

## Elizabeth Koss

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### Education

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio  
Masters of Occupational Therapy, December 2016  
Ph.D. in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, December 2019  
Cumulative GPA: 3.949/4.0

Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Missouri  
Bachelors of Arts in Psychology Honors, December 2013  
Cumulative GPA: 3.69/4.0  
Academic achievements: Dean's List, Psychology Honor Society (Psi Chi)

### Leadership Experience

LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities), Columbus, OH  
Trainee, August 2015 to present

- Duties include performing assessments of children and interviewing family members at Nisonger Center's Interdisciplinary Developmental Disabilities Clinic for 4 hours per week with 1 child each week
- Communicate and collaborate with a variety of individuals from other disciplines and healthcare professions
- Involved in service with children, adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities
- Created 12 lesson plans based upon the SkillsStreaming curriculum for adolescents with Autism to promote development of social skills for the Autism and Shakespeare study
  - Co-author at a poster presentation at AAIDD's 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Annual Conference, June 2016
- Implement weekly lesson plans for 11 adolescents with Autism, while encouraging role playing, discussion among peers, and resolving any conflicts or behaviors that occur
- Designed and implemented an in-service for Nisonger Center's Early Childhood Education Center staff on sensory processing differences and the research supporting the use of the Sensory Profile-2
- Selected a mealtime curricula based on current literature to meet the Early Childhood Education Center's needs, designed and implemented an in-service for the staff, and implement a selection of lessons from the curricula in each classroom
- 28 hours of observation at Nationwide Children's specialty clinics including the neonatal follow up clinic, Myelomeningocele clinic, feeding clinic, behavior clinic, Cerebral Palsy clinic, the International Adoption clinic, and Developmental Disabilities clinic in Columbus and Dublin, Ohio from September 2015 to January 2016

Association of University Center's on Disabilities

- Virtual Trainee, August 2016 to Present
  - Utilize a variety of web-based platforms including social media, e-mail listserv, websites, and webinars to share information with trainees in the AUCD network
  - Work with trainee liaisons from each Center and Program to enhance the reach of our collaboration
  - Assist with planning and execution of trainee-focused activities at AUCD's annual conference and Disability Policy Seminar
  - Serve as a trainee representative to the broader AUCD network

Student Occupational Therapy Association, Columbus, Ohio

- President, April 2015 to March 2016
- First Year Liaison, August 2014 to April 2015

Ambassador for the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Columbus, Ohio

- Occupational Therapy Ambassador, January 2016 to May 2016

National Alliance on Mental Illness, Columbus, Ohio

- Certified Gatekeeper Trainer for Suicide Prevention, August 2014 to Present

Council of Exceptional Children, St. Charles, Missouri

- Treasurer, August 2011 to May 2012

### Research Experience

Baby-CHAMPS (Children with Hemiparesis Arm and Hand Movement Project) study, Columbus, OH  
Ph.D. Student, January 2016 to Present

- Assist in the administration of the Assisting Hand Assessment and the Bayley's Scale of Infant and Toddler Development on infants and toddlers age 6 to 24 months with Cerebral Palsy
- Assist in the coding of the kinematics assessment for infants and toddlers ages 6 to 24 months with Cerebral Palsy
- Assist in the correct scoring of videos of the implementation of the Bayley's Scale of Infant and Toddler Development on infants and toddlers age 6 to 24 months with Cerebral Palsy

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### Honors and Awards

- 2016 Outstanding MOT Graduate Student of the Year Award, May 2016
- Nisonger Center Research Fund Awardee \$500, October 2016

### Presentations and Publications

- Koss, E. A., Persch, A., Tanner, K. (2016, March). *Applying Evidence Based Practice in Pediatric-Constraint Induced Movement Therapy (P-CIMT)*. Poster session presented at the Family Hite Symposium, Columbus, OH.
- Bronston, A., Koss, E. A., Nahikian-Nelms, M., Tanner, K., Walton, K. (2016, April). *Early Childhood Mealtime Curricula: Adaptation for Inclusive Environments*. Poster session presented at the Ohio MCH Poster Session, Cincinnati, OH and at AUCD Annual Meeting 2016 in Washington, DC.
- Koss, E. A., Kirchner, R., Mallon, A., Tanner, K., Witwer, A. (2016, April). *Sensory Processing Screening and Education in Early Childhood Education*. Poster session presented at the Ohio MCH Poster Session, Cincinnati, OH.
- Dell'Armo, K., Mehling, M. H., Novak, L., Koss, E. A., Fricker, S. A., Tassé, M. J. (2016, June). *Skillstreaming and Autism Spectrum Disorder: An interdisciplinary approach to curriculum development for a novel social skills intervention*. Poster session presented at AAIDD's 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Conference.
- Koss, E. A., Mehling, M. H., Dell'Armo, K., Novak, L., Fricker, A., Tassé, M. J. (2016, November). *Social Skills Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*. Poster session presented at APHA 2016 Annual Meeting & Expo.
- Koss, E. A., Tanner, K., Kirchner, R., Mallon, A., Witwer, A. (2016, November). *Sensory Processing Screening and Education in Early Childhood Education*. Poster session presented at OCALICON 2016, Columbus, OH.

