



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Brandon James Walker, OTD, OTR/L**

**Date:** January 10, 2025  
**School:** School of Allied Health Professions  
**Department/Program:** Department of Occupational Therapy  
  
**Current Title:** Clinical Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy  
  
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**Initial Appointment at LSUHSC Date:** August 20, 2020  
**Current Academic Rank:** Clinical Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy  
**Date of Appointment to Current Rank:** August 20, 2020

### **Education:**

**Undergraduate:** Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology:  
 Concentration in Exercise Science  
 University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
 Lafayette, LA  
 May 2011  
  
**Graduate:** Master of Occupational Therapy  
 Louisiana State University Health - Shreveport  
 Shreveport, LA  
 August 2015  
  
 Doctor of Occupational Therapy  
 Texas Woman's University  
 Denton, TX  
 May 2019

**Internship**

Level II – Fieldwork Rotation  
Parkland Hospital, Dallas, TX  
January 2015 – March 2015

Our Children's House at Baylor, Dallas, TX  
March 2015 – May 2015

**Certification:**

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy  
Certification # 347551, Active: 08/26/2015 – 03/31/2027

**Licensure:**

Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners  
License #117127  
09/01/2015 – 07/31/2020 (Expired)

Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners  
License #322204  
03/23/2020 – 07/31/2025

**Academic, Professional, and Research Appointments:****Academic Appointments:**

Adjunct Professor, School of Occupational Therapy, Texas Woman's University,  
Dallas, Texas, 01/2020 – 06/2020

Adjunct Professor, School of Allied Health Professions, Louisiana State  
University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 08/2020 – 04/2021

Clinical Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy, School of Allied Health  
Professions, Louisiana State University Health, New Orleans, 04/2021 - Present

**Professional Appointments:**

Staff Occupational Therapist II, 08/2015 – 06/2020  
Children's Health  
Dallas, Texas

Flex Occupational Therapist, 06/2020 – 09/2021  
New Orleans East Hospital  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**Awards and Honors:**

2023 LSU Health Faculty Assembly Outstanding Service to the Institution Award –  
Nominee, LSU Health – New Orleans

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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### **Course/Clerkship/Residency or Fellowship/CME Directorships**

**Co-Director – OT 5163 Foundations of Occupational Therapy Practice**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Texas Woman's University, Denton Texas, Teaching Practicum, 2018

**Director – OT 5001 Appraising OT Evidence**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Texas Woman's University, Dallas, Texas, 2020

**Director – OCCT 6512 Occupational Performance Across the Life Span**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2021

**Co-Director – OCCT 6410 Concepts of Occupation**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2021

**Director – OCCT 6720 Principles of Practice: Early Life**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2021

**Director – OCCT 6450 Measurement and Evaluation**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2021

**Director – OCCT 6512 Occupational Performance Across the Life Span**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2022

**Director – OCCT 6432 Assistive Technology**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2022

**Director – OCCT 6720 Principles of Practice: Early Life**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2022

**Director – OCCT 6450 Measurement and Evaluation**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2022

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**Director – OCCT 6410 Concepts of Occupation**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2024

**Director – OCCT 6720 Principles of Practice: Early Life**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2024

**Director – OCCT 6450 Occupation-Based Practice: Pediatrics I**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2024

**Director – OCCT 6410 Concepts of Occupation**, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2025

UT Southwestern School of Physical Therapy, Invited Lecturer, Fine Motor Skill Development, 5/24/2018.

UT Southwestern School of Physical Therapy, Invited Lecturer, Fine Motor Skill Development, 5/25/2019.

LSUHSC, Interprofessional Preparation Program, Invited Lecturer, Child Development: Childhood and Adolescent, 11/9/2022.

LSUHSC, Interprofessional Preparation Program, Invited Lecturer, Child Development: Prenatal and Infant, 11/2/2022.

LSUHSC, School of Dentistry, Invited Lecturer, Treating Patients with Special Healthcare Needs, 3/2023.

LSUHSC, Department of Communication Disorders, Invited Lecturer, Considerations for Seating and Positioning, 6/2023.

LSUHSC, Department of Communication Disorders, Invited Lecturer, Considerations for Seating and Positioning, 6/2024.

