

## **Stefanie D. Palma, PT, DPT, MEd, NCS, CBIS**

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### **EDUCATION**

Post-Professional Doctorate of Physical Therapy                      Summer 2002 – Spring 2004  
University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas

Master of Education, Major: Health Education                      Summer 1985 – Spring 1989  
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Science, Major: Physical Therapy                      Fall 1974 – Spring 1977  
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

American Academy of Brain Injury Specialists                      2010-  
    Certified Brain Injury Specialist, (CBIS)

American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, Alexandria, VA                      2009-  
    Certified as a Clinical Specialist in Neurology, (N.C.S.)

Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy,                      2009  
    Item writer for National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)

    Exam Development Committee                      2010-

### **Licensure Information/Registration Number**

State of Georgia:                      #000832                      Expires: 12/31/2013

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2013 – Present                      University of North Georgia**  
    Associate Dean for College of Health Sciences & Professions

**2006 – 2010                      Medical College of Georgia**  
    Associate Professor, Adjunct Faculty of Consortium Graduate Program of PT

**2008 – 2012                      North Georgia College & State University**  
    Chair and Professor for Graduate Program of PT (2008-2012)  
    Associate Professor for Graduate Program of PT (2004-2008)

**2003 – 2004                      Georgia State University**  
    Academic Professional and ACCE for Department of Physical Therapy

**1985 – 2003                      Gwinnett Technical College**  
    Program Director of Physical Therapist Assistant Program

**1984 – 1985                      Gwinnett Medical Center**  
    Staff Physical Therapist

**1982 – 1984**                    **Greenville Memorial Hospital**  
Staff Physical Therapist

**1981 – 1982**                    **Laurens District Hospital**  
Director of Physical Therapy

**1979 – 1981**                    **Lake Park Hospital**  
Staff Physical Therapist

**1978 – 1979**                    **Medical Center of Independence**  
Staff Physical Therapist

**1977 – 1978**                    **Greenville General Hospital**  
Staff Physical Therapist

### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

- 2011    SD Palma, PT, DPT, MEd, NCS. “Ethics and Jurisprudence in the Changing Healthcare Climate”  
Presentation for fall Physical Therapy Association Meeting, 2011
- 2009    TL Millard, PT, DPT, MMSc, PCS SD Palma, PT, DPT, MEd, NCS, DM Hayes, PT, PhD, L  
Frost, SPT, L Johnson, SPT, N Pendley, SPT, S Warren, SPT. “The Effect of FES (Bioness L300)  
and Body weight Support Training on a School Aged Child with Cerebral Palsy- A Case Report”
- 2009    SD Palma PT DPT MEd, DM Hayes PT PhD, TL Millard PT DPT MMSc PCS, B Barrett SPT, B  
Benson SPT, A Hogue SPT, A Hansen SPT, & S Tutterrow SPT. “Investigation of the Effect of  
Body Weight Support System (BWSS) Combined with Functional E-Stim Training (FES) Using  
the Bioness L300 on Balance & Functional Ambulation in an Adolescent Post TBI: Case Report”  
Poster Presentation for American Physical Therapy Association, Combined Sections meeting, Las  
Vegas, NV (Feb, 2009)
- 2008    Palma, S. “Advanced Ethics & Jurisprudence to GLRS (Gwinnett Learning Resource Support  
Center) for Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists in the public school settings,” October  
3.
- 2007    Palma, S. Healthcare Ethics & Jurisprudence, Clinical Education Institute, NGCSU, Georgia,  
April, 28.
- 2007    Palma, S. Professionalism Decision Making Process for the Doctoring PT, Clinical Education  
Institute, NGCSU, Georgia, April, 28.
- 2007    Palma, S. and Millard, T. “Evidence for Partial Body Weight Support in Treating Neurologically  
Challenged Pediatric and Adult Clients,” PTAG-District 9, March 24

### **SELECTED CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED/ORGANIZED (Peer Reviewed)**

- 2011    Presented Ethics in Healthcare for Physical Therapy, Habersham Medical Center, August.
- 2011    Presented Ethics and Jurisprudence for PT and OT, Shepherd Center, March
- 2011    Presented Ethics and Jurisprudence for PT and OT, Children’s’ Healthcare of Atlanta, March.
- 2009    Presented Ethics and Jurisprudence for Physical Therapy, NGCSU Clinical Education Institute,  
April 18.

