

CHERYL BLACK, OT, CWCE

EDUCATION

- Certificate in Psychiatric Vocational Rehabilitation, **Boston University**, 2006
- Bachelor of Science, Occupational Therapy, **Dalhousie University**, 1994

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- College of Occupational Therapists of British Columbia
- Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
- World Federation of Occupational Therapists

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

- Trauma-Focused Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) workshop, 2025
- 17th Annual Brain Injury Conference, University Health Network, Toronto, ON, 2024
- Matheson Training: Advanced Functional Capacity Evaluation, 2024
- North American Brain Injury Society's 17th Annual Conference on Brain Injury: ABI2024 – Evidence Informed Best Practice: Injury Through Community Reintegration, 2024
- WorkSafe BC Health Professionals Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, 2024 and 2023
- NORA Neuro-optometric Annual Conference, Oregon, 2023
- Matheson Training: Office Ergonomics (Distance Education), 2021
- Montreal Cognitive Assessment Training and Certification, 2021
- Roy Matheson and Associates: Cognitive Rehabilitation for Practicing Clinicians, 2019
- Concussion Symposium for Lawyers, Insurers, Judges and Clinicians presented by Canadian Concussion Centre, Toronto Western Hospital, in partnership with the Law Society of Ontario, Toronto, ON, 2018
- Canadian Association of Occupational Therapy workshop, "An occupational approach to cognitive rehabilitation", Vancouver, September 2017
- WorkSafe BC Health Professionals Conference, Vancouver, BC, June 2017
- The Multiple Errands Test: Developing, Administering and Scoring Site-Specific Versions, Toronto, ON, November 2016
- Trial Lawyers of British Columbia Soft Tissue Injury Conference, Vancouver, 2016
- Cognitive Functional Capacity Evaluation, Las Vegas, NV, February 2016
- WorkSafe BC Health Professionals Conference, Vancouver, BC, September 2015
- The Nuts and Bolts of Sustainable Return to Work Programs, Vancouver, 2014
- WorkSafe BC Health Professionals Conference, Vancouver, BC, September 2014
- Functional Capacity Evaluation, Roy Matheson and Associates, September 2013,
- Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, June 2013
- WorkSafe BC Health Care Professionals Conference, Vancouver, BC, June 2013,
- 5th National Spinal Cord Injury Conference, Toronto, ON, October 2012
- International Seating Symposium, Vancouver BC, March 2012
- 32nd Annual Neurorehabilitation Conference, Cambridge, MA, November 2011
- Home Modifications for the Injured Worker, WorkSafe BC, Vancouver BC, February 2011
- International Seating Symposium, Vancouver BC, March 2010
- Evaluating Cognition: Memory, Attention, and Dysexecutive Syndrome 2009
- Walker Prescription and Assessment, Evolution Technologies, 2008, Victoria, BC
- Functional Capacity Evaluation, Roy Matheson and Associates, 2008, Nashville

- US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association Annual conference 2006, Phoenix, AZ
- Motivational Interviewing, Vancouver Island Health Authority, 2006
- US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association Annual conference 2005, Pittsburgh, PA
- Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner, US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Assoc. 2005
- Code White Response training, Crisis Prevention Institute, 2002
- Seating and Mobility Workshops (Metro Health Services, NB), 1999, 2000
- Introduction to NDT: Managing the Upper Extremity, Detroit, MI, April 2000
- Recovering Function: Motor Relearning Program, NB, March 1999
- American Association of Occupational Therapists Cognitive Rehabilitation Distance Education Course, 1995

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Re: Function Health Group Inc.: 2008 to present

Senior Registered Occupational Therapist

Manager of Recruitment

- Medical Legal Functional/Work Capacity Evaluation
- Medical Legal Cost of Future Care Assessments
- Medical Legal File Critique
- Cognitive Functional Capacity Evaluation
- Job Demands Analysis
- Return to Work Support Services
- Community Occupational Therapy

VIHA Home & Community Care & Senior's Outpatient Clinic Programs: 2008 to 2013

Occupational Therapist

- Seating and Mobility Assessments
- Cognitive Assessments
- Home Safety Assessments

VIHA Rehabilitation Services, Mental Health and Addictions: 2005 to 2008

Occupational Therapist

- Coordination and Supervision of contracted Community Rehabilitation programs
- Vocational Rehabilitation Program Design and Coordination
- Staff and Contractor education

Seven Oaks Psychiatric Rehabilitation Facility: 2002 to 2005

Occupational Therapist and Activity Department Supervisor

- Design and provision of individual and group rehabilitation programs
- Vocational Rehabilitation including functional assessment, development of vocational readiness, liaising with business and volunteer agencies to develop vocational opportunities, job coaching

- Cognitive assessment and Rehabilitation

Royal Jubilee Hospital – Older Adult Health: 2001 to 2002

Occupational Therapist

- Assessment of Cognitive and Perceptual function
- ADL/IADL assessments
- Seating and mobility assessment and prescription
- Home Safety Assessments

Nipigon District Memorial Hospital, Nipigon, ON: 2001 to 2002

Sole Charge Occupational Therapist

- Workplace Risk Factor Assessments
- Splinting
- Assessment of Cognitive and Perceptual function
- Seating and Mobility assessments
- Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Walton Centre for Neurorehabilitation, St. James Hospital, UK: 2000 to 2001

Senior Occupational Therapist (locum)

- Development and provision of neurorehabilitation programs
- Home assessments and Environmental Modifications
- Assessment of Cognitive and Perceptual function
- Seating and Mobility assessments

Saint John Regional Hospital and Centracare sites, Saint John, NB: 1994 to 2000

Occupational Therapist

- Assessment of cognitive and perceptual Assessments
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Brain Injury Rehabilitation
- Seating and Mobility assessments, prescription and equipment training
- Assessment of ADL/IADL functional

DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCIES

Functional Capacity Evaluations:

- Accepted as an Expert Witness in Occupational Therapy and Functional Capacity Evaluations in the Supreme Court of British Columbia
- Certified Work Capacity Evaluator
- EPIC Lift Capacity Certified Evaluator
- Experienced in assessment of client's ability to manage both physical and cognitive functional demands of target occupations
- Able to draw on experience conducting hundreds of job site visits and job demands analyses to develop meaningful and valid work simulation testing
- Able to interpret functional test findings and provide opinion on work capacity
- Skilled at identifying need for task modifications or accommodations during return to work planning

Return-to-Work Planning and Support:

- Effective in coordination and facilitation of return to work planning meetings with involved stakeholders
- Skilled at objective and comprehensive analysis and measurement of job demands for development of return to work plans as well as provision of opinion on worker's ability to meet the functional demands of their job
- Able to perform risk factor analyses to identify risk factors for workplace injury
- Committed to providing ongoing support to the worker and employer throughout the return to work process
- WorkSafeBC Return to Work Support Services Contractor
- Certified CPR and First Aid Training

Community Adult Rehabilitation:

- Extensive experience in assessment and recommendations related to power and manual wheelchairs, environmental modifications, home support and adaptive equipment to optimize client safety and function in the home
- WorkSafeBC Community Occupational Therapy Services Contractor