

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

College of Metaphysical Studies, Clearwater, Florida, USA (July 2007-Present)

- Doctoral Candidate for concurrent programs of Metaphysical Science and Holistic Healing Arts
- Specialization in metaphysics, quantum physics, natural healing, wellness and health promotion

Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (1993)

- Master of Arts in Instruction and Special Education
- Specialization in child and adolescent psychology, the evaluation of learning disabilities, philosophy of learning, facilitation of learning strategies, and adaption of the educational environment

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (1991)

- Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy; minor granted in psychology
- Specialization in the areas of rehabilitative technology, social and political issues in health, productivity and purpose in society, pediatrics, geriatrics, psychosocial issues in health, and women's health

Employment

Self-Employed, Ontario, Canada & Washington, USA (Sept. 2001-Present)

Occupational Therapist/Consultant (Home & School Health, Education, , Private)

- Provision of school health services including assessment, treatment, and home and school programming; evaluation of seating requirements and equipment modification; provision of group and individual treatment sessions, including summer and holiday camps; classroom consultant for pre-school and elementary level grades
- Provision of in-home and centered-based early intervention services, with emphasis on sensory motor integration, psychosocial development, mobility, feeding, positioning, play, and handling skills; assessment, intervention and programing for medically fragile infants; facilitation of infant and child play groups

- Assessment and treatment of individuals in hospital and community-based settings with neurological, musculoskeletal, orthopedic, sensory motor, and psychosocial needs; provision of individual and group treatment sessions
- Provision of in-home assessments, Assessment of Attendant Care Needs, work site assessments, ergonomic evaluations, and functional abilities evaluations
- Development and facilitation of physical conditioning, work hardening, and return to work programs; implementation of ergonomic strategies and equipment modification
- Educational Consultant for American, Canadian, and European students in various areas of study including science, metaphysics, sociology, mental health, business, health and healing, personal growth and development, and quality of life; provision of supervision and education in the appropriate fields of study
- Program Manager and Instructor for Occupational Therapy Assistants and Physical Therapy Assistants
- Formal academic instruction and nationwide curriculum development in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, English, Science, Mathematics, Metaphysics, Computer Science, Health and Healing, Technology, Life Skills, and Driving Instruction
- Mental Health Consultant (forensic psychiatry) for individuals seeking asylum in the United States
- Community-based nutritional and health consultant; provision of individual and group counseling
- Supervisor of health care professionals and paraprofessionals, including Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants

Rehabilitation Ergonomics Inc., Toronto, ON (Oct. 2001-Nov. 2002)

Occupational Therapist (Insurance Sector)

- Assessed and treated individuals with musculoskeletal, neurological, orthopedic, and psychosocial needs related to motor vehicle accidents
- Conducted in-home assessments, functional abilities evaluations, ergonomic evaluations, work site analyses, and return to work programs
- Provided case management services and psychosocial counseling

Comcare Health Care Services, Peel & York Regions, ON (July 1997-Oct. 2001)

Occupational Therapist (Home & School Health)

- Assessed and treated individuals of all ages with physical, sensory, neurological, and psychosocial needs; provided individual and group sessions
- Developed home & school programming, including printing, cursive writing, sensory motor, and summer camp programs
- Provided seating evaluations and equipment modifications
- Consulted to various health care professionals and paraprofessionals; supervised Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants

York Paediatric Therapy Services, York Region, ON (May 1997-Sept. 1997)

Occupational Therapist (Private)

- Assessed and treated school aged children with physical, sensory, neurological, and psychosocial needs
- Developed in-home programs and school programming strategies

Thames Valley Children's Centre, London, ON (Sept. 1996-June 1997)

Occupational Therapist (School Health)

- Lead therapist for School Health Assessment Team
- Assessed and treated children with physical, sensory, and neurological needs
- Provided school-based therapy and consulted with parents, teachers, and other health care professionals
- Implemented school and home programming, including printing, cursive writing, and sensory motor groups

Professional Health Care Services, Orlando, FL, USA (April 1995-June 1996)

Occupational Therapist (Pediatrics, Adults, and Geriatrics)

- Assessed and treated individuals with neurological, physical, sensory, and psychosocial needs; provision of individual and group sessions
- Provided classroom instruction on sensory, motor, and cognitive facilitation
- Facilitated early intervention and school-based sensory motor and psychosocial groups
- Trained and supervised health care professionals and paraprofessionals

Easter Seals of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, USA (Feb. 1995-July 1995)

Occupational Therapist (Early Intervention)

- Assessed and treated children ages birth through three with substance exposure, visual impairments, developmental delays, and other neurological disorders
- Provided school consultation, classroom instruction, family counseling, and home programming
- Facilitated sensory motor and parent-infant groups

