

## CURRICULUM VITAE

# Jessie Franco, OT, OTR

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### EDUCATION

- 2022      **Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD), Post-Professional**  
MGH Institute of Health Professions, Charlestown, MA  
*Doctoral Project: In the ICU with Jessie Franco: Training Competent Neuro ICU Occupational Therapists*  
*Supporting website: [www.intheICUwithJessie.com](http://www.intheICUwithJessie.com)*
- 2018      **Certificate in Hand and Upper Extremity Rehabilitation**  
Tufts University, Medford, MA  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- 2012      **Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT)**  
Boston University, Boston, MA  
College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Sargent College  
*Thesis: The effect of the Nintendo Wii Fit and exercise in improving balance and quality of life in community dwelling elders*
- 2009      **Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology (BS)**  
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI  
College of Health Sciences

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES: Clinical

- 2016-Current      **Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA**  
Senior Occupational Therapist/Team Lead - Inpatient Service  
-Conduct skilled occupational therapy evaluations and assist with discharge planning across several patient care populations including burn/trauma, neurology, medicine, oncology, cardiac, and orthopedics  
-Knowledge of and competency for upper extremity splinting  
-Supervise Level I and Level II Occupational Therapy students
- 2013-2016      **Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, Boston, MA**  
Occupational Therapist - Rehabilitative Services Unit and Medical Acute Care Unit  
-Conducted skilled occupational therapy evaluations for patients in both short-term rehabilitation and long-term acute care setting  
-Supervised Level I and Level II Occupational Therapy students

- 2013-2016 **Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital**, Boston, MA  
Occupational Therapist (Per Diem-Float)  
-Completed evaluations and led treatment sessions with different patient populations including SCI, TBI, Comprehensive Medicine, and Neurology
- 2012-2013 **Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital**, Brockton, MA  
Occupational Therapist - Transitional Care Unit and Acute Care Units  
-Conduct skilled occupational therapy evaluations and plan treatment sessions in both the acute care hospital setting and short-term rehabilitation setting  
-Provide supervision to certified occupational therapy assistants (COTAs)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES: Teaching**

2022-Present **Course Development**

**AOTA Acute Care Certification**

Documentation Considerations for Acute Care: Optimizing Your Patient Evaluation Process & Progress

2022

**Teaching Fellow**

**MGH Institute of Health Professions**, Boston, MA

*Post-Professional Occupational Therapy and Post-Professional Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology Program*

OH885: Leadership in Interprofessional Teams

Summer 2022

2021-Present **Guest Lecturer**

**MGH Institute of Health Professions**, Boston, MA

*Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program*

OT870: Cognition, Perception, and Occupation throughout the Lifespan

Lab facilitator: Cognition assessments

February 2022

Lecture presented: "COVID & Cognition"

March 2022

Lecture presented: "Neurocognitive Disorders"

March 2022

**Regis College**, Weston, MA

*Occupational Therapy Master's Degree Program*

OTH 612: Occupational Therapy Practice in Physical Dysfunction

Lecture presented: "Cerebrovascular Accident"

October 2021

Lab facilitator: Transfer training

October 2021

2013-Present **Fieldwork Supervisor**

Level I & Level II OT students

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES: Scholarship**

**A. Peer-Reviewed Publications**

Deng, H., Vu, K. Q., **Franco, J. R.**, Shepler, L. J., Abouzeid, C. A., Hamner, J. W., Mercier, H. W., Taylor, J. A., Kazis, L. E., Slavin, M. D., Ryan, C. M., & Schneider, J. C. (2022). Digital

Interventions for Social Participation in Adults with Long-term Physical Conditions: A Systematic Review. *Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare* (under review)

**Franco, J.**, Jacobs, K., Inzerillo, C., & Kluzik, J. (2012). The effect of the Nintendo Wii Fit and exercise in improving balance and quality of life in community dwelling elders. *Technology and Health Care*, 20, 95-115.

Jacobs, K., Zhu, L., Dawes, M., Huggins, A., **Franco, J.**, Igari, C., Ranta, B., & Umez-Eronini, A. (2011). Wii Health: A pilot study of the health and wellness benefits of Wii Fit on university students. *The British Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 74, 262-268.

