

Dr. Diana Bubanja, DPT, CLCP, CFCE

Doctor of Physical Therapy

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2012-2013 Life Care Planner Certification Program
Capital University Law School, Columbus, OH
2005. Doctorate in Physical Therapy
Boston University, Boston, MA
- 1985-1987 Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy
Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA
1985. Graduate Studies in Occupational Therapy
San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
1983. Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and Physical Education
California State Hayward, Hayward, CA

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Physical Therapist (CA License #14646)
Certified Life Care Planner (Certification #1205)
Certified Functional Capacity Evaluator with BTE and JTech Systems
Certificate of Completion Universal Class Medical Billing IACET
Active CPR Certification

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Functional Capacity Evaluator, Life Care Planner, Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Consultant, and Owner

Center for Career Evaluations (5/2012 to 4/2021), dba CORE Services (4/2021 to present), Pleasant Hill, CA

Duties included the provision of Functional Capacity Evaluations, Life Care Plans, Job Analyses, Home Care Assessments, Loss of Household Services, Standards of Care in Physical Rehabilitation, and Expert Witness Services in Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice, Long-Term Disability, Maritime, and Workers' Compensation matters. Dr. Bubanja designs a comprehensive battery of objective performance-based tests that are standardized, job specific, and customized, in order to determine an individual's work-related abilities and limitations. Dr. Bubanja also develops written rebuttal reports or written documents for cross examination for Functional Capacity Evaluations of opposing experts. Dr. Bubanja utilizes her rehabilitation background, experience, training, and knowledge of healthcare to identify and address medical and rehabilitation related services and associated costs for individuals with catastrophic injuries, as well as

damages for all levels of injuries. Dr. Bubanja also evaluates the Life Care Plans of opposing experts and develops alternative opinions related to medical treatment and cost assessment. She can also prepare questions for deposition or trial examination, provide litigation consultation specific to settlement offers, and assist with case resolution.

Functional Capacity Evaluation Consultant and Owner

Industrial Care Consultants, Oakland, CA (2011-2012)

Provided outpatient physical therapy services, Functional Capacity Evaluations, ergonomic work-site evaluations and training, as well as home care assessments and expert witness services for Workers' Compensation cases.

Physical Therapist

Washington Care Rehabilitation Skilled Nursing Facility, San Leandro, CA (2010-2012)

Provided physical therapy services to neurologic and orthopedic individuals in a skilled nursing facility. Collaborated with physicians, rehabilitation specialists, and medical social workers.

In-Home Physical Therapist

Professional Health Care at Home, Pleasant Hill, CA (2007-2010)

Duties included home-based physical therapy services for individuals with neurological, orthopedic, and pulmonary diagnoses. Participated in team meetings and collaborated with physicians, nurses, occupational therapists, and medical social workers, as well as case manager and home care attendants.

Physical Therapist and Owner

Momentum Physical Therapy, Oakland and Richmond, CA (1999–2007)

Duties included outpatient physical therapy services to individuals with orthopedic and neurologic conditions, as well as hand therapy, aquatic therapy, sports rehabilitation, sports work conditioning, work hardening, and Functional Capacity Evaluations.

Physical Therapist

Home Health Plus, East Bay, CA (1990-2000)

Provided home-based services for individuals with neurologic, orthopedic, cardiac, and pulmonary conditions.

Director and Physical Therapist

Parkview Convalescent Hospital, Rehabilitation Department, Hayward, CA (1989-1990)

Supervised a staff of physical, occupational, and speech therapists, provided in-service training, coordinated program development, and provided physical therapy services in a skilled nursing facility.

Physical Therapist

Physical Therapy Registries, San Diego and Beverly Hills, CA (1987-1990)

Duties included physical therapy services in both acute hospital and outpatient orthopedic settings.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Curriculum Developer and Instructor

Career Smart Learning, Brea, CA (2012-2013)

Developed curriculum and presentations for three training modules: Measuring the Fifth Vital Sign: Pain-FCE Module: ISYS Continuing Education Program. The course information was used to train nurse case managers, claim adjusters, and vocational rehabilitation counselors in the use of Functional Capacity Evaluations and the assessment and measurement of acute and chronic pain.

PUBLICATIONS

Pending publication of Life Care Planning Across the Lifespan, 5th Edition, The Role of the Physical Therapist in Life Care Planning; the work edited by Tanya Rutherford Owen, Mary Barros-Bailey, and Roger Weed ('the editor').

Revision of Standards of Practice for Life Care Planning, 4th Edition, 2020-2022; revision committee.

International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, 2019 Journal of Life Care Planning, Vol. 17, No. 1, "What Life Care Planners Need to Know About the Professional Discipline of Physical Therapy."

CERTIFICATION COURSES

Available upon request.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)

International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP) – Life Care Planning Section