Nova Care, Eustis, FL, USA (Oct. 1994-Feb. 1995)

Occupational Therapist (Adults and Geriatrics)

- Assessed and treated adult and geriatric individuals with cognitive, physical, and psychosocial disorders
- Provided equipment consultation and seating modifications
- Conducted home assessments and facilitated home modifications
- Implemented Activities of Daily Living skills, mobility, feeding, and psychosocial programs at various skilled nursing facilities
- Supervised Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants

B.C. Children's Hospital, Vancouver, BC (Aug. 1994-Oct. 1994)

Occupational Therapist (Pediatrics: Oncology-relief staff)

- Provided assessment of and treatment for children of all ages with physical and psychological issues related to oncological disorders
- Provided family counselling
- Conducted play groups in addition to individual and family treatment sessions

G.F. Strong Centre, Vancouver, BC (July 1994)

Occupational Therapist (Neurology- relief staff)

- Assessed and treated adolescents and adults with acquired brain injury
- Provided group and individual instruction on life skills, community integration, psychosocial adjustment and counseling, and sensory motor and cognitive re-training

Bloorview MacMillan Centre, Toronto, ON (March-June 1994 & April-Oct. 1993)

Occupational Therapist (Pediatrics)

- Assessed and treated adolescents with traumatic brain injury and other children of various ages with developmental, rheumatological, orthopedic, and neurological disorders
- Instructed parents through structured handling, enrichment, learning, and play programs; provided family support and psychosocial counseling
- Conducted home visits and consulted with schools and day care centres
- Provided seating evaluation and equipment modification
- Supervised and instructed Occupational Therapy Assistants

Columbia Health Care, Toronto, ON (Oct. 1993-Mar. 1994)

Occupational Therapist (Sole Charge: Neurology)

- Provided assessment to and treatment for individuals with traumatic brain injury
- Conducted functional abilities evaluations, implemented cognitive remediation training and return to work programs , provided psychosocial counseling
- Structured Occupational Therapy department and developed therapy protocols

Toronto East General & Orthopaedic Hospital, Toronto, ON (Oct. 1992-April 1993)

Occupational Therapist (General Medicine, Level II Special Care Nursery, and In-Patient Pediatrics)

- Assessed and treated in-patient pediatric, adult, and geriatric clients with neurological, physical, and psychiatric disorders
- Conducted home safety assessments, facilitated group and individual treatment sessions
- Developed hospital work hardening program protocols

Toronto Hospital, Toronto, ON (Nov. 1991-Oct. 1992)

Occupational Therapist (Vocational Rehabilitation)

- Assessed injured workers' ability to return to employment
- Educated clients regarding proper body mechanics, return to work strategies, and job safety procedures

Research & Other Activities

Resource Consultant, Ontario, Canada & Washington, USA (April 2001-Present)

Educational Consultant/Research Assistant

- Development and facilitation of seminars and workshops on healing, nutrition, communication, spiritual awareness, self-awareness and self-esteem, metaphysics, and personal & professional success
- Ghost-writer for personal development books, articles, and webpages, including health and nutrition, business, science, and technology
- Supervision of undergraduate and graduate level students in completing educational requirements for theses
- Consultant for Hospital Safe Lifting and Handling Project
- Development of courses and curriculum for various post-secondary educational programs, including anatomy and physiology, human disorders, historical perspectives of mind and health, human development, neurosciences and applications, problem based learning, communication, administration and program support, geriatrics, pediatrics, mental health, physical medicine, functional movement and rehabilitation processes, philosophy of health, introductory quantum physics, theory and fundamental principles of occupational therapy, vocational rehabilitation, fundamental principles of health and healing, and clinical fieldwork modules for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Assistant programs,

Thames Valley Children's Centre, London, ON (Sept. 1996-June 1997)

Occupational Therapist/Research Coordinator

- Implemented assessment and screening protocols for School Health Services program
- Trained school personnel in the implementation of handwriting and sensory motor programs
- Provided follow-up sessions with school personnel, parents, and students
- Collected and analyzed research data, with presentations to team members

The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON (June 1992-June 1994)

Occupational Therapist/Research Coordinator

- Assessed children and adolescents with Fragile X Syndrome
- Conducted interviews and information sessions
- Assisted with data analysis, grant proposals, and written publications
- Coordinated research projects and supervised staff

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (Sept. 1991-June 1992)

Research Assistant

- Assisted in the development of a tool to measure quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities
- Conducted interviews, data compilation, and research analysis