### **B. Peer-Reviewed Poster Presentations**

Deng, H., Vu, K. Q., **Franco, J. R.**, Shepler, L. J., Abouzeid, C. A., Hamner, J. W., Mercier, H. W., Taylor, J. A., Kazis, L. E., Slavin, M. D., Ryan, C. M., & Schneider, J. C. (2022). *Digital Interventions for Social Participation in Adults with Long-term Physical Conditions: A Systematic Review*. Poster session presented at the annual American Burn Association conference, Las Vegas, NV. April 2022.

**Franco, J.** (2022). *Addressing the lack of occupational therapy inclusion in the ICU: An innovative approach to increasing our role*. Poster session presented at the annual American Occupational Therapy Association conference, San Antonio, TX. April 2, 2022.

**Franco, J.** (2021). *Addressing the lack of occupational therapy inclusion in the ICU: An innovative approach to increasing our role*. Poster session presented at the annual Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy conference, Virtual. October 28, 2021.

Jacobs, K., Zhu, L., Dawes, M., Huggins, A., **Franco, J.**, Igari, C., Ranta, B., & Umez-Eronini, A. (2011). *Wii Health: A pilot study of the health and wellness benefits of Wii Fit on university students*. Poster session presented at the annual American Occupational Therapy Association conference, Philadelphia, PA. April 12, 2011. (accepted)

Jacobs, K., Zhu, L., Dawes, M., Huggins, A., **Franco, J.**, Igari, C., Ranta, B., & Umez-Eronini, A. (2010). *Wii Fit: Health & wellness benefits for university freshman*, Poster session presented at the annual Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy conference, Norwood, MA. October 29, 2010.

### **C. Invited Presentations (in-services, meetings, etc.)**

**Franco, J.** (2019-2022). *Role of occupational therapy on the neurosurgery service*. Presentation for BWH Neurosurgery PGY-1 Orientation, Boston, MA. Presented annually in June.

Polich, G., Iracheta, C., **Franco, J.**, & Dunlea, K. (2019). *Functional neurological disorder*. Presentation at BWH Rehabilitation Grand Rounds, Boston, MA. December 18, 2019.

**Franco, J.** (2018). *Vision*. Presentation at BWH Neurology Special Interest Group, Boston, MA. June 27, 2018

**Franco, J.** (2015). *Innovative treatments for the hand, wrist, and elbow*. In service presentation at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, Roslindale, MA. November 12, 2015.

**Franco, J.** (2015). *Fundamentals of the Neuro-Developmental Treatment approach*. In service presentation at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, Roslindale, MA August 13, 2015.

Goldstein, J. & **Franco, J.** (2011). Wii-Habilitation workshop. Boston University, Boston, MA. March 26, 2011.

### **LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS**

2022 IHI Certificate in Quality & Safety  
2021 CITI Program Certification, Record ID #41021706  
2017 Certification in Neuro-Developmental Treatment, Recovering Function RPSF  
2012-Present Licensed Occupational Therapist, Massachusetts, #10646  
2012-Present Registered Occupational Therapist, #296240  
National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)  
2012-Present Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers, American Heart Association

### **SERVICE: Brigham & Women's Hospital**

2018-Current Member, Heart and Science Editorial Board  
2017-Current Member, Practice Standard Committee  
2017-2021 Member, Rehab Recognition Committee

### **SERVICE: Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy (MAOT)**

2019-Current Member, Acute Care Special Interest Group

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

2021-Present Member, Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy (MAOT)  
2020-Present Member, American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)  
2018-Present Member, Friends of the Esplanade Council  
2007 Chapter Vice President, Sigma Delta Tau, Alpha Beta Chapter  
2007-2008 Chapter President, Sigma Delta Tau, Alpha Beta Chapter  
2008-2009 Risk Manager, Sigma Delta Tau, Alpha Beta Chapter

### **Recognition and Awards**

2006 Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society  
2007 National Society of Collegiate Scholars  
2007 National Society of Success and Leadership—Sigma Alpha Pi  
2007 Order of Omega National Honor Society