

Curriculum Vitae

Michelle Gabrielle Luyt

EDUCATION / QUALIFICATIONS

- 2008 **M. Early Childhood Intervention** University of Pretoria
- 2001 **B. Sc. Occupational Therapy** University of Cape Town
Final Year Research Topic: *Identifying and establishing the usefulness of selected assessment tools in service centre settings for older adults, in order to establish the appropriateness of these tools in determining the efficacy of occupational therapy programmes.*
- 1997 **Matric** (80+ %) Rustenburg Girls' High School
English first language, Afrikaans first language, Mathematics, Geography, Physical Science, Music

Other Qualifications:

- 2008 Sensory Integration Trained (SAISI)
- 2001 Beginner's Sign Language Course
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- 1997 Young Enterprise Europe Examination (University of Oxford)
- 1996 St. John's First Aid Course Level One
- 1995 Grade 5 Theory of music (University of South Africa) with Distinction

EMPLOYMENT

Current Position

- Dates: 01/01/04 – Ongoing
- Position: **Private Practice Occupational Therapist** (General)
Paediatrics (including learning difficulties, emotional difficulties, autism, sensory integration difficulties and AD/HD)
Adult (physical rehabilitation following illness or surgery, psychiatric conditions, drug / alcohol rehabilitation and lifeskills)
Older adults (assessment and activity groups)

Previous Positions

- Dates: 01/03/06 – 28/02/2007
- Position: **Service Centre Organiser**
Managing service centre for older adults from the surrounding communities of Knysna.
- Institution: Knysna Caring Services
- Dates: 03/11/03 – 14/11/03
- Position: **Senior II Occupational Therapist** (Orthopaedics)
Treated in-patients following trauma and elective surgery, including hip and knee replacement and spinal surgery.
- Institution: Mayday University Hospital, Thornton Heath, Croydon, United Kingdom
- Dates: 01/09/03 – 31/10/03
- Position: **Senior II Occupational Therapist** (Medicine and Care of the Elderly)
Position required assessment of in-patients with various diagnoses, including neurological conditions, such as cerebrovascular accidents and head injury, dementia, cardiac failure, respiratory conditions, arthritis and diabetes.
Intervention also included functional assessments on the wards, delivering and fitting of equipment, participating in multidisciplinary team meetings, liaising with medical and social staff in order to ensure safe discharges from hospital, liaising with community teams within five London boroughs, home visits, discharge home visits and follow-up home visits.
- Institution: Kingston Hospital, Galsworthy Road, KT2 7QB, United Kingdom
- Dates: 30/01/03 – 01/09/03

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Occupational Therapist (Medicine)
Treated in-patients with medical diagnoses, with an emphasis on neurology and palliative care.
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Occupational Therapist (Care of the Elderly)
Position required in-patient assessment on the ward, home visits, environmental home visits, fitting of equipment, follow up home visits and liaising with multi-disciplinary team regarding safe discharges.
During my employment at Mayday University Hospital I was also expected to assist any occupational therapists with difficulties in terms of caseload. This allowed me to gain added experience in areas of surgery, urology and neurology.

Institution: Mayday University Hospital, Thornton Heath, Croydon, United Kingdom

Dates: 13/08/02 – 29/11/02

Position: **Occupational Therapist**
Social Services Occupational Therapist, including assessment, fitting of equipment and making recommendations for environmental adaptations.

Institution: Social Services, London Borough of Enfield, London, United Kingdom

Dates: 27/03/02 – 12/07/02

Position: **Occupational Therapy Assistant** (Orthopaedics)
Treated in-patients following trauma, elective surgery, such as knee and hip replacement surgery and other orthopaedic conditions.
Position required time spent in community for follow-up visits and conducting pre-elective domiciliary services, including assessment and fitting of equipment.

Institution: Airedale General Hospital, Steeton, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom

PART TIME WORK

Position: Music Teacher
Institution: St. Francis Adult Education Centre, Cape Town
Dates: February 2001 - December 2001

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