
CHERYL BLACK, OT, CWCE

EDUCATION

- Certificate in Psychiatric Vocational Rehabilitation, **Boston University**, 2006
- Bachelor of Science, Occupational Therapy, **Dalhousie University**, 1994

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- College of Occupational Therapists of British Columbia
- Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
- World Federation of Occupational Therapists

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

- Cognitive Rehabilitation for Practicing Clinicians, Roy Matheson and Associates, 2019
- Concussion Symposium for lawyers, insurers, judges & clinicians, Toronto, ON, 2018
- Canadian Association of Occupational Therapy workshop, “An occupational approach to cognitive rehabilitation”, Vancouver, BC, 2017
- WorkSafeBC Health Professionals Conference, Vancouver, BC, 2017
- The Multiple Errands Test: Developing, Administering and Scoring Site-Specific Versions, Toronto, ON, 2016
- Trial Lawyers of British Columbia Soft Tissue Injury Conference, Vancouver, BC, 2016
- Cognitive Functional Capacity Evaluation, Las Vegas, NV, 2016
- WorkSafeBC Health Professionals Conference, Vancouver, BC, 2015
- The Nuts and Bolts of Sustainable Return to Work Programs, Vancouver, BC, 2014
- WorkSafeBC Health Professionals Conference, Vancouver, BC, 2014
- Functional Capacity Evaluation, Roy Matheson and Associates, Vancouver, BC, 2013
- Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, 2013
- WorkSafeBC Health Care Professionals Conference, Vancouver, BC, 2013
- 5th National Spinal Cord Injury Conference, Toronto, ON, 2012
- International Seating Symposium, Vancouver, BC, 2012
- 32nd Annual Neurorehabilitation Conference, Cambridge, MA, 2011
- Home Modifications for the Injured Worker, WorkSafeBC, Vancouver, BC, 2011
- International Seating Symposium, Vancouver, BC, 2010
- Evaluating Cognition: Memory, Attention, and Dysexecutive Syndrome, 2009
- Walker Prescription and Assessment, Evolution Technologies, Victoria, BC, 2008
- Functional Capacity Evaluation, Roy Matheson and Associates, Nashville, TN, 2008
- US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association Annual conference, Phoenix, AZ, 2006
- Motivational Interviewing, Vancouver Island Health Authority, 2006
- US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association Annual conference, Pittsburgh, PA, 2005
- Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner, US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, 2005

- Code White Response training, Crisis Prevention Institute, 2002
- Seating and Mobility Workshops (Metro Health Services), 1999/2000
- Introduction to NDT: Managing the Upper Extremity, Detroit, MI, 2000
- Recovering Function: Motor Relearning Program, Miramichi, NB, 1999
- American Association of Occupational Therapists Cognitive Rehabilitation Correspondence Course, 1995

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Re:Function Health Group Inc.: 2008 to present

Senior Registered Occupational Therapist

Manager of Recruitment

- MedLegal Functional/Work Capacity Evaluation
- MedLegal Cost of Future Care Assessments
- MedLegal File Critique
- Cognitive Functional Capacity Evaluation
- Job Demands Analysis
- Return to Work Support Services
- Community Occupational Therapy

VIHA Home & Community Care & Senior's Outpatient Clinic Programs: 2008 to 2013

Occupational Therapist

- Seating and Mobility Assessments
- Cognitive Assessments
- Home Safety Assessments

VIHA Rehabilitation Services, Mental Health and Addictions: 2005 to 2008

Occupational Therapist

- Coordination and Supervision of contracted Community Rehabilitation programs
- Vocational Rehabilitation Program Design and Coordination
- Staff and Contractor education

Seven Oaks Psychiatric Rehabilitation Facility: 2002 to 2005

Occupational Therapist and Activity Department Supervisor

- Design and provision of individual and group rehabilitation programs
- Vocational Rehabilitation including functional assessment, development of vocational readiness, liaising with business and volunteer agencies to develop vocational opportunities, job coaching
- Cognitive assessment and Rehabilitation

Royal Jubilee Hospital – Seniors’ Health: 2001 to 2002

Occupational Therapist

- Assessment of Cognitive and Perceptual function
- ADL/IADL assessments
- Seating and mobility assessment and prescription
- Home Safety Assessments

Nipigon District Memorial Hospital, Nipigon, ON: 2001 to 2002

Sole Charge Occupational Therapist

- Workplace Risk Factor Assessments
- Splinting
- Assessment of Cognitive and Perceptual function
- Seating and Mobility assessments
- Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Walton Centre for Neurorehabilitation, St. James Hospital, UK: 2000 to 2001

Senior Occupational Therapist (locum)

- Development and provision of neurorehabilitation programs
- Home assessments and Environmental Modifications
- Assessment of Cognitive and Perceptual function
- Seating and Mobility assessments

Saint John Regional Hospital and Centracare sites, Saint John, NB: 1994 to 2000

Occupational Therapist

- Assessment of cognitive and perceptual Assessments
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Brain Injury Rehabilitation
- Seating and Mobility assessments, prescription and equipment training
- Assessment of ADL/IADL functional

DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCIES

Functional Capacity Evaluations:

- Accepted as an Expert Witness in Occupational Therapy and Functional Capacity Evaluations in the Supreme Court of British Columbia
- Certified Work Capacity Evaluator
- EPIC Lift Capacity Certified Evaluator
- Experienced incorporating assessment of client's ability to manage the functional cognitive demands of target occupations
- Able to draw on experience conducting hundreds of job site visits and job demands analyses to develop meaningful and valid work simulation testing
- Able to interpret functional test findings and provide opinion on work capacity
- Skilled at identifying need for task modifications or accommodations during return to work planning
- WorkSafeBC Functional Capacity Evaluation Contractor

Return-to-Work Planning and Support:

- Effective in coordination and facilitation of return to work planning meetings with involved stakeholders
- Skilled at objective and comprehensive analysis and measurement of job demands for development of return to work plans as well as provision of opinion on worker's ability to meet the functional demands of their job
- Able to perform risk factor analyses to identify risk factors for workplace injury
- Committed to providing ongoing support to the worker and employer throughout the return to work process
- WorkSafeBC Return to Work Support Services Contractor
- Certified CPR and First Aid Training

Community Adult Rehabilitation:

- Extensive experience in assessment and recommendations related to power and manual wheelchair, environmental modifications, home support and adaptive equipment to optimize client safety and function in the home
- WorkSafeBC Community Occupational Therapy Services Contractor