CURRICULUM VITAE

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School: School of Allied Health Professions
Department/Program: Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Current Title: Assistant Clinical Professor
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Initial Appointment at LSUHSC Date: November 2022
Current Academic Rank: Assistant Clinical Professor
Date of Appointment to Current Rank: November 2022

Education:

12/2004	B.S.	University of Texas at Austin, Kinesiology
6/2009	DPT	Loma Linda University, Physical Therapy
2/2017	Fellow	North American Institute of Manual Therapists (NAIOMT)
8/24 – current	PhD	LSU Health Shreveport, Rehabilitation Sciences

Certification:

11/2016	Certified Orthopedic Manipulative Therapist
4/2018	Credential Clinical Instructor

Licensure:

Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy, License # 11430R, 03/2024 – 03/2026

Academic, Professional, and Research Appointments:

9/09 – 5/14	Staff Physical Therapist, Texas Back Institute, Plano, TX
3/11 – 9/15	Contract Physical Therapist, Your Therapy Source, North Richland Hills, TX

6/14 – 3/17	Staff Physical Therapist, Methodist Hospital for Surgery, Addison, TX
11/15 – 12/16	Contract Physical Therapist, Homecare Rehab Services, Mansfield, TX
3/17 – 7/17	Interim Clinic Director, Methodist Hospital for Surgery, Addison, TX
9/17 – 12/19	Contract physical therapist, Premier Homecare, Huntington Valley, PA
1/18 – 1/19	Senior Physical Therapist, Pivot Physical Therapy, Wilmington, DE
1/21 – 11/22	Advanced Clinician II, Good Shepherd Penn Partners (GSPP), Philadelphia, PA
2/21 – 11/22	Site Coordinator for Clinical Education, GSPP, Philadelphia, PA
6/20 – 10/22	Adjunct Faculty Instructor, Baylor University DPT, Waco, TX
1/22 – present	Adjunct Faculty Instructor, NAIOMT
11/22 – present	Assistant Clinical Professor, LSU Health, DPT, New Orleans, LA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Course/Clerkship/Residency or Fellowship/CME Directorships

Spring 2023	PHTH 7262 Diagnosis and Management of Musculoskeletal Dysfunction II, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA
Summer 2023	PHTH 7130 Foundational Science of Movement, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA
Fall 2024	PHTH 7261 Diagnosis and Management in Musculoskeletal Dysfunction I, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA
Fall 2024	PHTH 7213 Professional Practice in Physical Therapy III, Physical Therapy Program, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA
Spring 2024	PHTH 7262 Diagnosis and Management of Musculoskeletal Dysfunction II, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA
Summer 2024	PHTH 7130 Foundational Science of Movement, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA
Fall 2024	PHTH 7261 Diagnosis and Management in Musculoskeletal Dysfunction I, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA
Fall 2024	PHTH 7213 Professional Practice in Physical Therapy III, Physical Therapy Program, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA

Spring 2025 PHTH 7262 Diagnosis and Management of Musculoskeletal Dysfunction II, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA

Spring 2025 PHTH 7402 Practicum in Integrative Clinical Practice II, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA

Formal Course Responsibilities

Coursework – Baylor University, DPT program

DPT 6500: As an adjunct faculty instructor and lab instructor for this lab-based course, I provided comprehensive instruction aimed at enhancing students' clinical proficiency. My responsibilities included: grading assignments and assessing clinical skills and facilitating the development of students' psychomotor skills in the evaluation and treatment of cervical and thoracic pathology through lecturing, leading small group discussions, and assisting with lab-based activities. Years taught: Summer 2020, 2021, 2022

DPT 6510: As an adjunct faculty instructor and lab instructor for this lab-based course, I provided comprehensive instruction aimed at enhancing students' clinical proficiency. My responsibilities included: grading assignments and assessing clinical skills and facilitating the development of students' psychomotor skills in the evaluation and treatment of lumbar pathology through lecturing, leading small group discussions, and assisting with lab-based activities. Years taught: Fall 2020, 2021, 2022

Coursework – LSUHSC New Orleans, DPT program

PHTH 7262: As course coordinator and primary instructor for this lab-based diagnosis and management Spring semester course, I manage all facets of its delivery. With eight weekly hours dedicated to lecture and lab, totaling approximately 89 hours annually, my responsibilities encompass: scheduling, managing communication, organizing materials, and coordinating assignments; updating the course syllabus; developing and organizing lectures, assignments, and assessments; creating and grading exams, papers, and lab activities; analyzing student performance to inform course adjustments; evaluating course effectiveness and identifying areas for improvement; addressing student questions and concerns; providing ongoing guidance and support; and resolving student issues. Years taught: Spring 2023, 2024, 2025

