

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)
- Certified in 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

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Recertification as Pediatric PT
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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