## Therapeutic Evaluation and Treatment of Toe Walking (Pediatric Equinus Gait) from a PT and OT Perspective

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### **Faculty**

Liesa M. Persaud, PT, DPT, PCS, CKTP is a compelling instructor and accomplished licensed physical therapist with 26 years' experience in the field of adult and pediatric therapy. She has educated healthcare professionals in advanced treatment techniques, specialized practical training, and consultative services. Ms. Persaud has worked in a variety of settings, including private pediatric and adult clinics, schools, private homes, hospitals, and long-term care facilities. She is a Credentialed Clinical Instructor and teaches human anatomy, physiology, and nutrition at Tulsa Community College. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Leadership from Southern Nazarene University in Tulsa, Oklahoma and a master's degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Findlay in Findlay, Oklahoma. She also earned a postgraduate doctorate from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions and is a Board-Certified Specialist in Pediatric Science.

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#### **About this Course**

This course will teach clinicians to develop interventions based on etiologies to produce successful long-term outcomes. Through an organized evaluation procedure, specific data will be used to direct the clinician to potential etiologies. Causes and appropriate intervention strategies are identified in order to utilize a systematic approach to developing an effective treatment plan. This course challenges the clinician to ask the correct questions in order to form a systematic approach to treating the child who "toe walks."

## **Objectives**

- Identify specific etiologies relevant to pediatric equinus gait
- Discuss etiology-specific & age-appropriate assessment & management strategies for this population
- Apply effective examination, evaluation, intervention and treatment strategies to toe walking in the pediatric population
- Design an effective & individualized treatment plan for the pediatric patient
- Explain the future consequences of incorrect intervention

#### **Audience**

This course is designed for Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants, Physical Therapists, and Physical Therapist Assistants

## **Course Requirements**

Please bring a yoga mat or towel and a goniometer.



## Schedule - Day 1

**7:30-8:00** Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:00-10:30 Ideal Gait & Equinus Gait

Definition of Idiopathic Toe Walking

Problems & concerns regarding an equinus

gait pattern

Components of normal gait and gait

development

Characteristics of equinus gait

**10:30-10:45** Break

**10:45-12:00** Biomechanics

Necessity of a stable base

The influence of an anterior center of mass

Muscle Balance Theory

Passive ankle DFROM measurement

technique: R1 & R2 LAB

**12:00-1:00** Lunch (on your own)

1:00-2:30 Biomechanics (cont.)

Dynamic Response Ankle Foot Orthosis

2:30 - 2:45 Break

2:45 – 3:30 Posting wedges & calcaneal eversion LAB

**3:30 – 5:30** Biomechanics (cont.)

Transverse plane movement & ankle

strategies

Biomechanical training aids

## Schedule - Day 2

**7:30-8:00** Continental Breakfast

**8:00-10:00** Kinesiology

Physiology Passive stretching

Manual therapy

Myofascial release

Muscle lengthening strategies **LAB** Muscle

Strength: Soleus Eccentric exercise NMES

Kinesiotape®

## Schedule - Day 2 (cont.)

**10:30-10:15** Break

**10:15-12:00** Therapeutic Taping

DF assist, Gastroc inhibition, transverse

abdominus & oblique facilitation

**12:00-1:00** Lunch (on your own) **1:00-2:15** Sensory Processing

Consideration of the sensory systems: tactile, vestibular, visual, proprioceptive,

emotional

Sensory Processing Disorder

Anatomy Diagnosis

Incidence Assessment with regards to Toe

Walking

**2:15-2:30** Break

**2:30-4:00** Assessment: Criteria Results & Intervention

Birth history

Developmental history

Vision

## Day 3 Online

Liesa Persaud teaches the online course using case studies, demonstrations, extensive directed lab practice and lecture.

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Walking) and Outcomes and Footwear Modification

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Sep 21-22	Los Angeles, CA	NAPA Center
Oct 17-18	Winter Park, FL	Florida Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation
Nov 23-24	Sylvania, OH	ProMedical Flower Hospital



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