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Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus

Education:

University of Colorado, Aurora, CO Doctorate in Physical Therapy 2007 - 2009

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy 1986 - 1991

Licensure Information/Registration Number:

Colorado #6736

Certifications:

Neurologic Clinical Specialist (NCS) 2002-2012

American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties

Recertified 2012-2022

Recertified 2022-2032

Employment and Positions held:

2010 – present Faculty Senior Instructor, School of Medicine, Physical Therapy Program,
University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO

2022 – present Physical Therapist, University of Colorado Health
Anschutz Outpatient Pavilion, Aurora CO

2010 – 2019 Physical Therapist, University of Colorado Hospital
Stapleton Clinic, Denver, CO

2010 – 2011 Physical Therapist
South Valley Physical Therapy, Denver, CO

2009 – 2010 Physical Therapist, University of Colorado Hospital
Anschutz Outpatient Pavilion, Aurora, CO

2009 – 2010 Faculty Instructor School of Medicine, Physical Therapy Program,
University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO

2007 – 2009 Teaching Fellow, Physical Therapy Program,
University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO

2003 – 2007 Physical Therapist Consultant and Lab Instructor
University of Colorado Physical Therapy Program, Denver, CO

2000 – 2007 Physical Therapist and Clinical Instructor for physical therapy students.
Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, CO

1999 – 2000 Physical Therapist, part time and on-call for several companies:

- Alliance of Therapy Specialists, Inc., Skilled Nursing Facilities, Denver, CO
 - Back in Balance Physical Therapy, Physical Therapy Private Practice, Fort Collins, CO
 - TCI (Therapy Consultants, Creative Innovations) Skilled Nursing Facilities, Denver, CO
 - CPR Ancillary Services, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Denver, CO
- 1998 – 1998 Traveling Physical Therapist, Comp Health/Group One Therapy Marshfield Care Center, Skilled Nursing Facility, Marshfield, WI
Public school system, St. Mary Parish, Franklin, LA
Hardee Manor Healthcare Center, Skilled Nursing Facility, Wauchula, FL
- 1997 – 1997 Traveling Physical Therapist, Healthcare Everywhere
Tendercare Manor, Skilled Nursing Facility, Southgate, MI
Eisenhower Center, Traumatic Brain Injury residence for young adults, Ann Arbor, MI
Bronson Methodist Hospital, acute care, Kalamazoo, MI
- 1997 Physical therapist, Grace Hospital, Detroit, MI
- 1995 – 1997 Physical Therapist, prn, Staff Builders, Inc., Home Health Services
Albuquerque, NM
- 1991 – 1997 Physical therapist and Clinical Instructor for physical therapy students
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Albuquerque, NM
- 1991 Physical therapist, University of Minnesota Hospital, Minneapolis, MN

Scholarly Agenda:

Priority areas for scholarship include knowledge translation of neurologic physical therapy practice through entry level physical therapy education.

Peer Reviewed Publications:

ANPT Movement System Diagnoses for Balance Dysfunction Knowledge Translation Task Force Handouts created by: Christina Burke, PT, DPT, NCS; Heidi Moyer, PT, DPT, GCS; Ana Sanchez Junkin, PT, DPT, NCS; Suzanne Trojanowski, PT, DPT, NCS; Wendy Kriekels, PT, DPT, NCS, Arco Paul, PT, PhD, NCS. Dissemination of several resource documents on ANPT website of guide student and clinician clinical reasoning of postural control diagnoses: <https://www.neuropt.org/practice-resources/bestpractice-initiatives-and-resources/movement-system-committee/resources>

Gann E, Hernandez M, Kriekels W. An Exploratory Case Study on Teaching Movement Analysis Competency: Instructional Methods and Learner Outcomes in Professional Physical Therapist Education. COMIRB No: 25-0292 (In progress)

Dannemiller L, Basha E, Kriekels W, Nordon-Craft A. Student Perception of Preparedness for Clinical Management of Adults With Lifelong Disability Using a Standardized Patient Assessment. *JOPT*, Dec. 2017.

Moss M, Nordon-Craft A, Malone D, Van Pelt D, Frankel SK, Warner ML, Kriekels W, McNulty M, Fairclough DL, Schenkman M. A Randomized Trial of an Intensive Physical Therapy Program for Patients with Acute Respiratory Failure. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2016 May 15; 193(10):1101-10. PMID: 26651376.

