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Occupational Therapist/Certified Hand Therapist

Hometown: Palos Verdes, CA

Bachelor's Degree: Chapman University—Liberal Arts, Science Emphasis with Minor in Chemistry

Graduate Degree: University of Southern California—Clinical Doctorate in Occupational Therapy

My journey into occupational therapy was non-traditional. I had initially started down a different path and found my way hitting a fork in the road where I decided to venture elsewhere. I was introduced to the practice of Occupational Therapy while I was in another graduate school program. I decided to take a leap and venture out and found myself placed in a volunteer position at the outpatient hand clinic at Keck Hospital USC. From there, a fire lit and now I am doing what I believe I was meant to do and I absolutely love it. I value the unique connections I make with the patients, journeying with them through different stages of their hand and upper extremity recovery path. I love to analyze and break down the movements of the tasks they hope to return to and tailor the treatment plan specifically to return to those tasks in a creative and motivational way.

With over 10 years of outpatient clinical experience, I have treated patients of all ages and backgrounds with a broad spectrum of diagnoses, ranging from tendon repairs, tendon/nerve transfers, fractures to repetitive strain injuries and chronic pain conditions. My ideal practice setting is one that allows me to devote my full, undivided attention to providing high quality individualized care for each patient, and Mobile Therapy Specialists gives me the opportunity to do exactly that.

During my free time I enjoy experimenting with new recipes, watching movies, and spending time with my family. My newest hobby is building mini things!