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Education

ScD	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas	2019	Allied Health Education
MPT	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX Las Vegas, Nevada	2005	Physical Therapy

Licensure

- Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, License #5065
- New Mexico State Board of Physical Therapy, License #PT3214
- State of New Mexico School Personnel, License #336912

Certifications

- ODNIS-IAOM Dry Needling Certification 2015
- BLS Provider. American Heart Association (expiration July 2024)

Employment

Jan 2023 – Present	Assistant Professor in Residence – Department of Physical Therapy, School of Integrated Health Sciences, Division of Health Sciences, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Oct 2022 – Jan 2023	Academic Clinical Coordinator – Physical Therapist Assistant Program, Clovis Community College, Clovis New Mexico
Aug 2013 – Oct 2022	PTA Program Director – Physical Therapist Assistant Program, Clovis Community College, Clovis New Mexico
Aug 2009 – May 2021	Contractor/Owner School-Based Physical Therapist – Tucumcari Public Schools, Fort Sumner Public Schools, House Public Schools, New Mexico
May 2018 – April 2020	Per Diem Physical Therapist – Roosevelt General Hospital, 42121 US-70, Portales, New Mexico, 88130
July 2005 – Sep 2013	Lead Staff Physical Therapist – Plains Regional Medical Center, 2100 MLK Blvd, Clovis, New Mexico, 88101

Peer Reviewed Scientific and Professional Presentations

1. Alexander J, Kuykendall R, **Varnado B**. Integrating Digital Skills Throughout the Curriculum Using Program Review. Achieving the Dream Rural Communities Institute – July 14, 2022

2. **Varnado B.** Transitioning to a Faculty Position in Higher Education, A Teaching Project
Clinical Dissertation, October 17, 2019

Current/Active Research Activity

1. Taylor L, Dobbs M, Aurelio R, Horn N, Terrana G, **Varnado B.** Introduction of the Anatomy Academy program to children in a rural elementary school. (Poster Presentation APTA Pediatric Conference October 2023)
2. Barajas S, Deitrich J, Ganzon B, Mack P, Metzger K, Mueller T, Clow D, Kins K, Turner C, **Varnado B.** Implementing physical therapy services and screenings for the students of the UNLV College of Fine Arts for health and injury prevention: a service-learning approach. (Poster Presentation APTA CSM February 2024)
3. Cosgrove M, Johnson A, Lopez K, Nguyen D, Clow D, Kins K, **Varnado B.** UNLV Department of PT and the Fine Arts Clinic for Health and Injury Prevention: Service-Learning Project (UNLV IRB approved as exempt: In Progress)
4. Bejaran-Choto A, Horner E, Quirate M, Robles S, Segura D, Tu D, Williams T, Clow D, Kins K, **Varnado B.** Physical Therapy Intervention and Education for Fine Arts Students (In Progress)

