

## **Buys Tania**

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### **Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BOccTher), (Pret)
- Bachelor Honours of Occupational Therapy (BOccTher)(Hons), (Pret)
- Master of Occupational Therapy (MOccTher), (Pret)

### **Experience:**

February 1987 – current

- Lecturer at University of Pretoria, Department of Occupational Therapy
- Occupational Therapy Clinician at Steve Biko Academic Hospital
- Courses currently presented:
  - AKU 100: MODAPTS (pre-determined time measurement technique)
  - AKU 382: Work Block
  - Postgraduate Diploma in Vocational Rehabilitation

February 1986 – January 1987

- Occupational Therapy Clinician Cardiac Rehabilitation and Vocational Rehabilitation at Pretoria Academic Hospital

January 1985 – January 1986

- Occupational Therapy Clinician (Spinal and upper limb rehabilitation) at Clairwood and King Edward Hospitals (Durban)

### **Areas of interest in OT:**

- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Employment Equity for people with disabilities
- Pain assessment and intervention

### **Research areas:**

- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Professional competencies

### **Publications:**

- Buys TL and Wessels E. The need for support groups after vocational rehabilitation. South African Journal of Occupational Therapy (SAJOT), 1991, (2) 34 - 37
- Strasheim P and Buys TL. Vocational Rehabilitation under Constitutional, Labour and Equity Legislation in a Human Rights Culture. Future Directions for South African Occupational Therapists. South African Journal of Occupational Therapy (SAJOT), 1996, 26(2) 14 - 28
- Buys TL and van Biljon H. Occupational Therapy in Occupational Health and Safety. Dealing with Disability in the work-place. Occupational Health Southern Africa, 1998, 4(5) 30 - 33

- Buys TL. Vocational Rehabilitation and the Labour Relations Act (Publication in a NOSA Journal)
- Guest Editorial in South African Journal of Occupational Therapy (SAJOT), 2002, 32(1) 1
- Buys TL and Casteleijn D. Preparing for Work Practice: Under- and Postgraduate student training at the University of Pretoria (South Africa). Work 2007, 29(1) 25 - 30
- Buys TL and van Biljon H. Functional Capacity Evaluation: An essential component of South African Occupational Therapy Work Practice Services. Work 2007, 29(1) 31 - 36
- Buys TL. Sounding Board: Professional Competencies in Occupational Therapy Work Practice: What are they and how should these be developed? Work 2007, 29(1) 3 - 4

#### **Awards:**

- 1998: Occupational Therapist of the Year Award - presented by the Northern Gauteng Branch of the Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa (OTASA) for "Outstanding contribution in the field of vocational rehabilitation"

#### **Other involvement:**

##### *Current*

- Member of the School of Health Care Sciences Education and Innovation Committee: Undergraduate
- Member of the School of Health Care Sciences Human Resource Development Committee
- Member of the Department of Occupational Therapy, Executive Committee (EXCO)
- Chairperson of the Pretoria Integrated Curriculum of Occupational Therapy (PICOT)
- Chairperson of the Department of Occupational Therapy Teaching Committee
- Member of OTASA (Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa)
- Member of INSTOPP (Institute of Occupational Therapists in Private Practice)
- Member of the Editorial Board of the South African Journal of Occupational Therapy (SAJOT) from 2001 to present
- Member of Workipedia (Work Rehabilitation Internet group)

##### *Past*

- Treasurer Northern Gauteng Branch of the Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa (OTASA) from 1987 to 1992
- Northern Gauteng Representative of the Remuneration Committee of the Occupational Therapy Association (OTASA) 1993/94
- Vocational Rehabilitation Representative to the Occupational Therapy Association of South African (OTASA) from 1992 to 1998
- National Representative of the Quadriplegic Association of South Africa from 1985 to 1988
- Honorary National Treasurer of the Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa (OTASA) from 1994 to 1998

- Established and managed the National Occupational Therapy Office from 1994 to 1998
- Founder member of the National MODAPTS Association in 1988
- Founder, Chairman and member of the Gauteng workgroup on Vocational Rehabilitation from 1993 to 2000
- Founder member and Chairman of the South African Association for Vocational Rehabilitation from 1993 to 1998
- Member of the Rehabilitation International Vocational Sub-Commission Task Team from 1995 to 1999
- Member of the Medico-legal workgroup from 1998 to 2005
- Director of the MEDUNSA Organization for Disabled Entrepreneurs (MODE) from 1998 to 2000
- Member of the Worker Ability Screening Profile Research workgroup from 1999 to 2001