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Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Pediatric Physical Therapy

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Candidate Statement:

I am honored to have the opportunity to be considered to serve APTA Pediatrics in the role of Academic and Clinical Education Director. Each day I strive to anchor my life's "work" in making the world just a little bit better for the people that I encounter. The vision of APTA Pediatrics to optimize movement for lifelong meaningful participation of all children is inspiring and I am grateful for all the amazing individuals who have worked tirelessly to advance this vision and am proud of my past, present, and future volunteer roles with APTA Pediatrics that advance this vision.

I am qualified to move into the Director role through my experience within APTA Pediatrics. Specifically, the experiences in my role as chair of the ACE SIG, research collaboration with colleagues in the Excellence in Pediatric Physical Therapy Education research, and shared leadership with APTA Pediatrics Education Summit 2 and 3. These roles have prepared me by offering me opportunities to develop effective skills in leadership, collaboration, and shared vision, to assist with advancing the vision, mission, and goals of APTA Pediatrics. I see APTA Pediatrics as a leader and collaborator as the PT profession navigates the ever-changing worlds of healthcare, education, and roles within our communities.

My experiences in my roles as an educator, clinician, and volunteer leadership positions have afforded me the opportunity to recognize the strengths that I bring to the team are my ability to communicate, listen and consider divergent ideas, collaborate, act with accountability, and maintain a focus on the goal of the task. These skills, paired with my contemporary knowledge of the current state of pediatric physical therapy education, the physical therapist educational frontier, educational partners, and potential future educational challenges, qualify me specifically for the role of Academic and Clinical Education Director.

Service to the APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy

As a committee or Special Interest Group chair:

- ACE SIG Chair February (2021-present)
- As a member of a committee, task force, or work group:
 - ACE SIG Secretary (2019-2021)
 - ACE SIG Communications Chair (2017-2018)
 - Education 3 Summit Planning Committee and Member (2021-2023)
 - Education 2 Summit Planning Committee and Member (2015-2016)
 - Annual Conference Programming Committee (2022-present)
 - Governance Review Leadership Task Force Member (2018-2020)
 - ACE SIG Team-Based Learning Writing Committee (2018)
- Any other positions in APTA Pediatrics:
 - Governance Review Meeting Invited Participant (2018)
 - APPTAC Session Proposal Reviewer (2017-2019)
 - APTA Combined Sections Meeting Session Proposal Reviewer for Pediatric Presentations (2019)
 - Section of Pediatric Physical Therapists Education Summit Attendee (2011)
 - North Dakota State Representative (2012-2019, 2004-2006)

Service to the American Physical Therapy Association

- American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists Pediatric Specialty
 - Chair (2019-2021)
 - Council Member (2018-2021)
 - Item Writer (2011-2012 - 2-year term)
 - Reassessment and Development of Description of Pediatric Specialty Practice Committee Member (2018-2020)
- American Physical Therapy Association Move Forward PT
 - Down Syndrome Module Content Editor (2017)
- APTA North Dakota
 - Finance Committee Member (2015-2018)
 - Public Relations Committee Member (2006-2008)
 - Chief Delegate of the National House of Delegates (2006-2011)
 - Delegate to the National House of Delegates (2005-2006)
 - Recruitment and Retention Committee Chair (2000-2005)

Service to Your Community

- North Dakota Designer Genes iCan Bike camp (formerly Lose the Training Wheels) Camp Director Summer (2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 - paid position, 2021, 2023 - volunteer position)
- North Dakota Designer Genes Board of Directors (2008-present)
- Walk for Designer Genes (formerly Buddy Walk) Annual Participant (2003-present)
- Bismarck Mandan Safety Council and Morton/Burleigh Public Health Car Seat Check-Up Technician and Baby's 1st Ride Education Session (2014-2020)
- Great American Bike Race for Children with Cerebral Palsy Disbursement Committee Member 2007-2018 and Race Committee Member (2014-2018)
- University of Mary Peru Medical Mission Faculty Participant (2018)
- Bismarck Public Schools, Century High School Peer to-Peer Class Co-Presenter: Physical Therapy and Special Education
- Diocese of Bismarck Committee to Address Religious Education for Children with Special Needs (2012)
- North Dakota Regional Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council Subcommittee (2003)
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota Physical Therapy Claims Review and Policy Committee Professional Consultant (2003-present)
- Medcenter OneTherapeutic Riding Program Board Member (2001-2003)
- Magical Moments Boundless Playground for Children of All Abilities Executive Committee Secretary (2001-2003)