

**ANGIE BLAZKOWSKI MCISc, OT Reg(Ont), CCLCP**  
Occupational Therapist  
Certified Life Care Planner  
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**EXPERIENCE PROFILE**

- Experience with ABI/Neuro, spinal cord injury, dual diagnosis, complex orthopedic, soft tissue injuries, and chronic pain. Working with pediatric, adult, and geriatric populations.
- Comprehensive knowledge in addressing cognitive and psychosocial conditions and their implication for functional capacity.
- Experience in hand therapy, repetitive strain injuries, and splinting.
- Strong attendant care and in-home assessment skills.
- Physical and/or cognitive demands analysis, FAE assessment, and case coordination in facilitating a return to work process.
- Skilled in the application of barrier free design to housing and accessibility assessments for clients with physical and cognitive impairments.
- Member of the Brain Injury Association of London Board of Directors
- Recognized as an Expert Witness in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice for FAE and FCC

**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- Canadian Certified Life Care Planner
- College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario registration # G0104652
- Assistive Devices Program authorizer – wheelchair and mobility

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

- University of Florida 2010  
**Life Care Planning Certificate**
- University Centre for Research on Pain and Disability; Toronto, ON 2008  
**Progressive Goal Attainment Program Certificate**
- Roy Matheson and Associates Inc.; Toronto, ON 2007  
**Advanced Critical Thinking Skills – FCE**
- Roy Matheson and Associates Inc.; Toronto, ON 2004  
**Functional Capacity Evaluation Certificate Program**
- The University of Western Ontario; London, ON 2001  
**Masters of Clinical Science – Occupational Therapy**
- The University of Western Ontario; London, ON 1998  
**Honors Bachelor of Arts – Psychology**

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- International Academy of Life Care Planners
- International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals
- Ontario Society of Occupational Therapist
- Brain Injury Association of London and Region
- Ontario Brain Injury Association

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**BLAZK REHABILITATION and CONSULTING:** London, ON 2010 - Present  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Future care cost analysis and life care planning for catastrophic and chronic health care needs. Assessment, review and interpretation of FAE's and return to work recommendations. Housing and accessibility assessments applying barrier free design principles for environmental modifications. Occupational therapy assessment and rehabilitation for clients with ABI and neurological deficits, multiple orthopedic and musculoskeletal injuries, chronic pain, and dual diagnosis. Detailed in-home attendant care needs assessments for cognitive and physical disability.

**PURSUIT HEALTH MANAGEMENT;** London, ON 2005 – 2010  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Provided occupational therapy assessment and rehabilitation to clients with ABI and neurological deficits, multiple orthopedic and musculoskeletal injuries, chronic pain, and dual diagnosis. Assessment, review and interpretation of FAE's and return to work recommendations. Detailed in-home attendant care needs assessments for cognitive and physical disability. Applying barrier free design principles for housing accessibility and environmental modifications. Completing FCC analysis for catastrophic and chronic health care needs.

**PARA MED;** London, ON 2002 – 2006  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Assess functional capacity, assistant care, equipment needs, mobility devices, home modifications and education needs for safety and independence. Provide education on transfers, mobility, pressure management, ADL function to clients, family members and support personnel.

**CORPORATE VITALITY;** St. Thomas, ON 2002 – 2005  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Provided out-patient hand therapy and splinting services. Facilitated in-patient rehabilitation for clients with ABI, CVA, Parkinson's, cardiac, degenerative neurological conditions and orthopedic surgery. Performed cognitive and functional assessments to determine safety, and attendant care needs.

**HOTEL DIEU-GRACE HOSPITAL;** Windsor, ON  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

2001 – 2002

Provided rehabilitation services to clients with ABI, spinal cord injury, CVA, lumbar surgery and complex orthopedic injuries. Prescribed physical and cognitive rehabilitation programs, splints, mobility aids and assistive devices. Evaluated long-term care needs and rehabilitation potential of clients, post traumatic injury.

**CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION;** St. Thomas, ON  
CRISIS INTERVENTION

1999-2001

Provided crisis intervention services to clients with psychiatric illnesses dealing with active symptoms, psychosocial issues and community reintegration. Facilitated development of social living skills, referrals and linkages to other community agencies and resources.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Whole Person Impairment, Insurance Institute, London, ON, June 2012
- Navigating Recovery, Brain Injury Conference, London, ON, June 2010
- Organized Stroke Tips & Tools: Cognition, Perception, Behavior. St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital, Chronic Care. October 2004.
- Organized Stroke Tips & Tools: Mobility and Transfers. St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital, Chronic Care. October 2004.
- Rehabilitation in Post Traumatic Injury. Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital, Windsor. January to June 2002.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Blazkowski, A. (2009). Barriers in Return to Work After Brain Injury. The Monarch. Brain Injury Association of London and Region, June 2009.

Blazkowski, A. (2010). Back to school survival guide for students with ABI. The Monarch Junior. Brain Injury Association of London and Region, June 2010.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- Life Care Planning Goods Ethical Pricing; Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators, London
- Fitness to Drive, Lisa Clubb, Toronto
- Bridging the Gap: Maintaining Mobility Through Assistive Technology, Toronto
- Brain Injury Association Annual Conference; London
- Accident Benefits – Attendant Care Benefits, Insurance Institute of Ontario, London
- Pain Science: Understanding, Evaluation, and Treatment; Sarnia

- Inter Urban Stroke Conference; London
- Organized Stroke Care Tips and Tools; Heart and Stroke Foundation, London
- Hand Therapy: Management of Stiff Joints; St. Johns Rehab Hospital, Toronto
- Wheelchair and Seating Assessment; Therapy Now, London
- Skin and Wound Management; Sheila Buck, London
- FIM; Assessment and Scoring; Hotel Dieu-Grace Hospital, Windsor
- Bobath Concepts: Normal Movement; Windsor Regional Hospital, Windsor
- Chedoke McMaster Stroke Assessment; Hotel Dieu-Grace Hospital, Windsor
- Splinting Fundamentals, Smith and Nephew; London
- PICS Crisis Intervention, St. Thomas Regional Mental Health; St. Thomas

### **TESTIMONY**

July 10, 2007. Kourtesis vs. Joris. Ontario Superior Court of Justice File no. 40740. Deemed expert witness in Functional Capacity Evaluation.

April 22, 2008. Nissan vs. McNamee. Ontario Superior Court of Justice File no. 45548. Deemed expert witness in Future Care Cost Assessment.

March 17, 2009. Dickerson vs. Carey's Pup & Radcliff. Ontario Superior Court of Justice File no. 47580. Deemed expert witness in Future Care Cost Assessment.

March 24, 2011. Brown vs. Campbell. Ontario Superior Court of Justice File no. 4787/2007. Deemed expert witness in Occupational Therapy and Functional Capacity Evaluation.