with diagnosis such as, burns, tendon repairs, fractures, amputations and replants.
Provided sideline support for local sporting events.
Fabrication of orthotics. Ordering, fitting and training of prefabricated orthotics and equipment

Coordination of the Industrial Rehabilitation program.
Managed and supervised therapists, aides and staff in the Industrial Rehabilitation program, performed performance appraisals and hiring.
Managed the budget, assisted in the design of the existing facility. Worked in conjunction with area industry, attorneys and case managers. Testified as expert witness in over 50 depositions and trials.
Redesigned industrial space for ergonomics and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
Consultant to various industries/employers regarding ADA

1991-1993 **Contracted Occupational Therapist**
Baptist Hospital
Montgomery, Alabama

Worked PRN
Provided services for orthopedic patients, evaluation and treatment including splinting and orthotics
Provided Occupational Therapy service to the neonatal intensive care unit for premature and high risk infants

1990-1992 **Contract Occupational Therapist**
Montgomery Public School System
Montgomery, Alabama

Madison Park Hope Center.
Evaluated and treated developmentally delayed clients, birth to 6th grade.

Designed home programs and classroom programs
Trained teachers to carry out recommendations in the classroom
IEP team member

Membership in Scientific/Professional Societies:

National Board of Accreditation for Orthotic Suppliers	2008-present
Chair for the Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy	2009-2011
Governmental Affairs Committee, Alabama Occupational Therapy Association	2009-present
Secretary for the Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy	2007-2009
Surveyor for National Board for Accreditation of Orthotic Suppliers	2008 to 2010
Member of the Alabama Occupational Therapy Association	1990-present
Member of the American Occupational Therapy Association	1990-present
Montgomery Therapeutic Recreation Center, Board of Directors.	1994-1996
Montgomery Arthritis Foundation, Board of Directors	1993-1995
Rheem Manufacturing, Safety Board	1992-1996
Member of the American Society of Hand Therapists	2001-present

Presentations/Posters:

- 2013 Presenter “Recent advancements in prosthetic management” Alabama Occupational Therapy Association, Spring Conference.
- 2012 Poster “ The Measurable Agreement of the Upper Limb Tension Test 2a to the Phalen test in the diagnosis of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome”. Wilhite, McGrady, Booth, Lee and Denham. APTA Combined Sessions.
- 2011 Presenter “Musculoskeletal Ultrasound-Implications for Practice”, 3rd Annual PT Solutions Symposium
- 2011 Presenter “Common Hand Disorders, Evaluation and Treatment”, 3rd Annual PT Solutions Symposium
- 2011 Presenter “ The Role of the CHT in the Rehabilitation of Patients with Upper Limb Amputation and Prosthetics”, American Society of Hand Therapists, 34th Annual Meeting
- 2011 Presenter “Cocktail Diagnosis, Common Hand Conditions”, Alabama Occupational Therapy Association, Spring Conference
- 2010 Presenter “OTR & COTA Role Delineation and Supervision”, Alabama Occupational Therapy Association Spring Conference
- 2010 Presenter “Interactive Hand Seminar”, Alabama State University
- 2008 Presenter “Documentation Update: CPT Codes and DMEPOS Accreditation”, Alabama Occupational Therapy Association Spring Conference
- 2006 Presenter “Splinting and Orthotics Workshop”, Physical Therapy Students, Alabama State University
- 2005 Presenter for the East Central District- Alabama Occupational Therapy Association, “Splinting Refresher Course”
- 2000-2003 “Newborn Reflexes”, Guest speaker for Physical Therapy students, Alabama State University, Fall semester
- 2001-2009 “What the PT should know about hands”, Guest speaker for Physical Therapy students, Alabama State University, Fall semester
- 2002 Alabama Occupational Therapy Association State Conference
Topic: Peripheral Nerve Injuries and Treatment
- 1999 Presenter at the American Occupational Therapy Association Spring Conference.
Topic: Coding and Documentation

- 1992 Presenter and published in the Thirteenth Annual Southern Regional Industrial Relations Academic Seminar. Topic: Americans with Disabilities Act and Accommodations.
- 1990-Present Presented information on ergonomics, ADA, job site modifications and safety to various area Industry. They include:
- UPS
 - Alabama State Forestry Commission
 - Rheem Manufacturing
 - Southern Shutter Company
 - Appleton Wiring
 - Prattville Manufacturing Industries
 - Russell Industries
 - Vanity Fair Industries
 - Simcala Industries
 - Collier Industries
 - Liberty Mutual Insurance-Pulpwood and Logging Industry
- 1996 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Outpatient Facility for Work Comp Case Managers
Topic: Rehabilitation Saves Money
- 1995 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Outpatient Facility
Topic: Myofascial release Techniques

Professional Publications

- Denham, S., & Gibson, D. (1992). Reasonable accommodation: Some solutions that actually work. Dothan, Alabama: Southern Regional Industrial Relations Academic Association.
- Denham, S., (2003). "What is the OT CHT?" Advance for Occupational Therapy Practitioners, 19(24), 4,12.
- Denham, S., (2007). "Botox, Not Just a Wrinkle Remover" Science@ASU, Issue 2, Fall 2007.
- Denham, S (2008). "Teacher Education, Beliefs and Actions Regarding Handwriting during the Elementary Years in Alabama" Teacher Educator's Journal, March 2008.
- Denham, S. (2008). "Augmenting Occupational Therapy Treatment of Upper Extremity Spasticity with Botulinum Toxin A: A case report of progress at Discharge and Two Years Later" The American Journal of Occupational Therapy, September 2008.

