# Curriculum Vitae

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#### **Education:**

Valdosta State University, Department of Leadership, Technology, & Workforce Development Doctor of Education in Adult Learning & Development In progress – anticipated graduation date, 2025

Medical College of Georgia, Department of Physical Therapy, Augusta, GA Doctor of Physical Therapy Graduated with Honors, 2008

University of Georgia, Department of Exercise Science, Athens, GA Bachelor of Science in Education Graduated, 2004

#### Licensure:

Georgia Board of Physical Therapy (License PT009315), 2008 – present South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy (License PT007149), 2013—2014

#### **Certifications:**

American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties: Neurologic Clinical Specialist Certification, 2023-2033

American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties: Women's Health Clinical Specialist Certification, 2017-2027

APTA Certified Clinical Instructor, 2009 Certified Brain Injury Specialist, 2009-2012 Nonviolent Crisis Prevention Intervention, 2010

## **Academic Appointments:**

Assistant Professor, Augusta University, 07/2016-present

## **Clinical Positions:**

Women's Health Physical Therapist, Doctors Hospital, Outpatient Rehabilitation, 2014-2016 Staff Physical Therapist (PRN), Doctors Hospital, 2014-2015

Clinical Manager, Physical Therapist, Hitchcock Healthcare, 2013-2014

- Clinical Manager, Physical Therapist, HealthSouth Healthcare Walton Rehabilitation, Outpatient Rehabilitation, 2013
- Staff Physical Therapist to Outpatient Clinical Manager, Walton Rehabilitation Health System, Inpatient Rehabilitation and Outpatient Rehabilitation, 2008-2013

#### **Scientific Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

- Young L, Kupzyk K, Parker B, McCall A, Hergott C, **Blagg M**. (2016). Develop and test a palliative care screening tool for rural patients with serious chronic illnesses: a study protocol. *International Journal of Clinical Trials*, 3(4): 210-216.
- Blagg, M., & Bolgla, L. (2023). The relative activation of pelvic floor muscles during selected yoga poses. *Complementary Therapies in Clinical Practice*, *52*. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ctcp.2023.101768">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ctcp.2023.101768</a>

## <u>Presentations at National, Regional, State and Local Meetings</u>

- Blagg M, Bolgla L, Aronica K, Crupie C, Green J, Litavec J, McTeer O, Price T. (2022). The Relative Activation of Pelvic Floor Muscles during Selected Yoga Poses. American Physical Therapy Association Conference. San Antonio, Texas. Journal of Women's Health Physical Therapy: January/March 2022 Volume 46 Issue 1 p E39-E58 doi: 10.1097/JWH.0000000000000034
- Holbrook C, Hogan V, **Blagg M**, Nag Ayyala D, Coughlin S. (2020). Rehabilitation Utilization and Upper Extremity Disability in Breast Cancer Survivors. Physical Therapy Association of Georgia. Atlanta, Georgia.
- The Importance of Board Specialization to Your Career & Our Profession: Broadening Our Scope & Practice. (2017). Physical Therapy Association of Georgia, Middle Georgia Local Area Network Webinar.
- Pelvic Floor Dysfunction: Therapeutic Implications. (2017). HMI Symposium. Augusta, GA.
- Post-Partum Education. (2015). Doctors Hospital Nursing Staff Yearly Competence.
- Clinical Use of Neuroelectric Prosthetics. (2012). Neurorehabilitation Conference. Kroc Center, Augusta, GA.
- Chong RK, Gesotti P, Fogle K, Gillespie R, **Kitterman M**, Loyd N, Shonson C, Smith L, & Whitlow C. (2007). Effect of cutaneous stimulation cues on gait in Parkinson's disease. Society for Neuroscience Annual Conference. San Diego, California, USA. 80.9
- Chong RK, Gesotti P, Fogle K, Gillespie R, **Kitterman M**, Loyd N, Shonson C, Smith L, Whitlow C, & Morgan J. (2007). Cutaneous electrical stimulation as an adjunct to pharmacological

and surgical treatments of Parkinson's disease. 1st Asian and Oceana Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Congress, Singapore. M32

Chong RK, Gesotti P, Fogle K, Gillespie R, **Kitterman M**, Loyd N, Shonson C, Smith L, & Whitlow C. (2006). Effect of electrical stimulation cues on gait and postural control in Parkinson's disease. Society for Neuroscience Annual Conference. Atlanta, Georgia, USA. 676.14. 1 of 700 submissions (out of a total of > 14,000 submissions) selected by the Society for Neuroscience's Public Education and Communication Committee for a Neuroscience 2006 Press Book submission

## **Non-Peer Reviewed Publications:**

**Blagg M**. (2009). Proper Equipment and Monitoring Can Minimize Pressure Sores. *Rehab Management*, 22(9).

## **Community Presentations:**

How to Get Your Body Back After Baby: What to do When Exercise Doesn't Work. (2016). Babies-R-Us, Evans, GA.

Love Your Pelvis. (2015). Augusta Junior League. Augusta, GA.

Pelvic Floor for Stability and Function. (2015). Doctors Hospital H2U. Augusta, GA.

Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation. (2015). Doctors Hospital Cancer Conference. Augusta, GA.

Women's Health Physical Therapy. (2015). Wilson Family YMCA. Augusta, GA.

Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy. (2014). Doctors Hospital Girl Talk Support Group. Augusta, GA.

Exercise, Physical Activity, and Parkinson's Disease. (2013, 2014). Aiken Parkinson's Support Group. Aiken, SC.

Exercise and Muscular Dystrophy. (2014). CSRA Muscular Dystrophy Support Group. Augusta, GA.

#### **Grant Activity**

CAHS Research Mentoring Initiative Grant. 2020 Award Recipient.

#### **Professional Organization Membership:**

American Physical Therapy Association
Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
APTA Academy of Education
APTA Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy
APTA Academy of Pelvic Health Physical Therapy

## **Book Reviews:**

Parker, L. (2015). The Art of Control: A Woman's Guide to Bladder Care.

#### Ad Hoc Scientific Journal Reviews:

Physiotherapy Theory and Practice, 2017

## Service:

Department of Physical Therapy

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Group – Founder (2021-2022)

Curriculum Committee – Member (2016-2018, 2021-present)

Admissions Committee – Member (2019-2020), Chair (2020-2022), Member (2022-2023)

Academic Success Committee – Member (2019-2021), Chair (2023-present)

Faculty Search Committee – Member (2016-2017), Chair (2021), Member (2022-present)

Front Office Representative Search Committee – Member (2021-2022)

## College of Allied Health Sciences

CAHS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force, Member (2021-2022)

## **Augusta University**

AU Senate, Faculty Rights & Responsibilities, CAHS Representative (2021-2023)

AU Senate, Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee, CAHS Representative (2019-2020)

AU Senate, Athletics Committee, CAHS Representative (2018-2019)

#### **Current Academic Year Teaching Responsibilities:**

## Summer Semester, 2023

PTHP 7121 General Concepts of Patient Management 1; Course Coordinator

#### Fall Semester, 2023

PTHP 8003 Applied Neuroscience; Course Coordinator

PTHP 7224 General Concepts of Patient Management 2; Course Faculty

PTHP 8243 Medical Conditions 3; Guest Lecturer

PTHP 7212 Professional Practice Expectations 2; Guest Lecturer

## Spring Semester, 2024

PTHP 8351 Integration for Practice: Neuromuscular; Course Coordinator

PTHP 7341 Medical Conditions 1; Guest Lecturer

Dental College of Georgia; Guest Lecturer