PHTH 7130: As course coordinator and co-instructor for this Summer semester course, I manage all aspects of its delivery, including coordinating the teaching activities of two co-instructors. While classroom instruction comprises approximately four hours annually, my responsibilities extend to analyzing student performance, adjusting the course as needed, grading all exams and assignments, and providing comprehensive student support. Years taught: Summer 2023, 2024

PHTH 7261: As course coordinator and primary instructor for this lab-based diagnosis and management Fall semester course, I manage all facets of its delivery. With eight weekly hours dedicated to lecture and lab, totaling approximately 98 hours annually, my responsibilities encompass: scheduling, managing communication, organizing materials, and coordinating assignments; updating the course syllabus; developing and organizing lectures, assignments, and assessments; creating and grading exams, papers, and lab activities; analyzing student performance to inform course adjustments; evaluating course effectiveness and identifying areas

for improvement; addressing student questions and concerns; providing ongoing guidance and support; and resolving student issues.. Years taught: Fall 2023, 2024

Small Group/ Case Based Learning

Integrated Case Application Lab (ICAL): Thes case-based learning activities provide students with opportunities to apply course material through patient case analysis, each requiring a three-hour time commitment. My role involves supervising labs for first and second-year students across both fall and spring semesters, facilitating small and large group discussions and activities, and assessing student understanding through post-lab assignment grading. I also manage the coordination, scheduling, and creation of lab assignments for second-year students. Total time commitment annually is approximately 15 hours. Years: Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2025

Patient Learning Experience: I provide clinical supervision to groups of 5-6 first-year students, facilitating their patient evaluation skills in both our outpatient clinic and the inpatient setting at University Medical Center. These experiences serve to reinforce content covered in the fall and current semesters. My annual time commitment for this supervisory role is approximately 5 hours.

Undergraduate, Medical, or Graduate Student Research Projects:

"Examining DPT Programs' Use of Technology for Student Recruitment"
Co-faculty Research Advisor. Spring 2025

Formal Mentoring and Advisor:

Joefwen Aguilar, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2026

Evan Alphonso, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2025

Lauren Amiss, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2025

Philip Antosca, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2026

Anya Berry, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2026

Tyler Bird, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2026

Trenton Bourgeois, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2026

Benjamin Chase, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2026

Cassie Conners, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2025

Elise Cresson, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2026

Zachary Dubois, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2024

Cody Fontenot, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2024

Justin Gulizo, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2024

Paul Seal, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2027

Therese Schiro, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2024

Adam Schmidt, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2024

Evan Taffaro, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2027

Harrison Schexnayder, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2027

Sarah Tucker, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2027

Rober Wahl, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2027

Sarah Wild, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2027

Catherine Zimmerman, Advisee – LSUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2027

Post-Doctoral or Post-Residency Fellows Trained:

2019 Ross Fargnoli, Fellow in Training
Regis University Fellowship in Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Major Area of Research Interest:

My primary research interests focus on the multifaceted factors influencing outcomes in physical therapy. Specifically, I am interested in exploring the impact of the therapeutic alliance on spinal manipulation outcomes, recognizing the critical role of patient-therapist interaction in achieving optimal results. Additionally, I am passionate about investigating factors that contribute to student success within physical therapy education, with a particular emphasis on the sense of belonging and its influence on academic and professional development.

Manuscripts Submitted/Accepted:

12/2024 Liu H, Salem Y, Murphy C, **Akotaobi N**, Arguello E. Analysis of exercise programs in assisted living facilities – A cross-sectional study. Geriatric Nursing. Under review

Scientific Presentations/Published Abstracts/Oral Sessions and Posters:

10/2021 Donaldson, M, Tillery, M**, Akotaobi N**. OMPT Straight Talk: Conversations About Race for Improved Healthcare Outcomes. (Platform presentation, AAOMPT Annual Conference. Cleveland, OH)

10/2023 Borgehammar J, Film R, Wenger L, Windsor L, Vickers R, Adams K, Minor K, **Akotaobi N**, Rivard J, West L. AAOMPT Diversity Networking Committee. Do Physical Therapy profession demographics match United States Trends. (Poster presentation, AAOMPT Annual Conference 2023. St. Louis, MO.)

10/2024 **Akotaobi N.** Multimodal Management of a Patient Presenting with Autonomic Dysfunction and Cervical Pain with Movement Coordination Dysfunction: A Case Report. (Poster presentation, AAOMPT Annual Conference 2024. Orlando, FL)

Invited Presentations:

08/2011 **Akotaobi, N.** "Treatment Considerations for a Patient with Spondylolisthesis: A Case Presentation". Case Hospital Department of Physical Therapy. Kampala, Uganda.

