Mark Austin, BKin MScPT

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Education

Jan 2011 – Feb 2013 MSc Physiotherapy (Distinction)

Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, United Kingdom

Sep 2005 – May 2010 Bachelor of Kinesiology (Honors), Co-Operative Education Program

Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Canada

Work Experience

Feb 2018 – May 2020 Physiotherapist

Ascent Integrative Health, Calgary, AB

- Worked as the primary physiotherapist in a multidisciplinary clinic delivering therapy to a diverse caseload of private-pay patients.
- Performed SHIFT-based concussion assessments and treatments.
- Conducted twice weekly vinyasa-flow style yoga classes

Jan 2017 – Jan 2018

Physiotherapist

Accel Physical Therapy, Fort McMurray, AB

 Worked in collaboration with various sports trainers as the primary physiotherapy provider for the AJHL Fort McMurray Oil Barons, AFL Fort McMurray Monarchs, and delivered therapy to a diverse caseload of private, WCB, and MVA patients

Mar 2014 - Dec 2016

Physiotherapist

CBI Health Centre, Fort McMurray, AB

- Primary physiotherapist for WCB Return to Work Program for Fort McMurray; facilitated the rehabilitation of people with complex workplace injuries with a multidisciplinary team
- Managed the rehabilitation of chronic pain patients referred by various stakeholders and insurance providers
- Performed WCB Shoulder Medical Examinations with a SME physician
- Managed a caseload of private, WCB, MVA clientele

Jan 2013 – Aug 2013 May 2010 – Dec 2010

Research Assistant

Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University, St. John's, NL

- Assisted in qualitative and quantitative research, including the design, execution, and manuscript preparation of a systematic review
- Site-coordinator for the EVREST project, an international study of motor learning interventions for stroke survivors
- Supervised student employees in individual research projects and lab duties as required

Certifications

ACE-certified Behaviour Change Specialist

Canadian Yoga Alliance 200-hour Certified Yoga Teacher

SMART Seminars BioMedical Dry Needling Level 1 and 2

Advanced Certified Manual Therapist - Swodeam Institute Spinal Series 1 and 2

SHIFT Concussion Management Program Level 1

Selective Functional Movement Assessment Level 1

Robin McKenzie Institute of Canada - Parts A and B

Orthopaedic Division of the CPA - Level 1

Acupuncture Canada Foundations of Anatomical Acupuncture - Level 1

Publications

Austin MW, Ploughman M, Glynn L, Corbett D. Aerobic exercise effects on neuroprotection and brain repair following stroke: A systematic review and perspective. Neuroscience research 87 (2014): 8-15.

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