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Dr. Dee Schilling is a tenured Professor at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona California where she serves as Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy Education and Associate Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions. She received her physical therapy degree from Emory, MS in Rehabilitation Medicine from the University of Washington, and a collaborative PhD in Special Education and Rehabilitation Medicine, from the University of Washington. Dee's has over 40 years of clinical experience with the majority in pediatrics within the school-based and community settings as well as serving as Rehabilitation Research Program Specialist at the Cleveland Clinic where she was responsible for the facilitation, coordination and management of Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Orthotists and Prosthetists engaging in multi-disciplinary clinical research and academic trials.

Dee is involved in multiple lines of inquiry including the role of culture in healthcare, best practice in education, humor in leadership, interdisciplinary practice and pediatrics with a focus on the sensorimotor system and the effects that dynamic seating on the academic performance and behavior of children with ADHD and children with autism.

Dee has presented across disciplines, nationally and internationally regarding interprofessional practice, leadership, sensory strategies for academic success, positive behavior support, and sensorimotor development of children with autism. She has published across disciplines including education and occupational therapy journals, contributed to multiple texts, and a chapter in "Palliative Medicine". She is currently co-authoring a research text. She has served as editor of texts regarding culture competency and research. She also serves as a reviewer for multiple journals including the Physical Therapy Journal, Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders, and International Journal of Educational Research.

Dee is a member of the APTA's Education, Research, Pediatrics, and Health Policy Administration Sections and serves on the Benchmarks of Excellence in PT Education Task Force. Additionally, Dee has been elected to serve on the Board of Alpha Eta Honor Society and serves on the Board of Directors for the Pomona Valley Boys and Girls Club.

Selected Publications & Presentations:

Schilling, D., & Deoghare, H. (2016) Making Research FUNctional: How to Ignite Understanding, Utilization and Inquiry of Research Methods *CSM 2016*, Anaheim CA.

Snyder, S., Hirayama, G & **Schilling, D.** (2015) An Innovative Learning Activity for Anatomy and Kinesiology Collaborative Education Using Kinesiology Tape. *2015 Education Leadership Conference*, Baltimore, MD.

Schilling, D., Snyder, S., Hirayama, G., Liggan, L., & Armstrong, D. Growing Your Own: Data Supporting the Mentoring of Students to Faculty Positions. *8th Annual Mentoring Conference - New Perspectives in Mentoring A Quest for Leadership Excellence & Innovation*. Albuquerque, NM.

Schilling, D. (2014) The Power of Integrated Treatment Approaches. *13th Annual Trends in Autism Conference*: Pomona CA.

Schilling, D (2008) Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists in Palliative Medicine (chapter) *Palliative Medicine*, Elsevier.