### Volunteer Experience

- Facilitate TOPS (Transitions Options in Postsecondary Settings) students in social outings and tutor at the academic center from August 2014 to Present
- Tour Guide for potential occupational therapy students, Columbus, Ohio, November 2015
- Assisted in set up, engagement with the children, and tear down for the Williams Syndrome Fall Party, Columbus, Ohio, November 2015
- Facilitated a mock speed dating session for adults with neurodevelopmental and other related disabilities, November 2015
- Cleaned the Ronald McDonald House, Columbus, Ohio, October 2014

### Advocacy Experience

- Occupational Therapy Capitol Hill Day, Washington, DC
  - Participant, November 2015
- Disability Policies Capitol Hill Day, Washington, DC
  - Participant, November 2015
  - Participant, April 2016
- DD Awareness and Advocacy Day, Columbus OH
  - Participant and volunteer, March 2016

### Pediatric Occupational Therapy Experience, Columbus, OH

#### Level 1 Fieldwork Experience

Ohio State University's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, October 2015 to November 2015

- Worked with premature infants, infants with drug exposure, infants with cleft palate, and infants with failure to thrive (40 hours)

Bridgeway Academy, January 2016 to April 2016

- Working with children ages 3 to 8 with Autism Spectrum Disorders (40 hours)

Nationwide Children's Hospitals Outpatient, Columbus, OH

Pediatric Specialization Student, July 2015 to August 2015

- Assisted an occupational therapist during the Constraint Induced Movement Therapy Camp with 4 children ages 4 to 6 with Cerebral Palsy
  - Planned and implemented interventions for group therapy session
- Assisted an occupational therapist during the Handwriting Camp with 4 children ages 4 to 6

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### **Level II Clinical Experience**

Nationwide Children's Hospitals Outpatient, Columbus, OH

- Evaluating, assessing, planning, and implementing appropriate treatment sessions for children with Cerebral Palsy, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Down syndrome, Developmental Delay, and Handwriting Delay
  - Planning and implementing treatment sessions and evaluations for an increasing case load
  - Providing family and client-centered care
  - Providing appropriate recommendations to families of patients including home programs and school recommendations
  - Communicating and collaborating with a variety of individuals from other disciplines and healthcare professions

The Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis, May 2016 to current

- Rehabilitate adults with spinal cord injuries, amputations, cancer, and deconditioning to help transition them from the hospital to home, a Skilled Nursing Facility, or alternative options.
  - Planned and implemented treatment sessions for an increasing case load
  - Implemented evaluations for an increasing case load
  - Provided appropriate recommendations and documentation for patients treated
  - Communicate and collaborate with a variety of individuals from other disciplines and healthcare professions

### **Home Health Experience**

Applied Behavioral Analysis, Dublin, Ohio

Therapist, August 2014 to December 2014

- Worked on home programs to develop social and life-skills for a 16 year old boy with Autism
- Documented his progress thoroughly and discussed with team members at monthly meetings ways to improve certain programs and aid in the success of our client

Respite Care, Saint Charles, Missouri

Therapist, August 2013 to May 2014

- Cared for a 20-year-old girl with Autism, Down syndrome, and Catatonia by initiating self-care activities. Core muscle strengthening activities and activities to increase attention

### **Additional Clinical Experience**

Level 1 Fieldwork Experience, Columbus, OH

Mount Carmel West's Behavioral Health Unit, May 2015

- Implemented a group therapy session and administered assessments for a patient with Depression

Regency Manor Rehab, August 2015 to May 2015

- Implemented various group activities and individual intervention plans

### **Occupational Therapy Office Experience**

- Leaps and Bounds, Inc., St. Charles, Missouri

Administrative Assistant, April 2011 to May 2014

- Answered phones, scheduled patients, and obtained initial client information that allowed me to check insurance benefits, obtain pre-certifications and in network gap requests, and explain a patient's insurance plan to them
- Inserted payments, called on incorrect claims, and wrote appeals for incorrect claims

### **Hospital Experience**

Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH

Transportation Orderly, September 2014 to March 2016

- Check medical record number and name, transport children, their families, and all of the necessary equipment from rooms to appointments
- Communicate effectively with doctors, nurses, surgeons, patient care assistants, and unit clerks to ensure you have all the necessary supplies and documents while transporting patients in a timely manner
- Awarded Employee of the Month for January, 2015

Lindenwood University's Health Center, St. Charles, Missouri

Nurse Assistant, August 2012 to May 2013

- Keyed patients' information, obtained the vitals of patients, and sanitized office areas and clinical rooms