Written Publications and papers

- Montgomery, V. (2008 a). *The Metaphysical Foundation of Truth and Reality*. Unpublished paper.
- Montgomery, V. (2008 b). *The Scientific Basic of Energy Healing*. Unpublished paper.
- Montgomery, V. (2007). *Foundations of Physics: Particles, Space and Time*. Unpublished paper.
- Montgomery, V. (2006 a). *Effectively managing virtual teams*. Ghostwriter paper.
- Montgomery, V. (2006 b). *Do less, but accomplish more*. Ghostwriter chapter for personal development book.
- Montgomery, V. (2006 c). *Drawing on social representations in making sense of people's career trajectories*. Ghostwriter chapter for personal development book.
- Montgomery, V. (2006 d). *Involuntary detention of patients suffering from mental health disorders*. Ghostwriter article.
- Montgomery, V. (2006 e). *Using mentoring and coaching to catapult your career*. Ghostwriter chapter for personal development book.
- Montgomery, V. (2003 a). *Educational philosophy*. Ghostwriter article.

- Montgomery, V. (2003 b). *The art and science of teaching*. Ghostwriter article.
- Montgomery, V. (2003 c). *The history and future of distance learning*. Ghostwriter article.
- Montgomery, V. (2003 d). *Trends in education*. Ghostwriter article.
- Scollard, V. (1993). *Concurrent validity of the Scales of Independent Behaviour and the Canadian Occupational Performance Measure in assessing occupational performance of 10 males with fragile x syndrome*. Unpublished master's thesis, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Friefeld, S., MacGregor, D., & Scollard, V. (1991a). The occupational needs of children with fragile x syndrome: Implications for the practice of occupational therapy. *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 58(2), 42.
- Friefeld, S., MacGregor, D., & Scollard, V. (1991 b). *Adaptive functions and fragile x syndrome: Results of a pilot study*. Paper presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Association on Mental Retardation, Washington, DC.

Continuing Education and Other Activities

- **Current Board Certifications, Memberships, and Occupational Therapy Licenses:** Canadian Association of Occupational Therapy; American Occupational Therapy Association; College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario; Colorado State and Washington State Occupational Therapy licensure
- **Workshops, Seminars, & Courses:**
 - Mind As Matter, *Yelm, WA (October 2008); Toronto, ON (July 2007)*
 - Using a Metaphysical Approach to Improve Your Health, *Mississauga, ON (July 2006)*
 - Introduction to Quantum Physics, *Hamilton, ON (June 2006)*
 - Mind and Energy: A Practical Approach to Metaphysics, *Mississauga, ON (May 2006)*
 - Solving Barriers to Community Mobility, *Vaughan, ON (Dec. 2005)*
 - Self-Development: A Metaphysical and Spiritual Approach, *Toronto, ON (Nov. 2005)*
 - Hospital Discharge, *Mississauga, ON (Sept. 2005)*
 - Accessibility in the Community, *Toronto, ON (June 2004)*
 - Decision Making: Understanding the Impact of Consciousness on Reality, *Mississauga, ON (May 2004)*

- **Healing: Eastern and Western Perspectives, *Mississauga, ON* (March 2004)**
- **Psychosocial Impact of Disability , *Mississauga, ON* (March 2004)**
- **Understanding Communication, *Hamilton, ON* (March 2004)**
- **Safe Lifts and Transfers, *Concord, ON* (Jan. 2004)**
- **Trends in Adaptive Equipment & Devices, *Mississauga, ON* (Jan. 2004)**
- **Educational Technology: Advances in Online and Distance Learning, *University of Phoenix, AZ, USA* (Jan. 2003)**
- **The Art and Science of Teaching, *University of Phoenix, AZ, USA* (Jan. 2003)**
- **Feeding and Children with Special Needs, *Toronto, ON* (July 2002)**
- **Understanding the Issues of Consent, *Toronto, ON* (June 2002)**
- **Key Functional Assessments Certification, *Toronto, ON* (April 2002)**
- **Arcon Training & Certification, *Toronto, ON* (Dec. 2001)**
- **Advanced Aromatherapy Training, *Toronto, ON* (Aug.-Nov. 1999)**
- **CranioSacral Therapy (Level 1) Certification, *Sarasota, FL, USA* (Aug. 1995)**
- **Integrating NDT & SI, *Orlando, FL, USA* (Aug. 1995)**
- **Aids: Essential Information for the Health Care Professional, *Altamonte Springs, FL, USA* (Aug. 1995)**
- **Current Concepts in Wound Care, *Eustis FL, USA* (Nov. 1994)**
- **ERGOS Work Simulator (Level 1) Certification, *Tucson, AZ, USA* (Nov. 1992)**
- **Quantifying Sensory-Motor Impairments in the Adult, *Toronto, ON* (Nov. 1990)**
- **An Introduction to Hypnosis, *Toronto, ON* (Nov. 1989)**