## **Curriculum Development/Implementation**

LSU Health New Orleans, Department of Occupational Therapy Pediatric Curriculum

**Revised: August 2024**

Responsibilities involved in enhancing the pediatric occupational therapy (OT) curriculum included conducting a needs assessment to identify gaps, defining goals and specific learning objectives based on the assessment, and gathering necessary resources such as materials, faculty, and funding. This also involved reorganizing courses and lectures to better fit the new objectives, adding hands-on clinical experiences, and creating a dedicated pediatric clinic space for students. Additionally, educational strategies like lectures and hands-on activities were implemented. Continuous assessment of the curriculum's effectiveness was conducted to make necessary adjustments, ensuring alignment with ACOTE standards to meet the required educational benchmarks.

### **Undergraduate, Medical, or Graduate Student Research Projects:**

Gibbons, B. (2021-2022). Impact of technology-guided mindfulness on mental health in adolescents. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2022, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Capstone advisor).

Shepherd, M. (2022-2023). Examination of current program design methods of interdisciplinary feeding clinics. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2023, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Capstone advisor).

Anding, H., Bergeron, C., Loetzerich, K., Matherne, S., Hurtado, Y., Smith, J. (2023) Mindful habits: A study protocol. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2023, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Capstone advisor).

Hurley, E., Pham, R., Ruch, O., Spring, S., Wannamaker, R., (2024). Fun with food: A cooking intervention for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2024, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Capstone advisor).

Boyd, S., Brown, C., Johnson, I., McCullough, M., Steger, K., Williamson, E. (2024). Effect of a student pediatric telehealth clinic on MOT students' feelings of competence and confidence. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2024, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Capstone advisor).

Steger, K. (2023-2024). Student perceptions of competence with delivering pediatric telehealth occupational therapy services. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2024, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Capstone advisor).

Deichman, N., Montgomery, H., Nash, E., DeLaune, A., Medica, M. (2025). Fun with food: An occupation-based intervention for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Capstone advisor).

Alfonso, C., Coleman, K., Wimberly, O., Segalla, B., Titus, E. (2025). Effect of a student pediatric clinic on MOT students' feelings of competence and Confidence. Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Capstone advisor).

#### **Formal Mentoring and Advisor:**

**Kamber LeBlanc** – MPH, 2021. Maternal Child Health Nutrition Leadership Trainee, Tulane School of Public Health

**Jaleh Kermani**– MPH, 2021. Maternal Child Health Nutrition Leadership Trainee, Tulane School of Public Health

**Tiwani Oseni**– MPH, 2022. Maternal Child Health Nutrition Leadership Trainee, Tulane School of Public Health

**Courtney Roberts** – MOT, 2024. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

**Emma Williamson** – MOT, 2024. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

**Rebecca Wannamaker** – MOT, 2024. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

**Drew Tran** – MOT, 2024. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

**Imani Johnson** – MOT, 2023. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

**Rachel Pham** – MOT, 2023. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

**Kirsten Steger**– MOT, 2023. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

#### **Thesis, Clinical Doctoral Projects, and/or Dissertation Committees:**

Graduate Thesis Committee Member - Freeland, L. (2022). Co-treatment to improve joint attention in young children with autism, Department of Communication Disorders, LSU Health New Orleans

### **RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Grants and Contracts:**

##### **Funded**

1. Critical Thinking: A Program Review of Allied Health Students. Guidry, M., Majoue, M, Lopez, L, **Walker, B.**, Hoang, T., Yu, Q.

LSUHSC School of Allied Health Professions Dean's Intramural Grants Program  
\$10,000  
Co-Investigator

2. ECHO Space Kids Grant. Early Childhood Opportunity (ECHO) Fund  
\$47,360  
Consultant

### **Major Area of Research Interest:**

My research focuses on the impact of technology-guided mindfulness on mental health in adolescents, program design methods of interdisciplinary feeding clinics, and the effectiveness of student pediatric telehealth clinics on occupational therapy students' competence and confidence. Recently, I have developed an interest in faculty development, particularly in mentorship and support programs for educators. I am interested in exploring the positive outcomes of mentorship programs for both mentors and mentees, highlighting the importance of support and connection in academic settings.