Books/Articles Reviewed

- Coppard, B. &Lohman, H. (2001). Introduction to splinting. A clinical-reasoning and problem solving approach. St. Louis, Mo: Mosby.
- Blevins,C. (2007). Solving the Workers' Compensation Puzzle. Aardvark Global Publishing.

Hillegass, E. (2009). Rehab Notes: Clinical Examination Pocket Guide. FA Davis Publishing.

Minor, S. & Minor, M. (2009). Patient Care Skills. Prentice Hall Publishing

Gargiulo, G. (2009). "An Ultra-high Input Impedance ECG Amplifier for Long Term Monitoring of Athletes", The Journal of Medical Devices: Evidence and Research

Kalisch, Kattenstroth, Lowalewski, Tegenthoff & Dinse (2012). "Age-related changes of proprioceptive performance of the human hand." Clinical Interventions in Aging

Book Reviews

Denham, S. (2009). "Book Review-Introduction to Splinting: A Clinical Reasoning and Problem Solving Approach" The Internet Journal of Allied Health Sciences and Practice, April 2010.

University Service

2013-2014 Faculty Evaluation Committee
 Chair, OT Admissions Committee
 Faculty Handbook Revision Committee
 Occupational Therapy Advisory Board
 Faculty Senator for COHS
 Editorial Board for Science @ ASU
 Promotion Committee COHS
 Chair of Tenure Committee COHS
 Fellowship Committee-COHS

2012-2013 Chair Faculty Evaluation Committee
 Chair, OT Admissions Committee
 Presidents Award for Teaching Excellence Committee
 Occupational Therapy Advisory Board
 Faculty Senator for COHS
 Editorial Board for Science @ ASU
 Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee COHS
 Fellowship Committee-COHS

2011-2012 Chair Faculty Evaluation Committee
 Occupational Therapy Advisory Board
 Faculty Advisor for the Student Occupational Therapy Association
 Faculty Senator for COHS
 Editorial Board for Science @ ASU
 Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee COHS
 Fellowship Committee-COHS

2010-2011 Chair Faculty Evaluation Committee
 Occupational Therapy Advisory Board

Faculty Advisor for the Student Occupational Therapy Association
Faculty Senator for COHS
Secretary of Faculty Senate
Executive Board of Faculty Senate
University Grievance Committee
Faculty Senate Grievance Committee
Advisory Board Member & Chair-Center For Nanobiotechnology Research
Editorial Board for Science @ ASU

2009-2010 Chair Faculty Evaluation Committee
Fellowship Committee
Occupational Therapy Advisory Board
Faculty Advisor for the Student Occupational Therapy Association
Faculty Senator for COHS
Secretary of Faculty Senate
Executive Board of Faculty Senate
Presidential Faculty Recognition AD-Hoc Committee
Editorial Board for Science @ ASU

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Faculty Senator for COHS
Secretary of Faculty Senate
Executive Board of Faculty Senate
Presidential Faculty Recognition AD-Hoc Committee
Faculty Handbook Revision Committee
Editorial Board for Science @ ASU

2007-2008 Chair Faculty Evaluation Committee
Fellowship Committee
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Faculty Advisor for the Student Occupational Therapy Association
Faculty Senator for COHS
Secretary of Faculty Senate
Executive Board of Faculty Senate
Chair of Student Grievance Committee
Editorial Board for Science @ ASU

2006-2007 Chair of the COHS Dress Code Committee
Public Relations Committee
Occupational Therapy Advisory Board
Faculty Advisor for the Student Occupational Therapy Association
Chair Faculty Evaluation Committee
Faculty Senator for COHS
Editorial Board for Science @ ASU