01/2020 **Akotaobi, N.** "Evaluation and Assessment of the Lumbar Spine - Part I". Good Shepherd Penn Partners Pelvic Floor Special Interest Group. Philadelphia, PA

03/2020 **Akotaobi, N,** Jeblonski, E. "Evaluation and Assessment of the Lumbar Spine -Part II". Good Shepherd Penn Partners Pelvic Floor Special Interest Group. Philadelphia, PA.

09/2023 **Akotaobi, N.** T4 Syndrome: Yes, No, Maybe? Incidental or Important Finding in Operational Definition of Syndrome. North American Institute of Orthopedic Manual Therapy: Contemporary Concepts in Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy Webinar Series.

SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

University/Institutional Service:

School committees

Faculty Assembly, Delegate
2023- present

Student Affairs and Recruitment Committee, member
2023 – present

Departmental committees

DPT II Promotions Committee, member
2023-24

DPT II Promotions Committee, co-chair
2023-24

Admissions Committee, member
2023- present

Clinics Committee
2024 - present

Special assignments – ad hoc task forces/working groups, projects, etc.
Department Coordinator Search Committee, member
2024

Promotion & Tenure Guidelines Taskforce
2024 - present

State/Regional Service:

American Physical Therapy Association - Louisiana
Research Committee, member
2023 -present

Delgado Community College Physical Therapy Assistant Program
Advisory Committee, member
2023-24

National Service:

American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Taskforce, member
2020 - 2022

American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists
Diversity Networking Committee, Conference Committee liaison
2022- 2024

American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists
Inclusive Membership and Engagement Committee, Conference Committee Liaison
2024 – present

American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists
Nominating Committee, member
2024 – present

Clinical Service:

In my role as a physical therapist at the LSUHSC New Orleans Department of Physical Therapy Outpatient Clinic, I provide outpatient orthopedic services to adult patients experiencing musculoskeletal dysfunction. My clinical specialty lies in orthopedic manual therapy, and I dedicate approximately 6-8 hours per week to direct patient care.

Membership in Professional Organizations:

2009 – 2017	Texas Physical Therapy Association
2009 – present	American Physical Therapy Association Education Section Member: 2022 – present Orthopedic Section Member: 2009-2014; 2022 – present Home Health Section Member: 2009 – 2014
2014 – present	American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists
2019-2022	Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association
2022 – present	National Association of Black Physical Therapists
2022 – present	American Physical Therapy Association - Louisiana
2023 – present	American Council of Academic Physical Therapy

Regulatory Agency/Accrediting Body Service:

American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education
Onsite Review Team, 2023 – present

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
Item Writer, 2023 – 2025

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
Item Writing Taskforce, 2025 - present

Community Service Activities:

Split Second Wheelchair Wash, volunteer
New Orleans, LA
November 2023

Son of a Saint Annual Gala, volunteer
New Orleans, LA
November 2023

Black Men's Wellness Day Health Fair, volunteer
New Orleans, LA
October 2024

Son of a Saint Annual Gala, volunteer
New Orleans, LA
November 2024

Continuing Education Courses Attended:

AAOMPT Annual Conference
October 2017 - Salt Lake City, Utah

APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program
April 2018 - New York, New York

AAOMPT Annual Conference
October 2019 - Orlando, Florida

AAOMPT Annual Conference
October 2021 - Cleveland, Ohio

APTA Combined Sections Meeting
February 2023 - San Diego, CA

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Regional Item Writer Workshop
June 2023 - Monroe, LA

APTA - "Successful Mentorship for Residency and Fellowship Education"
June 2023

APTA Academy of Education Physical Therapy - Faculty Development Workshop
July 2023 - Chicago, IL

AAOMPT Annual Conference
October 2023 - St. Louis, MO

APTA Combined Sections Meeting
February 2024 - Boston, MA

LSUHSC – New Orleans
"The Pediatric Brachial Plexus: Breaking Down the Workup and Surgical Intervention to Understandable Steps"
March 2024 – New Orleans, LA

American Physical Therapy Association – Louisiana Spring Meeting
March 2024 - Lafayette, LA

American Physical Therapy Association – Louisiana Fall Meeting
August 2024 – Baton Rouge, LA

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Basic Item Writer Workshop
August 2024 – Alexandria, VA

AAOMPT Annual Conference
October 2024 – Orlando, FL

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Item Writer Taskforce Annual Meeting
January 2025 – Alexandria, VA

APTA Combined Sections Meeting
February 2025 – Houston, TX