Peer Reviewed Scientific and Professional Presentations:

1. Gann E, Kriekels W, Hernandez M. Mixed Methods Evaluation of Teaching Movement Science Competencies in Entry-Level Physical Therapist Education. Poster presentation 14th Annual Education and Innovation Symposium University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. April 2026.
2. Moyer H, Burke C, Trojanowski S, Paul A, Sanchez Junkin A, Kriekels W. Minding The Know-Do Gap: National Survey on the Movement Analysis Framework. (Poster presented at CSM 2025)
3. Moyer H, Burke C, Trojanowski S, Paul A, Sanchez Junkin A, Kriekels W. Lights, Camera, Knowledge to Action! A National Survey of the ANPT Balance Diagnoses Framework. (Platform presented at CSM 2025)
4. Kriekels W, Nordon-Craft A. Neurophobia vs Decreased Tolerance to Ambiguity: Exploring Factors in Student Physical Therapist Perception and Struggle in Neurologic Conditions Curricula – E- Poster presented at the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference of the APTA of Colorado, Breckenridge, CO, September 2024.
5. Dannemiller L, Basha E, Kriekels W, Nordon-Craft A. Student Perception for Clinical Management of Adults with Lifelong Disability Using a Standardized Patient Assessment. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Poster, New Orleans, LA 2018.
6. Ohtake PJ, Nordon-Craft A, Kriekels W, Malone D. Role of Simulation in Ensuring Acute Care Competencies. [2 hour Education Session]. APTA Combined Sections Meeting. Indianapolis, IN 2015.

Non-Peer Reviewed Presentations:

1. Invited Speaker: Kriekels, W. “The Role of Your Physical Therapist in Managing Parkinson Disease,” invited speaker for the Parkinson’s Foundation event, “Fitness Counts.” Denver JCC: June 2025.
1. Invited Presentation: Dannemiller L, Kriekels W. Children’s Hospital, “Developmental Pediatrics - Motor Impairments” to physicians, residents, fellows, psychologists in developmental pediatrics. Aurora, CO 2019.
2. Continuing Education Course: Kriekels W, James D, Griffith R, Ulrich K, Ott J, Peter R, Kinney T. University of Colorado Health and University of Colorado Physical Therapy Program Mild TBI / Concussion: Evidence-Based Examination and Treatment of Individuals across the Continuum of Care, University of Colorado PT Program 2017.
3. In-service: Kriekels, W. IV STEP Conference Highlights for physical therapists, University of Colorado Health, Stapleton Clinic, Denver, CO 2016.

4. Continuing Education Course: Kriekels, W. Current Concepts in Rehabilitation of Common Neurologic Conditions -a one day continuing education course for PT, OT, PTA, SLP, COTAs. Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center, Salida, CO 2016.
5. Invited lecture: Kriekels, W. Neurologic and Vestibulo-Ocular Examination and Management for Individuals after Concussion. Children's Hospital Physical Therapy Training Day. Aurora, CO 2016.
6. Continuing Education Course: Kriekels, W., James, D. Marquette Challenge: Orthopedic and Neurologic Perspectives on concussion/mTBI management, Aurora, CO 2015.
7. Audio Podcasts published on the Vestibular Special Interest Group of the Neurology Section of the APTA, published on website for physical therapist education, 2011 – 2014.

Membership in Scientific/Professional Organizations:

American Physical Therapy Association, APTA	1989-present
Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy of the APTA	2000-present
Academy of Physical Therapy Educators of the APTA	2017-present
Acute Care Section of the APTA	2009-2015
Vestibular Disorders Association (VEDA)	1995-2002

Consultative and Advisory Positions Held:

– Selected for and serving on the Knowledge Translation Task Force for Balance Diagnoses	2023-present
– Appointed interim Director of Education	2017-2018
– Appointed Co-Chair, Neurology Section Regional Programming Committee	2013-2018
– Invited contributor to Education Strategic Planning Meeting	2017
– Invited contributor to Educational Strategic Planning Meeting	2015
– Selected as Co-Chairperson	2013-2017
– Item Writer, National Physical Therapist Examination	2014

