

Elicia Dunn Cruz

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Institution	Discipline	Conferred	Degree
Texas Woman's University	Occupational Therapy	PhD	2003
University of Texas Medical Branch	Health Promotion and Gerontology	MS	1996
University of Texas Medical Branch	Occupational Therapy	BS	1989

BOARD CERTIFICATION

Original Registration as Occupational Therapist, 1989 National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapists #002149

LICENSURE INFORMATION

Tennessee State Licensure #3882

PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE (academic; non-academic)

Year	Title	Institution
Academic 08/2020 - present	Clinical Assistant Professor	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
08/2014 – 7/2020	Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
5/17 - 12/17	Acting Academic Fieldwork Coordinator	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
6/93- 4/2008	2002 – 4/2008: Assistant Professor, non-tenure track 1995 – 1999 & 2006 to 4/2008, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator 1997 – 2002: Assistant Professor, tenure track 1993 – 1997: Lecturer	School of Allied Health Sciences University of Texas Medical Branch

Non-Academic Positions

01/2022 – present	PRN therapist	Life Care Center at Rhea County
01/2020 - present	PRN Therapist	Adaptive Rehab (Soddy Daisy HC Center & Raintree Manor @ McMinnville, TN)
8/13 – 12/2016	08/2014 – 8/2017: PRN Therapist 2013-2014: Staff Therapist	Life Care Center at Red Bank
12/09 – 12/12	Staff Therapist	Home Care Solutions, Hixson, TN
11/08 – 11/09	Staff Therapist	Life Care at Home; Chattanooga, TN
2008 – 11/2008	Staff Therapist	NHC Athens, Athens, TN
2007 – 2008	Contract Occupational Therapist	Our Daily Bread, Day program for Homeless Persons; Galveston, TX
9/05 – 12/05	Per Diem Therapist	Therapy Partners, Turner Geriatric Center; Galveston, TX
8/96 – 8/97	Staff Occupational Therapist	Therax; Gulf Health Care Center, Galveston, TX
4/95 – 8/97	Staff Occupational Therapist	Novacare; Edgewater Methodist Retirement Community; Galveston, TX
3/91 – 6/93	Supervisor of Occupational Therapy	Danforth Hospital; Texas City, TX
8/89 – 3/91	Staff Occupational Therapist	St. Mary's Hospital; Galveston, TX

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Area of Research

Community health promotion; behavioral health assessment and intervention; program evaluation; promoting the health of family caregivers; aging in place

Current Research

Co-PI: Evaluation of the Kickstart Soccer Program for persons with serious mental illness; IRB#21-161

Grant Support

Summer 2020	Faculty Grant, Competency Development in the Promotion of Critical Thinking and Intrinsic Motivation in Online Coursework, \$600, UTC
Spring 2019	High-Impact Practices Development Grant, \$1328.88, UTC
2018-2019	SEARCH Grant, Faculty Advisor; Examination of the Revised Global Life Skills Assessment; \$995
Fall 2017	Faculty Development Grant; Travel Funds; UTC
2016 – 2017	PRSA Grant; Faculty Advisor; The Benefits of Therapeutic Crafts on the Development of Leisure Coping Skills Among Adolescents with Substance Use Disorder; \$450; UTC

2015 – 2016	Faculty Research Grant; Principal Investigator; \$1459,21; The Benefit of Occupation-Based Interventions on the Self-Perception of Occupational Performance of Adolescents with Substance Use Disorder; UTC Faculty Senate
2003-2008	East Texas Geriatric Education Center (ETGEC); Discipline Coordinator; \$1.2 Million; US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration
2001-2004	Partnerships for Healthy Communities; \$417,000; US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration; Project Director
2001-2002	The Adaptive Significance of Family Caregivers' Visits to a Residential Care Facility; Principal Investigator; \$3,350; University of Texas Medical Branch, Sealy Center on Aging; Principal Investigator
1999-2001	Learning Through Community Service: A Health Promotion Project; Moody Foundation; Project Coordinator; \$80,000

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

UTC

Fall 2021 – present	Senator UTC Faculty Senate
Fall 2018-2020	Member, Faculty Rating of Administration Committee
Fall 2015-2019	Member, Student Rating of Faculty Instruction Committee
Spring 2017-2020	Member, Scholarship Luncheon Planning Committee

