

# Gina Kelly-Elliott, PT, DPT

*Licensed Physical Therapist with a decade of teaching experience passionate about merging patient-centered care with evidence-based practice seeking an opportunity to contribute to educating the next generation of professionals in an environment prioritizing compassionate care, continuing education, and multi-disciplinary collaboration to maximize outcomes.*

- Extensive continuing education with certifications in: LSVT Big; Stepping On Balance; Falls Prevention; CPR and BLS; and CAPP-Pelvic 2019; Postpartum Corrective Exercise Specialist 2020
- Pain management techniques including dry needling and therapeutic pain science education
- Experienced and effective in diverse socio-cultural and practice settings
- Excellent public speaking and written communication skills, fluent in Spanish, Italian, French, Wolof
- Engaged in volunteer opportunities with INAPTA and professional and community groups
- Patient care informed by over a decade experience as a professional educator for youth and adults

## KEY QUALIFICATIONS

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<b>Physical Therapist License - Indiana</b>	July 2015, valid through July 2022
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<b>Governors State University</b> - University Park, IL Doctor of Physical Therapy
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May 2015
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<b>Eugene Lang, New School for Social Research</b> - New York, NY BA, Cultural Studies
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - PHYSICAL THERAPY

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<b>Franciscan Health Crown Point</b>	Crown Point, IN
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<i>Physical Therapist</i>	July 2015 to Current
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Outpatient Clinic 2015-present

- Expanded neurological treatment options through initiating LSVT Big program, selection of equipment including overhead harness and treadmill system for best practice in stroke rehabilitation
- Initiated pelvic health program at Franciscan Point; increased referrals through marketing and professional affiliations; decreased referrals out by expanding treatments offered
- Oversaw St. John clinic for a year during hiring process; initiated dry needling program; increased referral volume to support increase from PT to therapist and PTA team; recruited and oriented new hire

Inpatient Acute/Rehabilitation 2015-2017

- Treated patients in Acute Inpatient including the ICU early mobility program and step down unit, vestibular, post-operative orthopedic, trialed and prescribed assistive devices
- Collaborated with physicians, nursing, allied health, social work, and patient/family on patient care and discharge planning
- Provided staff with body mechanics and safety training
- Treated patients in Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago at Franciscan Health Crown Point
- Participated in Observership program at new Shirley Ryan AbilityLab for patients with stroke, brain injury, and vestibular conditions

### Public Health Initiatives

- Partnered with Trauma department of hospital to provide research-based community fall prevention education programs; completed Stepping On Balance and Falls Prevention; provided education and marketing at community events, senior centers, and libraries
- Provided presentations at libraries, senior centers, community centers, and scouting events on Parkinson disease, balance and fall prevention, disability and diversity, women's health

### Professional Engagement

- APTA member including section membership in Pelvic Academy; past memberships Geriatric, Neuro, Research, HPA: Global & Tech SIG; Organized and held INAPTA Northwest District meetings including CEUs and PT Day of Service
- Provided, organized, and attended regular staff in-service presentations including sharing continuing education experience, presenting new programs, bringing in community partners such as vocational rehabilitation consultants
- Volunteer Facebook group moderator for Pelvic Health Distance Journal Club

### Student Experience

- St. James Hospital Chicago Heights, IL. Inpatient acute with wound care
- Munster Med Inn, Munster, IN. Subacute rehabilitation,
- Accelerated Rehabilitation Schererville, IN. Outpatient orthopedic
- Riverside Medical Center, Manteno, IL. General and pelvic health, assisted with Chicagoland Pelvic Health Consortium event
- Milestones Griffith, IN/United Cerebral Palsy. Pediatric First Steps and school-based for children with severe and profound disabilities

### Professional Teaching Experience

- 2012-2015: Governors State University, University Park, IL. Graduate assistantship with the Writing Center providing tutoring, workshops, research assistance to college students and faculty
- 2009-2013: Prairie State College Chicago Heights, IL. Adjunct professor in English as a Second Language, English, and Writing Departments; created a learning community partnership between Writing and Biology departments, assisted with English/Spanish GED/ABE; co-created and delivered new programs including content area, advanced, and bridge classes
- 2006-2009: Istituto San Clemente Brescia, Italy. English professor basic through advanced
- 2002-2004 Bloom High School Chicago Heights, IL. Bilingual teacher - taught American History, Biology, Geography, and mathematics recovery through Algebra 1; volunteered after school for Project Hope & dance club
- 2001-2002 Lowell-Longfellow Elementary Harvey, IL. ESL/Bilingual teacher grades 2-3
- 2000-2001 Thornridge High School Dolton, IL. Full-time ESL paraprofessional providing instructional and translation support to teachers and parents, conducted and scored state testing