

MICHELLE VAN BILJON, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science, Occupational Therapy, University of Alberta, 1999

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

- Introduction to dialectical behaviour therapy for occupational therapy professionals- CAOT on-line course (2026)
- Exposure therapy for anxiety disorders: A beginner's guide for occupational therapy – CAOT webinar (2025)
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder – Strategies for Occupational Therapy – CAOT on-line course (2025)
- Functional Cognition; An Overview of Executive Function, Memory, Self-Awareness and Metacognition (2025)
- Certified Work Capacity Evaluator (2024)
- Progressive Goal Attainment Program (2024)
- Matheson Cognitive Functional Capacity Evaluation Course (2014, 2022)
- West Coast Brain Injury Conference (2023, 2022)
- Foundations in Brain Injury Rehabilitation: Mild to Moderate severity – CAOT (2022)
- Trauma-Informed Care – Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute (2022)
- BrainX Symposium – BrainTrust Canada (2021, 2019).
- Choosing the Right Cognitive Assessment in Post-Acute Care Setting – CAOT webinar (2020)
- Cognitive Rehabilitation Program Review – CBI Health Group (2020)
- Comprehensive Automotive Mobility Solutions for Health Professionals-Alliance Mobility (2019)
- Matheson Advanced Functional Capacity Evaluation Course (2018)
- Concussion Management Workshop Level 1, Concussion Rehab Works (2018)
- Cost of Future Care & Functional Testing: Preparing Defensible Life Care Plans, Jodi Fischer, OT (2015)
- Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Brain Injury and Rehabilitation: an overview - Centre for Neuroskills Continuing Education on-line course (2014)
- Enabling Occupation through the Assessment and Treatment of Cognitive Impairments in Adults - CAOT (2014)
- Ergonomic Products for Industrial Use, Crystal Mayfield/OT Valley Ergonomics (2012)
- Whole Body Vibration and Heavy Equipment Ergonomics, Judy Village, UBC School of Public and Population Health (2012)
- Power Mobility Training (2012)
- Matheson Functional Capacity Evaluation Certification Program (2008)

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Re:Function Health Group Inc.: 2022 to present

Registered Occupational Therapist

- Functional Capacity Evaluations, including Cognitive Functional Capacity Evaluations
- Medical Legal Functional Capacity Evaluation & Cost of Future Care Assessments & Reports
- Community Occupational Therapy Services
- Heavy Equipment Operator and Commercial Driving Assessments

Braintrust Canada: 2019 to 2023

Registered Occupational Therapist

- Provided occupational therapy services to clients in the Brain Health Program, including assessments, rehabilitation planning/goal setting; education; return to work support when required

Spectrum Rehabilitation/CBI: 2017 to 2022

Registered Occupational Therapist

- WorkSafeBC Functional Capacity Evaluations
- WorkSafeBC Heavy Equipment Operation & Commercial Driving Assessments
- WorkSafeBC Community Occupational Therapy (Brain Injury)
- WorkSafeBC Return to Work Support Services
- Medical Legal Functional Capacity Evaluation & Cost of Future Care Assessments & Reports
- ICBC Community Occupational Therapy Services

OrionHealth, Progressive Rehab: 2010 – 2017

Registered Occupational Therapist

- WorkSafeBC Functional Capacity Evaluations
- WorkSafeBC Return to Work Support Services
- WorkSafeBC Employee Risk Assessments and WCAT Risk Assessments
- Ergonomic Assessments
- Community Occupational Therapy services including hospital discharge planning and support, equipment assessment/prescription, home accessibility and modifications; case coordination

OrionHealth, Vancouver Pain Clinic: 2005 - 2010

Registered Occupational Therapist

- Chronic Pain Program
- WorkSafe BC Occupational Rehabilitation II and ASTD program
- Job site visits and development and monitoring of graduated return to work plans

Mental Health Residential Services: 2002 – 2004

Registered Occupational Therapist

- Psychosocial Rehabilitation based assessments and treatment plans
- Liaising with mental health teams and other community agencies to advocate and access services for consumers. Administrative duties, supervision of peer support workers and maintenance of statistics

Richmond Hospital: 1999 – 2002

Occupational Therapist Grade I

- Outpatient services for the Arthritis Program
- Fabrication of basic hand splints and foot orthotics
- Assessing cognitive, physical, and functional abilities of older adults with acute mental illness
Planning treatment and providing interventions and discharge planning
- Dysphagia screening

DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCIES

Functional Capacity Evaluations

- Experienced using standardized, evidenced based functional testing equipment
- Able to use job demand task analysis to develop meaningful and specific work simulation work circuits to incorporate in functional testing
- Able to interpret functional test measures and forecast return to work capacity

Community Adult Rehabilitation:

- Physical, psychosocial, and cognitive assessments, recommendations and implementing of rehabilitation treatment plans
- Job site visits; workplace ergonomic assessments; equipment recommendations and set-up of equipment; return to work planning and monitoring
- Home Safety Assessments with recommendation, training and provision of mobility aids, adaptive equipment and community resources to optimize client safety in the home

Expert Witness

- Accepted as an Expert Witness for Occupational Therapy, Functional Capacity Evaluation and Cost of Future Care into the Supreme Court of British Columbia in March 2023
- Accepted as an Expert Witness for Functional Capacity Evaluation into the Supreme Court of British Columbia in March 2016