UTC CHEPS

Fall 2014-2020	Member, Faculty Awards Committee
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UTC OT Department

Fall 2016-2020	Chair, OT Student Awards & Scholarships Committee
Fall 2015-2018	Member, Ad hoc Committee: Academic Sanctioning Committee
Fall 2015-2019	Chair, Faculty Search Committee
Fall 2015-2017; 2019 - present	Member, ACOTE Self Study / Curriculum Committee
Fall 2014 – 2020	Faculty Advisor, Student Occupational Therapy Association

UTMB

2004 – 2006	Member, Core Committee for the Advancement of University Women
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UTMB School of Health Professions

2007	Member, Student Awards Process Task Force, SAHS
2006	Member, Faculty Practice Plan Task Force, SAHS
2003 – 2004	Chair, Course Evaluation Task Force, SAHS
2003	Ad Hoc Member, APT Guideline Revision Task Force, SAHS
2002 – 2003	Chair, Faculty Assembly, SAHS
2001 – 2002	Chair-Elect; Faculty Assembly, SAHS

UTMB Departmental

2006 – 2008	Member, Faculty Search Committee, OT Department
1999 - 2007	Chair, Program Evaluation Committee, OT Department
1999– 2008	Chair, Grading and Promotion Committee, OT Department
1999 – 2008	Chair, Curriculum Committee, OT Department

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fall 2019 – present	Kickstart Soccer Program
Spring 2019	Weekly volunteer consultant and service provider at Orange Grove Center; established partnership through which OT students engaged in service learning in OCTH 7511: Models of Occupation (MOP)- Community
Summer 2018-2020	Established partnership with HART Gallery, through which OT students engaged in service learning in OCTH 7350-MOP Group Process
Spring 2018-2019	Participant in the development of the Hamilton County's FUSE program individuals with mental illness who are transitioning out of incarceration. Developing OT student internship program with FUSE.
Fall 2016 – 2019	Consultant, Greenhouse Ministries Occupational Therapy Program and the emerging Tennessee OT Community Mental Health Center for Practice, Education, and Research.
February – December 2016	Weekly occupational therapy group provision at the Scholze Center for Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment of the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES:**TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT UTC**

Year		Title
2022	Spring	OCTH 7511: OT Models of Practice XI – Community – online course (4 credit hours)
2021	Fall	OCTH 7110: MOP I Occupation (4 credit hours)
	Fall	OCTH 7105: Evidence Based Practice (2 credit hours)
	Fall	OCTH 7404: Health Policy (2 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7350: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice V – Group Process (4 credit hours) [hybrid]
	Summer	OCTH 7360: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice VI – Mental Health (4 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7511: OT Models of Practice XI – Community – online course (4 credit hours)
2020	Fall	OCTH 7110: MOP I Occupation (4 credit hours)
	Fall	OCTH 7350: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice V – Group Process (4 credit hours) [hybrid]
	Fall	OCTH 7105: Evidence Based Practice (2 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7404: Health Policy (2 credit hours) [online]
	Summer	OCTH 7360: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice VI – Mental Health (4 credit hours) [online]
	Spring	OCTH 7511: OT Models of Practice XI – Community – online course (4 credit hours)
2019	Fall	OCTH 7405: Research II
	Fall	OCTH 7404: Health Policy (2 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7350: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice V – Group Process (4 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7360: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice VI – Mental Health (4 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7511: OT Models of Practice XI – Community (4 credit hours)
2018	Fall	OCTH 7105: Evidence-Based Practice (2 credit hours)
	Fall	OCTH 7405: Research II