Invited Presentations

1. Clow D, Kins K, Varnado B. Musculoskeletal examination and joint assessment. UNLV DNP Program- Fall 2023.
2. Alexander J, Kuykendall R, **Varnado B.** Preparing and connecting students to careers in the digital economy. Achieving the Dream Webinar Series – October 26, 2022
3. **Varnado B.** Item Analysis: Clovis Community College Skill Fest-March 6, 2020
4. **Varnado B.** Radiology Technology lecture series for safe patient transport – Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020
5. **Varnado B.** Nursing education guest lecture neurologic rehabilitation – Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019
6. **Varnado B.** Nursing education guest lecture wound care intervention – Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019
7. **Varnado B,** Rapp G. SLO Map Development by Course: Clovis Community College General Education SLO Map Meeting-September 30, 2019
8. **Varnado B.** Transitioning to a Faculty Position in Higher Education: Clovis Community College- August 8-9, 2019
9. **Varnado B,** Walters T. DVT and Pulmonary Embolism Effect on Practice: TTUHSC-March 2016
10. **Varnado B.** PT Month and the Development of a PTA Program in the Region: Clovis Rotary-October 2015
11. **Varnado B,** Broom R, Austin S. Appropriate Feedback in the Academic Setting: TTUHSC- June 2015
12. Denny B, **Varnado B.** Sensorimotor Control & Learning for Low Back Pain: TTUHSC- March 2015
13. **Varnado B.** Radiological Evaluation for Shoulder Impingement: TTUHSC-March 2015
14. **Varnado B.** Essay Assessment in Allied Health: TTUHSC- October 2014
15. **Varnado B.** Biomechanical Principles of ACL Repair: TTUHSC-June 2014
16. **Varnado B,** McEwen H. Elementary Education Teacher Classroom Modifications: Tucumcari and Ft. Sumner Schools-2009- 2014
17. **Varnado B.** Transfer Safety: CCC Radiology Technician Program: February 2014 with student evaluations
18. **Varnado B.** Neural Flossing: PRMC Outpatient Therapy-2011
19. **Varnado B.** Transfer Training/Job Safety: PRMC Home Health employees- 2009-2012
20. **Varnado B.** OASIS Rehabilitation Referral: PRMC Home Health Nurses-2010-2011
21. Lingala K, **Varnado B.** Pre-Work Safety Trainings for PTA's: Ruan- 2010-2012

22. **Varnado B.** Fall Prevention: A Team Approach: PRMC Home Health and Outpatient-2010
23. **Varnado B.** Developmentally Disabled Caregiver Education: PRMC contract with ENMRSH 2010-2012.
24. **Varnado B.** Physical Therapy and Keeping You Home and Free from Injury: Home Health team-2010

Membership in Scientific/Professional Organizations

- American Physical Therapy Association (2004 to present)
- Academy of Education (2015 to present)
- Academy of Orthopedic Physical Therapy (2022 to present)
- Nevada Physical Therapy Association (2023 to present)
- New Mexico Physical Therapy Association (2004 to 2022)

Professional Service

- The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (2016)
 - Volunteer: Completed Item Writer Workshop. Submitted 40 exam questions for consideration for National Physical Therapist Assistant Exam

Consultative and Advisory Positions

- Consultant Feasibility Study for PTA Program (2022-2023)
- General Education Assessment Program Development Team (2018-2020)
- Advisory Boards
 - Student Physical Therapist Assistant Organization – CCC PTA Student Organization (Faculty advisor) (2015 to December 2022)
 - Women’s Initiative Network Advisory Board – United Way Eastern New Mexico, five-woman team coordinating fundraising and luncheons (2016-2020)
 - TAACCCT Advisory Committee, Allied Health Representative (2013-2017)
 - Infection Control Advisory Board Member – PRMC Hospital, analyzed infection control policies and procedures in the hospital and formulated educational techniques (2010-2012)
 - Pres Gainy Performance Review Committee – PRMC Hospital, analyzed patient outcome surveys and approved changes to policies and procedures following review, PRMC Home health (2011-2012)

Community Service

- UNLV Student Service-Learning Community Projects (Spring 2023-Present)
 - Mentor groups of 4 to 8 DPT students for UNLVPT service-learning projects which provide pro-bono PT services to UNLV College of Fine Arts and Anatomy Academy for elementary children in a rural setting.
 - UNLV Athletics department Pro-bono services
- UNLV Interprofessional Education Day (February, 2023-2024)
 - Facilitated small group discussions related to complex patient case studies.
- United Way Women’s Initiative Network Member
 - Coordination of monthly luncheons and career closet (2014-2021)
- Clinical Instructor
 - DPT Students from Texas Tech, Marquette, University of NM (2006-2012)
 - Amarillo College PTA Students (2007-2012)