Community Service:

– Volunteer, Back in Balance Health Screenings, 9 Health Fair, Denver, CO	2008-2019
– Volunteer at Health Screening booth, National Western Stock Show, Denver, CO	2018, 2016

Services to the University/College/School on Committees/Councils/Commissions

University of Colorado Anschutz

Chairperson, Scholarship and Awards Committee	2012-present
Coordinator, Neuromuscular Conditions Track	2016-present
Faculty Liaison, Student Neurologic Special Interest Group	2023-present
Member, Educational Scholarship Group	2020-present
Member, Curriculum Committee	2016-present
Member, Graduation Committee	2016-2017
Co-chairperson, Graduation Committee	2010-2016

Faculty Class Advisor to the Class of 2016D	2014-2016
Faculty search committees:	
Hybrid pathway faculty Neurologic, motor control positions	2023, 2024
Hybrid pathway faculty Pediatrics positions	2023, 2024
Residential pathway Pediatrics positions	2023, 2024
Residential pathway Neurologic positions	2022

Honors and Awards

Outstanding leadership and service as an Executive Officer of the Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy, Director of Education 2017-2018. Recognized at the Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA 2019.

Mentoring Activities

Mentor for junior faculty, Applied Neurologic Physical Therapy Elective	2016-present
Mentoring new lab instructors throughout the neuromuscular track	2016-present
Mentoring new faculty in hybrid and residential pathways	2023-present
Faculty advisor for 3-4 students per year in entry level DPT Program	2009-present

Continuing Education Attended:

Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Annual Conference, Omaha, NE October, 2025

Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA, Houston, TX, February 2025

Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, October, 2023

Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA, San Diego, CA, February 2023

Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Annual Conference (Virtually attended), October, 2022

Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA, (Virtual) February 2021

Multiple on-line trainings and work with on-line educators to revise all course offerings, convert to on-line testing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Canvas resources training - 1/24/20 at UC Denver, downtown campus
- On-line Skills Mastery Bootcamp, Office of Digital Education, University of Colorado Downtown Denver Campus, May 2020
- One:one work with Online Education Instructional designers

Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA, Denver, CO January 2020

Office of Digital Education Canvas Training, University of Colorado Downtown Denver Campus, January 2020

Colorado Chapter APTA Meeting with emphasis on Physical Therapy for Children and Adolescents with Persistent Post Concussion Symptoms and Trauma-Informed Care in Theory and Practice of Physical Therapy, October 2019

Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA, Washington DC, January 2019

Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA, San Antonio, TX February 2017

Pain & Healthcare in Society: Changing Attitudes, Behaviors and Health Systems to Address the Opioid Crisis. Aurora, CO, October 8, 2018

Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA, preconference course: The Frontier of TBI Rehabilitation – 16 hours, San Antonio, TX February 2017

IV STEP Conference: Prevention, Prediction, Plasticity, and Participation. Columbus, OH July 2016

On-line series of modules on Huntington's Disease – 4 hours, June 2016
Combined Sections of the APTA Meeting, Anaheim, CA February 2016

Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA, preconference course: Evidence-Based Rehabilitation of Patients with Parkinson Disease – 16 hours. Anaheim, CA February 2016

Motivational Interviewing Clinical Training. Aurora, CO January 2016

Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA, Indianapolis, IN February 2015

Combined Sections Meeting of the APTA, preconference course: Comprehensive Concussion management: "Need to Know Information for Physical Therapists" – 16 hours. Indianapolis, IN February 2015

Current Teaching Responsibilities in the Entry-Level Program (in sequence, by semester):

Neurologic track coordinator for residential and hybrid pathways of the PT Program

Spring Semester (semester 3)

DPTR 5501: Neuromuscular Conditions I: Principal Lecturer
(3 credits)

Summer Semester (semester 4)

DPTR 6502: Neuromuscular Conditions II: Course Coordinator, Principal Lecturer
(2 credits)

Fall Semester (semester 5)

DPTR 6503: Neuromuscular Conditions III: Course Coordinator, Principal Lecturer
(4 credits)

Summer Semester (semester 7)

DPTR 7212-B05: Applied Neurologic Physical Therapy Practice Elective, Creator and Co-Coordinator (1 credit)