- 2009 Presented “Education is a matter of building bridges”, NGCSU Clinical Education Institute, April 18
- 2009 Presented Ethics and Jurisprudence for the Rehabilitation Professional including Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Professions for Piedmont Hospital, February 26.

### **MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- 2013- Pediatric Section Member of APTA
- 2010-2012 National Delegate, Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
- 2008- Member, International Functional Electric Stimulation Society
- 2002 – 2005 President, of the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
- 1997 – 2005 National Delegate, Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
- 2004 – 2005 American Heart Association Assessment of Georgia’s Stroke System of Care-Stroke Task Force
- 2001 – 2003 Member & Advisor for Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)
- 2002 – Woman’s Health Section Member for APTA
- 2001 President-elect Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
- 2000 – Neurology Section Member for APTA
- 1986 – 2000 Treasurer, Clinical Educators of Greater Atlanta (CEGA) – dissolved in 2000
- 1998 – Aquatics Section Member for APTA
- 1995 – 1997 Chair of Academic Affairs Committee - Gwinnett Technical College
- 1993 – Chair, of the Georgia Consortium of Physical Therapy Education
- 1988 – 1991 Member of Consortium of Physical Therapy Education of Georgia.
- 1985 – Education Section Member for APTA
- 1985 – Physical Therapy Association of Georgia Membership (PTAG)
- 1975 – American Physical Therapy Association Membership (APTA)

### **HONORS AND AWARDS ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH**

- 2008 “Outstanding Physical Therapist” Award by Physical Therapy Association of Georgia, Fall Meeting, October 11.
- 2007- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- 2005 Outgoing President Appreciation Award- Physical Therapy Association of Georgia, Fall Meeting; October.
- 1998 Appreciation in Education Award- Physical Therapy Association of Georgia; Fall meeting, October.
- 1988 Kappa Delta Phi - Education Honor Society, Georgia State University
- 1974 - Who’s Who Among American Junior Colleges, DeKalb College
- 1974 - Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, DeKalb College

## **CONSULTATIVE AND ADVISORY POSITIONS**

- 2012            Consultant for SACS for developing DPT program at Emory and Henry University, VA
- 2010            Consultant for SACS level change for the DPT Program at Winston-Salem State University (with Dr. Denise Young & Dr. Carol Miller)
- 2009-           Vice Chair & Commissioner, Central Panel for Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
- 2005 – 2009    On-site Evaluator/ Team-Leader, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.
- 2005 – 2009    Reader Consultant, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

## **SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/SCHOOL ON COMMITTEES/COUNCILS/COMMISSIONS and PROFESSION**

- 2013-           Vice Chair of CAPTE Commission
- 2012-           Appointed to the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy by the Honorable Governor Nathan Deal
- 2011-           Appointed to serve on the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy on the Examination Development Committee
- 2010-2012      National Delegate, Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
- 2005 - 2006      Board of Regents Appointed Committee Member – selection committee for President of Georgia Perimeter College
- 2000 – 2005      Commissioner, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy.
- 2002 – 2005      President of the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
- 2005 - 2009      Immediate Past President, Active Board Member, of Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
- 1997 – 2005      National Delegate, Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
- 2002 – 2004      PTA Panel Chair, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.
- 2005            Chair: Selection Committee for Physical Therapy Faculty, NGCSU
- 2005            Nursing Department Search Committee, NGCSU
- 2005-            North Georgia College Graduate Student Senate Advisor (University wide)
- 2004 - 2008      North Georgia College Faculty Senate Representative for Physical Therapy Department (University Wide)
- 2004 -           Faculty Development Committee for North Georgia College & State University, (University Wide)

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- 2010- Hand n Hand Play Park
- 2007- Pro Bono physical Therapy services for Gold Dust Riders fall & spring camps, hippotherapy -camp for children. Dahlonega, GA.
- 2005 – GA Coverdell Stroke Advisory Committee Member- Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry-Stroke Outcomes Study (SOS)
- 2004 – 2005 American Heart Association-Georgia Chapter, Stroke Task Force Member

## **SELECT HONORS AND AWARDS ASSOCIATED WITH SERVICE**

- 2008 Physical Therapy Association of Georgia (PTAG) Award for “*Outstanding Physical Therapist*” Fall PTAG conference, October 11
- 2008 NGCSU Graduate Student Senate Advisor Award for service
- 2005 Outgoing President Appreciation Award, Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
- 2001 Georgia Distinguished Service Award, Health Occupation Students of America