### **Journal Publications:**

#### **Refereed:**

1. **Walker, B. J.**, Washington, F., Early, D., Poskey, G. A. (2020). Parents' experiences with implementing therapy home programs for children with down syndrome: A scoping review. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 34(1), 85-98. Impact Factor: 0.91

#### **Non-refereed**

1. Zachry, A. **Walker, B.**, Nunez, F. (2024). AESIS educator mentorship program benefits. *OT Practice*, 29(5), 37-39.

#### **H-Index/indices:**

1. Occupational Therapy in Health Care - h-index: 28

### **Scientific Presentations/Published Abstracts/Oral Sessions and Posters:**

#### **Poster**

#### **National:**

1. Walker, B. (2022). Impact of a Mindfulness Intervention of Adolescents with Obesity: A Feasibility Study Protocol. Association of University Centers of Disabilities National Conference, Washington, DC.

### **Editorial Posts and Activities:**

#### **Reviewer:**

Revised: August 2024

Journal of Religion and Health, 2023 - Present

## **SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **University/Institutional Service:**

#### **LSUHSC (campus) committees:**

Center of Excellence Steering Committee – Member, 08/2023 - Present

Faculty Appeals Committee – Member, 12/2024 - Present

Faculty Senate – Senator, 08/2024 – Present

HSC Institutional Effectiveness Committee – Member, 01/2025 - Present

#### **School committees:**

Diversity Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Member, 2021-2022

Clinics Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Member, 2022-2023

Diversity Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health – Co-Chair, 2022-2023

Professional Development Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Member, 2023-Present

Strategic Planning Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Member, 2023-Present

Faculty Assembly, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Vice President, 2023-2024

Strategic Planning Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Chair, 2024-Present

Faculty Assembly, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - President, 2024- Present

#### **Departmental committees**

Recruitment Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy – Member, 2021 - Present

Admissions Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy – Member, 2021 – Present

Curriculum Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy – Member, 2021 – Present



Recruitment Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy – Chair, 2022 - Present

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy – Chair, 2023 - Present

**Special assignments – ad hoc task forces/working groups, projects, etc.**

**School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP)**

Course Evaluation Task Force, LSU Health New Orleans

Responsible for organizing and scheduling meetings to assess and improve course offerings. This involved coordinating with team members, preparing and organizing necessary materials, and ensuring that all aspects of the evaluation process were efficiently managed.

Duplication of SAHP Course Task Force, LSU Health New Orleans

Responsibilities included organizing and scheduling meetings, coordinating with administrators in both the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) and the School of Public Health (SPH), and effectively communicating information with faculty and administration.

SAHP Faculty Orientation, LSU Health New Orleans

Responsible for communicating with key administrators to ensure all necessary information was conveyed. Organized presentation and created detailed schedule were created to guide the orientation process. Additionally, event marketing and advertising efforts were coordinated to ensure a smooth and informative orientation, helping SAHP faculty members integrate into the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP).

SAHP Strategic Planning Retreat, LSU Health New Orleans

Key responsibilities included organizing and facilitating the retreat to ensure productive discussions and outcomes. Coordinating with key stakeholders (faculty, staff, administration), scheduling meetings, preparing and organizing materials, and ensuring effective communication throughout the planning process. The retreat aimed to develop strategic initiatives and goals for the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP), fostering collaboration and alignment among faculty, staff, and administration.

SAHP Departmental Orientation Checklist, LSU Health New Orleans

Collaborated with administrators to develop and disseminate a comprehensive checklist for all SAHP departments to ensure a smooth onboarding process for new faculty.

SAHP Faculty Profile Database Initiative, LSU Health New Orleans

Led the development of a database to maintain detailed faculty profiles, enhancing internal communication and fostering mentorship opportunities for SAHP faculty.

**Occupational Therapy Department**

OT Department Recruitment, LSU Health New Orleans

Contributed to recruitment efforts by creating a departmental brochure and organizing mock interviews for prospective OT students to help them prepare for their professional careers.