	Summer	OCTH 7350: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice V – Group Process (4 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7360: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice VI – Mental Health (4 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7220: Models of Practice II: Adults (4 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7504: Advanced Clinical Practice (4 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7801: Experiential Internship (10 students)
	Spring	OCTH 7511: OT Models of Practice XI – Community – online course (4 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7505: Research III (2 research groups)
2017	Fall	OCTH 7701: Level II Fieldwork
	Fall	OCTH 7105: Evidence-Based Practice (2 credit hours)
	Fall	OCTH 7101: Conceptual Framework for Therapeutic Occupation (3 credit hours)
	Fall	OCTH 7404: Health Policy (2 credit hours)
	Fall	OCTH 7405: Research II (2 research groups)
	Summer	OCTH 7601: Level II Fieldwork
	Summer	OCTH 7350: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice V – Group Process (4 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7360: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice VI – Mental Health (4 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7306: Professional Practice II (2 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7504: Advanced Clinical Practice (4 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7801: Experiential Internship (4 students)
	Spring	OCTH 7511: OT Models of Practice XI – Community (4 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7505: Research III (2 research groups)
2016	Fall	OCTH 7101: Conceptual Framework for Therapeutic Occupation (3 credit hours)
	Fall	OCTH 7404: Health Policy (2 credit hours)
	Fall	OCTH 7405: Research II (2 research groups)
	Fall	OCTH 7409: OT Models of Practice IX – Administration (3 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7350: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice V – Group Process (4 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7360: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice VI – Mental Health (4 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7306: Professional Practice II (2 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7504: Advanced Clinical Practice (4 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7511: OT Models of Practice XI – Community (4 credit hours)
	Spring	OCTH 7505: Research III (2 research groups)
2015	Fall	OCTH 7101: Conceptual Framework for Therapeutic Occupation (3 credit hours)
	Fall	OCTH 7404: Health Policy (2 credit hours)
	Fall	OCTH 7409: OT Models of Practice IX – Administration (3 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7350: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice V – Group Process (4 credit hours)
	Summer	OCTH 7306: Professional Practice II (co-faculty) (2 credit hours)

Spring	OCTH 7220: Occupational Therapy Models of Practice II – Adults (4 credit hours)
Spring	OCTH 7206: Level I Fieldwork and Professional Practice I (co-faculty)
Spring	OCTH 7205: Research I (2 research groups)
2014	OCTH 7101: Conceptual Framework for Therapeutic Occupation (3 credit hours)
Fall	OCTH 7105: Evidence-Based Practice (2 credit hours)
Fall	OCTH 7115: Musculoskeletal Examination

* UTMB courses available on request

Students/Mentees/Advisees/Trainees

UTC OTD students

- 2018-2019 Assessing the Reliability of the Global Life Skills Assessment (IRB#)
- 2017-2018 Examination of the Greenhouse Ministries Occupational Therapy Global Life Skills Assessment (IRB# 17-416)
- 2017-2018 The Experience of using a Community Development Approach to Establish a Community Mental Health Occupational Therapy Program (IRB# 17-148)
- 2016-2017 Applying the Transtheoretical Model to Occupational Therapy Intervention for Adolescents with Substance Use Disorder (IRB# 16-090).
- 2016-2017 The Benefits of Therapeutic Crafts on the Development of Leisure Coping Skills Among Adolescents with Substance Use Disorder (IRB# 16-096)
- 2015-2016 The Benefit of Occupation-Based Interventions on the Self-Perception of Occupational Performance of Adolescents with Substance Use Disorder (IRB#15-082)
- 2015-2016 Exploring the Needs of Assembly Line Workers to Manage Psychosocial and Physical Demands of the Job (IRB#15-117)

Master's students

- 1998 University of Michigan: Flint; Department of Health Promotion; Julie Chreston

MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2004 – present Member, Pi Theta Honor Society
- 2001 – 2006 Member, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- 1987 - present Member, American Occupational Therapy Association
- 1987 - 2009 Member, Texas Occupational Therapy Association
- 1988 - 2007 Member, Alpha Eta Honor Society

HONORS

- 2021 Excellent Educator Award, Tennessee Occupational Therapy Foundation
- 2020 Outstanding Grantsmanship Award, CHEPs, UTC
- 2003 Outstanding Leadership Award, SAHS, UTMB
- 2000 Inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- 1999 Outstanding Community Service Award; SAHS, UTMB

PUBLISHED

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS:

- Cruz, E. D. (2007). Habits in place: the lives of elders in assisted living. Occupational Therapy Journal of Research, 27(4).
- Cruz, E. D. (2006). Elders' and family caregivers' experience of place at an assisted living center. Occupational Therapy Journal of Research, 26(3), 97-107.