Services to the University/School/Department on Committees/Councils/Commissions

- University of Nevada Las Vegas

- School of Integrated Health Sciences
 - SIHS Curriculum Committee (Fall 2023-Present)
- UNLV CHIP
 - Healthy Performers Nevada (Spring 2023-Present)
- School of Integrated Health Sciences Department of Physical Therapy
 - Clinical Education Committee (Spring 2023-Present)
 - Admissions/Recruitment Committee (Spring 2023-Present)
 - Assessment Committee (Spring 2023-Present)
- Clovis Community College
 - Retention Council and Achieving the Dream Data Team (2021-2023)
 - Chair of Digital Literacy in the Academic Setting (2022)
 - Faculty Association of CCC
 - President (2021-2022)
 - Vice-President (2020-2021)
 - Calendar Committee member (2014-2017)
 - Assessment Committee (2017-2020)
 - Emergency Response Team (2014-2022)
 - Social Media Committee member (2014-2017)

Continuing Education Attended (last 5 years)

- TTUHSC: HPPT 7001 Clinical Project 2 – Spring 2018, Summer 2018 – 6 credit hours
- IAOM-US: Diagnosis and Management of the Hip and Pelvis, September 2018 – 15 hours
- CAPTE: Program Assessment Module, January 2019 – 1 hour
- NMHEAA: Summer Retreat, June 2019 – 30 hours
- Physio U: Online learning, April 2020 – 3 hours
- ACAPT: Online meetings, April-May 2020 – 4 hours
- ICE: Tools for Teaching Observation, July 2020 – 2 hours
- Certified Virtual Educator, August 2020 – 8 hours
- APTA: NEXT Conference, Virtual, June 2020 – 13 hours
- CAPTE: Self-Study Workshop for PTA Programs, Virtual, October 2020 – 15 hours
- APTA: Educational Leadership Conference, Virtual, October 16-18, 2020 – 13 hours
- APTA PTA Education Summit, Virtual, December 2021 – 8 hours
- Achieving the Dream Rural Communities Institute, Albany, NY July 2022 – 24 hours
- CCC: Latino/a Students Data-Based Initiatives to Increase Enrollment, Retention, and Support, October 12, 2022 – 1.5 hours
- Achieving the Dream: Webinar How to Leverage the PDP Fostering a Culture of Evidence: November 16, 2022 – 1.5 hours
- Best Teaching Practices: Online webinar: February 9, 2023 – 1 hour
- APTA: CSM: February 2023-13 hours
- VSPN: Goode Surgical Arthrex Lab shoulder cadaver lab: March 16, 2023 – 2 hours
- Adriaan Louw: Pain Education: April 21, 2023 – 5 hours
- Exxat: Prism Training: May 3, 2023 – 8 hours
- Elite Basketball Rehab Conference: July 2023 - 13 hours
- FSBPT: The when, how, and why of the 2024 NPTE redesign: November 2023 – 1 hour
- Rodeo Medicine Conference: Hip and hand courses: December 2023 – 2 hours
- ACAPT-SITrEP Certification: Feb-March 2024 – 30 hours
- Adriaan Louw: Education About Pain: March 29, 2024 – 6 hours

- UNLV Athletics: Sports Performance Panel: April 16, 2024 – 1 hour
- Healthy Sim: Location for Sim Debrief: Online training: April 2024 – 1 hour
- UNLV PT DEI Club: LGBTQUIA in healthcare: April 2024 – 1 hour
- UNLV PT: Class of 2024 Doctoral Presentations: May 9, 2024 – 4 hours
- Healthy Sim: Evaluation and Measurement of Clinical Simulation: June 4, 2024 – 1 hour
- Rebel Learn: Diversity, Equity, and Belonging: July 24, 2024-1.5 hours

Current Teaching Responsibilities in the Entry-Level DPT Program

- AY 2023-24
 - Fall 2023
 - DPT 730L-Foundations Lab
 - DPT 774-Psychosocial Aspects of Physical Therapy
 - DPT 785L-Musculoskeletal III Lab
 - Spring 2024
 - DPT 732 – Therapeutic Exercise
 - DPT 732L – Therapeutic Exercise Lab
 - DPT 748 -- Pharmacology
 - DPT 765 – Supervised Clinical Education V
 - Summer 2024
 - DPT 789 – Musculoskeletal IV