- 2005-2006 Chair of the Academic Excellence Committee
Public Relations Committee
Secretary for the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee
Occupational Therapy Advisory Board
Faculty Advisor for the Student Occupational Therapy Association
Chair of the Occupational Therapy Curriculum Redesign Committee
ASU Connection Day Representative
Chair Faculty Evaluation Committee
- 2004-2005 Chair of the Academic Excellence Committee
Courtesy Committee
Public Relations Committee
Secretary for the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee
Occupational Therapy Advisory Board
Faculty Advisor for the Student Occupational Therapy Association
Chair of the Occupational Therapy Curriculum Redesign Committee
ASU Connection Day Representative
Faculty Evaluation Committee
- 2003-2004 Chair of the Occupational Therapy Curriculum Redesign Committee
Courtesy Committee
Public Relations Committee
Academic Excellence Recognition Committee
COHS Faculty Secretary
Faculty Advisor for Student Occupational Therapy Association
Occupational Therapy Advisory Board
ASU ADA Committee
- 2002-2003 Academic Excellence Committee
Courtesy Committee
Public Relations Committee
Nelson-Deny Task Force
Faculty Evaluation Committee
ASU ADA Committee
Faculty Advisor for Student Occupational Therapy Association
Occupational Therapy Advisory Board
Connection Day Representative
Health Fair Representative
ASU ADA Committee
- 2001-2002 Faculty Evaluation Committee
ASU ADA Committee
Connection Day Representative
Health Fair Representative
Faculty Advisor for Student Occupational Therapy Association
Academic Excellence Committee
Courtesy Committee
Diversity Committee
Public Relations Committee

Occupational Therapy Advisory Board

- 2000-2001 Faculty Advisor for Student Occupational Therapy Association
Occupational Therapy Advisor Board
Courtesy Committee
Academic Excellence Committee
Public Relations Committee
Connection Day Representative
Health Fair Representative
- 1999-2000 Academic Excellence Committee
Faculty Advisor for Student Occupational Therapy Association
Occupational Therapy Advisor Board
- 1998-1999 Public Relations Committee
Occupational Therapy Advisory Board
Occupational Therapy Curriculum Committee
Faculty Advisor for Student Occupational Therapy Association

Community Service

- Present Community outreach program-in which I donate time and equipment to homebound and elderly
Distinguished Young Women of America-Host Family State Program
MACOA-Montgomery Area Council on Aging Volunteer
Member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority, Inc
- Previous Member of St. James United Methodist Church, Sunday School Teacher
Reading Initiative Volunteer
Volunteer with Special Olympics
Volunteer with Red Cross
Volunteer with Montgomery Area Council on Aging-Meals on Wheels
Season supporter Montgomery Symphony Orchestra
Poll Watcher
Member of Montgomery Home Builders Association
Member of Pike Road Community Club
Macon East Montgomery Academy, PTA Board Member/Fundraising Chair

Recent Professional Development and Continuing Education

- March 2012 HBCU Conference on Health Disparities in Rehabilitation
- September 2011 3rd Annual PT Solutions Symposium
- September 2011 ASHT 34th Annual Meeting
- April 2011 ALOTA Spring Conference

February 2011	Wheelchair Seating Workshop
December 2010	Contemporary Rehabilitation Approach to Fitting and Training the Upper Limb Amputee
May 2010	Interactive Hand Review-Cadaver dissections
Spring 2010	ALOTA Spring Conference
March 2009	Alabama State University, Community Education Exercise and the Elderly Prosthetic Update Resources for Enhancing Supervision
December 2008	Amedisys Academy OASIS Documentation PPS Reform Admissions Diabetes and Home DM program Stroke Recovery
September October, 2007	ASHT Annual Meeting Upper Extremity Limb Loss (8 hrs) The Brachial Plexus CPT Codes and HCPC Codes CMS Accreditation and NBAOS Evidence Based Practice, Improving Practice through Research Injuries in Musicians Splinting for Osteoarthritis
November, 2006	Clinical Applications in the Use of Physical Agent Modalities
April, 2006	The Learning Triad: How the Eyes, Hands and Cognition Impact Writing and Other School Activities
February, 2005	A Systematic Treatment Approach to Wound Care
April, 2004	Results of the 2003 Practice Analysis of Occupational Therapy Entry-Level Practice
April, 2004	Introduction to UE Joint Mobilization
September, 2003	Beyond Weight Bearing: Understanding and Developing Hand Function for Children with Neuromotor and Sensory Processing Dysfunction
October, 2002	Upper Extremity Prosthetics: Overview and Options
October, 2002	The Internationally Adopted Child: Developmental Issues and Outcomes

October, 2002	Treating the Older Adult With Low Vision
September, 2002	Hand, Elbow and Shoulder Update 2002
April, 2002	AOTF Regional Workshop Series on Curriculum Revision
November, 2001	AOTF Regional Workshop Series on Curriculum Revision
October, 2001	The Hand: An Interactive Study for Therapists
February, 2001	Doctorate of Health Sciences Colloquium
August 2000	Mastering Outcomes in a Client-Centered Practice: The Canadian Occupational Performance Measure
April, 2000	Grant Writing Workshop
September, 1999	Pediatric Treatment Using a Sensory Integrative Approach
June, 1999	Legal Issues and Ethical Issues in Fieldwork Education
March, 1999	Seating and Positioning: An OT Perspective
February, 1999	Values Clarification Workshop
October, 1998	Protect your Practice: The Use of CPT Codes Essential for Occupational Therapy
January, 1998	An Orthopedic Smorgasbord

Other:

Surveyor for National Board for
Accreditation of Orthotic Suppliers

Spring 2008 to 2010