Dunn, E., Schulz, E., Schulz, C., Honaker, D., Wiley, A. (1999). The importance of scholarly debate in occupational therapy literature. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 53(4), 398-400

OTHER:

Thesis/Dissertation

- 2003 Occupational Adaptation in Place: Family Caregiving in an Assisted Living Center; Texas Woman's University and University of Texas Medical Branch. IRB #02-151
- 1996 Use of an Alternative Method to Assess Girls' Knowledge About and Attitudes Toward Alcohol; University of Texas Medical Branch. IRB #95-285

Book Chapters

- September 2000 Dunn, E., Wellness and Health Promotion. In, J. Carlson (Ed.), *Holistic and Complementary Therapy: A Guide for Rehabilitation Professionals*. Prentice Hall: New Jersey.

Varied (online modules, CDs)

- Fall 2005 Tips for Occupational Therapists Working with Clients Who Have Dementia; UTMB Sealy Center on Aging ETGEC, on-line course

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS PRESENTED:

September 2021	Promoting Critical Thinking in Online Courses; Workshop TNOTA Conference
September 2019	Human Trafficking as an Emerging Practice Area: An Innovative Strategy for Addressing the Occupational Needs of Survivors of Complex Trauma; TNOTA Conference
	State of the Art in Mental Health Assessment: Incorporating the Recovery Model in Your Practice. TN Occupational Therapy Assoc. Annual Conference, Chattanooga, TN
April 2019	Human Trafficking as an Emerging Practice Area: An Innovative Strategy for Addressing the Occupational Needs of Survivors of Complex Trauma; American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference; New Orleans, LA
	Occupational Therapy's Holistic Perspective on Chronic Pain Management; Professional Development Conference for HC Professionals & Faculty; UTC
September 2019	Home Modifications for Aging in Place: An Overview of Products, Evidence, and Funding; TN Occupational Therapy Assoc. Annual Conference, Murfreesboro, TN
April 2018	"Mental Health Promotion through Community Development: How to Employ Community-Campus Partnerships to Integrate Practice, Education, and Research" American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference; Salt Lake City, UTAH
April 2018	"Reflections from a Physician & OT Intern on an Internship in Primary Care: How Their Experience Can Inform the Development of OT in Primary Care." American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference; Salt Lake City, UTAH
September 2017	Incorporation of Health Promotion in Everyday OT Practice." Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association Conference, Nashville, TN
September 2017	A Community Development Approach to Occupational Therapy Mental Health Services through Community-Campus Partnerships," Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association Conference, Nashville, TN.
September 2017	The Benefits of Therapeutic Crafts on the Development of Leisure Coping Skills Among Adolescents with Substance Use Disorder," Poster; Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association Conference, Nashville, TN. (with Brittney Cobble, Noel Crowder, Diane McKinney, and Fidela Mendiola)

September 2017	Applying the Transtheoretical Model to Occupational Therapy Intervention for Adolescents with Substance Use Disorder," Poster; Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association Conference, Nashville, TN. (with Allie Adams, Anna Catherine Holmes, and Deidre Roberson).
October 2016	The Greenhouse Ministries Global Life Skills Assessment: An OT Assessment to Guide Community Mental Health Promotion." American Occupational Therapy Association Mental Health Specialty Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
	The Benefit of Occupation Based Interventions on the Self-Perception of Occupational Performance of Adolescents with Substance Use Disorder." Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association Conference, Nashville, TN.
April 2016	<p>"Mindful Crafts: Facilitation of Engagement in a Twelve-Step Substance Abuse Recovery Model". American Occupational Therapy Association, Chicago, Ill.</p> <p>"Incorporating Coping Skills in Caregiver Education: Strategies and Resources for Practitioners;" Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association, Southeast District Meeting; Chattanooga, TN</p> <p>"A Phenomenological Approach to Aging in Place: Family Caregiving in Assisted Living Facilities". Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association, Annual State Conference; Nashville, TN</p> <p>[presentations prior to 2014 available upon request</p>
November 2014	
October 2014	

INVITED LECTURES AT SYMPOSIA AND CONFERENCES:

- February 2007 "Habits in Place: The Lives of Elders in Assisted Living"; Habit and Participation: Promoting Rehabilitation Conference; Pacific Grove, CA
- May 2004 "Partnerships for Healthy Communities: Taking Action to Promote Participation in the Community." with Loree A. Primeau, Tina E. Kaufmann, & Deborah L. Heater. American Occupational Therapy Foundation; American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference; Minneapolis, MN