**State/Regional Service:**

OTA Advisory Board, Delgado Community College  
Member, 2023 - Present

**National Service:**

Leadership Development Committee, Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions  
Member, 2023 - Present

**Clinical Service:**

Development of Pediatric Occupational Therapy Clinic

Responsibilities included initiating and planning the pediatric clinic by conducting a needs assessment to identify gaps in pediatric OT services on campus and collaborating with university administration and stakeholders to secure funding and resources. The clinic setup involved designing and equipping the space with necessary equipment and supplies, ensuring a child-friendly environment, and establishing protocols and procedures for clinic operations. Implemented various service delivery approaches, incorporating direct therapy and family education programs. Additionally, developed and integrated telehealth services to provide remote therapy sessions, ensuring continuity of care for clients unable to attend in person, and trained students on telehealth platforms and best practices.

**Membership in Professional Organizations:**

American Occupational Therapy Association, 2013 – Present

Texas Occupational Therapy Association, 2015 – 2020

Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association, 2020 - Present

**Administrative Responsibilities:**

**LSUHSC:**

**Faculty Senate (June 2024 – Present)**

As a SAHP Faculty Senator, responsibilities include representing the faculty and communicating their concerns and recommendations to the Chancellor and administration. The role involves participating in the formulation and approval of policies affecting the LSUHSC-NO

community. Faculty Senators serve on the Faculty Senate for a three-year term, with eligibility for re-election for one additional term. Attend regular monthly meetings and any special meetings as required.

#### **School:**

##### **Faculty Assembly President (June 2024 – Present)**

As the President of the Faculty Assembly, responsibilities include leading Assembly activities, preparing agendas, and presiding over meetings. The President appoints committee members and coordinates with the Dean. They ensure effective communication of Assembly decisions and serve as an ex-officio member of the Dean's Executive Committee. Additionally, the President represents the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) in the LSUHSC Faculty Senate.

##### **Faculty Assembly Vice-President (2023 – June, 2024)**

As the Vice-President (President-Elect) of the Faculty Assembly, responsibilities include supporting the President and assuming their duties in their absence. The Vice-President chairs the Faculty Assembly Constitution and Bylaws Committee and prepares to serve as President in the following academic year. Additionally, the Vice-President serves a three-year term on the Faculty Senate concurrently.

#### **Departmental:**

##### **Faculty Search Committee – Chair (2023 – Present)**

As the search committee chair, responsibilities include leading the committee, organizing meetings, and ensuring the search process adheres to institutional policies and timelines. This role involves disseminating job posting, and actively engaging in outreach to attract a diverse pool of candidates. The chair oversees the review of applications, ensuring a fair and thorough evaluation of candidates' qualifications and fit for the department. Additionally, the chair coordinates the interview process, including scheduling, reviewing and disseminating interview questions, and facilitating candidate visits. Finally, the chair synthesizes feedback from the search committee and presents final recommendations to the department head for hiring decisions.

#### **Community Service Activities:**

##### **Mommyfluent's Play and Learn Event, July 2024**

Participated as an occupational therapy expert, providing on-site coaching and advice to families during 45-minute play and coaching blocks. Engaged with families to demonstrate the benefits of exploratory play for child development.

##### **Wash Your Wheels Event - Split Second Foundation, April 2024**

Volunteered at the event, assisting in cleaning and maintaining mobility devices for attendees. Provided support and information to individuals regarding the care of their mobility equipment.

**MLK Day of Service, January 2024**

Volunteered at the event, assisting with distributing handouts and resources to attendees, contributing to the community service activities in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Continuing Education Courses Attended:**

CANEAT Approach Using Medical, Motor, & Therapy Strategies in Pediatric Feeding, Virtual Attendee (2022)

LSU Faculty Colloquium, Baton Rouge, LA (2023)

AOTA Academic Education Special Interest Section New Educator Mentorship Program (2023)

AOTA Inspire Conference Courses 2023, St. Louis, MO (2023)

Implementing Current Research into Everyday Practice: A Review of LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans Capstone Projects, New Orleans, LA (2023)

AOTA Specialty Conference - Children & Youth, New Orleans, LA (2023)

AOTA Leadership 360, Virtual Attendee (2023)

LSU Faculty Colloquium, Baton Rouge, LA (2024)

LSUHSC School of Nursing Leadership Scholars Academy, New Orleans, LA (2024)

American Red Cross Training Services - Basic Life Support (2024)