

Welcome to the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences web site. I am Martha Ferretti, Chairman of this dynamic Department... a department that is located on the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City and the University of Oklahoma Schusterman Campus in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is one of only four such academic health centers in the United States that has seven health related colleges. Consequently we enjoy the richness and excellence of the activities that occur on both of our beautiful campuses.

Our Department's commitment is to excellence in all that we do.

We focus on three major areas:

- 1. Quality education: we offer both the professional master's degree programs in occupational therapy and physical therapy; we offer a totally web based post-professional master's degree program for occupational therapy and physical therapy clinicians who wish to advance their education in the area of pediatrics; and we collaborate in our College of Allied Health's interdisciplinary PhD program.
- 2. Research and scholarship: our faculty are known regionally, nationally and internationally for their expertise. Many conduct research and are recognized for their publications in peer-reviewed journals. Our faculty engage in quantitative as well as qualitative research. Studies include examining the effect of using power mobility by toddler age children who otherwise would lack mobility; the development of an outcomes measure for school age children requiring related services; studying how to reduce obesity in Native American children; studying the impact on cognitive functions of adults with diabetes; conducting ethnographic studies of family dynamics.
- Professional service: our department has within it two of the 19 Centers of Excellence of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center:
 - The Lee Mitchener Tolbert Center for the Study of Developmental Disabilities
 - Located in this Center is the Oklahoma Autism Network, a statewide network dedicated to working with individuals who have disorders within the autism spectrum and their families.
 - This Center also hosts a statewide continuing education program focused on developmental disability programming for providers, families and clients, the STARS program.
 - The Oklahoma Assistive Technology Center – a statewide based program providing services, technical assistance, and education for individuals who can benefit from a wide variety of assistive technology

The Department also has an active faculty practice focused on services for clients at risk for falls; who have low vision; clients with lymphedema; and we collaborate with a practice in the OU Medical Center that emphasizes working with clients with spinal dysfunctions.

As you can tell ours is a very active Department. The Department's many programs and projects offer students at all levels many opportunities of professional growth. I invite you to obtain additional information about our Department from our web site. And please do not hesitate to contact any of us for information about our educational programs, our research and scholarship and our professional service activities.

We welcome your interest and your involvement!