



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT FACULTY BIOS

Nancy Schneidenbach Green, OTR/L, MHA - Occupational Therapy Program Coordinator.

Nancy Green, Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Chair, Assistant Professor, has practiced as a clinician, administrator, and instructor for over 30 years. She joined the faculty of the Cabarrus College of Health Sciences in the fall of 2001 and has seen 85 students graduate as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. Nancy received her Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan and completed a Master of Health Administration from Pfeiffer University in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Nancy has received several awards honoring her teaching and leadership including, the Cabarrus College of Health Sciences Educational Excellence Award, and awards for Outstanding Practice in Clinical Education and Outstanding Community Service by the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association.

Prior to her academic appointment, Nancy held a variety of leadership positions in addition to working as an occupational therapist in acute care, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, medical and surgical units, long term care, homebound, and school settings. She has taught all of the classes within the Occupational Therapy Assistant program and is certified in Infant Massage Instruction.

Nancy enjoys spending time with her children and extended family, gardening, painting, biking and antiquing.

Carol Fain, MS OTR/L - Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork Coordinator and Instructor.

From New York, Carol received her Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy at the State of New York @ Buffalo, following a Bachelor of Science degree in Design at Drexel University.

Entering the profession with an interest in pediatrics, she started at the United Cerebral Palsy Center in Long Island, NY, where she was able to pursue Neuro-Developmental Treatment (NDT) certification and advanced NDT baby treatment. Since then Carol has helped children of all ages in hospital and NICU settings, school programs, and private practice in cities around the country before settling in the Concord, NC area. She enjoys utilizing her design skills with home remodeling, participating in outdoor activities, and yoga and dance classes. Carol is also pursuing training in hippotherapy.

Amy Mahle BA, COTA/L - Part Time Instructor.

Amy received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at Houghton College in Houghton, NY. She married Scott and moved to Concord in 1992. After a few years working in human services, she became an entrepreneur and opened a local business, spending many years deepening her roots in Cabarrus County. Seeking to enter the allied health field where she could use her creativity and compassion, she received an Associate of Science degree from Cabarrus College of Health Sciences in Occupational Therapy Assistant. She has specialized in working with adults who have experienced traumatic brain injuries or suffered from a stroke. Her training also includes Constraint Movement Therapy. She most recently worked at Carolinas Rehabilitation in Charlotte in the Outpatient Clinic.

She takes pleasure in spending time with her family and friends, baking, reading, walking, and enjoying great outdoors.



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Amber Ward - Adjunct Faculty

Amber Ward has five years of experience as an occupational therapist in an outpatient, interdisciplinary setting with patients and their families. The primary focus has been with patients who have Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy and additional neuromuscular disorders. She has nine years of experience in an inpatient, setting with neurological and orthopedic patients. She is also an Assistive Technology Practitioner, a Wheelchair Evaluator and the secretary of the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association. She has taught at numerous workshops and has been an ongoing guest lecturer within the Cabarrus College of Health.