

# Healing Bridge



## PHYSICAL THERAPY

*Cross the Bridge to Better  
Health & Wellness*



*I've always enjoyed  
interacting with children  
and when I did my  
pediatric clinical rotation  
in physical therapy school,  
I knew that was the  
population I wanted to  
work with.*

*It is a really great feeling,  
to watch a child grow  
and change, and feel  
that you had a positive  
influence on that child.*

*"Life is not measured  
by what you do  
but by what you do  
for others."*

*Georgia Merrifield* PT, MS, PCS

*Children are my specialty!*

I have been working with children since I graduated in 1970. Building trust with them is the first step, and once that trust is there, it is amazing what leaps they can take!

I believe that children are children, whether disabled or not, and require patience as well as creativity when working with them. I enjoy the challenge of discovering what will work with each child I see.

I am excited about our growing pediatric program at Healing Bridge Physical Therapy. The staff and other therapists are very helpful, and the team atmosphere is energizing. I love being able to provide physical therapy for children in our gym, in our pool, and on horseback.

### **My training includes:**

- Certified Pediatric Physical Therapy Specialist (1987)
- Neurodevelopmental Treatment Approach with Pediatrics and Babies
- Therapeutic Electrical Stimulation (TES) Practitioner
- Registered Therapist with the American Hippotherapy Association
- Cascade Dynamic Ankle Foot Orthotics Casting

### **Recent Continuing Education includes:**

- 2009 Pediatric programming at combined sections conference and APTA  
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PT practice in Oregon today
- 2008 Aquatic and Pediatric programming  
APTA combined section conference
- 2007 Annual meeting American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and developmental medicine  
Sensory Integration and Self Regulation  
Recertification as Pediatric PT

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Specialist

Intensity and neuroplasticity

Tilt and recline, challenging the myths and how to teach powered mobility

Medicare funding for mobility assistive equipment

2006 OPTA- Diagnosis & Treatment of movement/symptom impairment syndrome

**Master of Science:** Human Development, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

**Bachelor of Science:** Physical Therapy, Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York

**Memberships:** American Physical Therapy Association, Oregon Physical Therapy Association, Pediatric and Aquatic Section of the APTA, American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine, Neurodevelopmental Treatment Association, American Hippotherapy Association.

My husband and I are enjoying our log home in Bend with our horse, dog and cat. I love traveling, especially to visit my two daughters, my two step-children and four grandchildren. In the wintertime, you'll find me tearing up the slopes.

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