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DPT	Northern Arizona University	2008	Physical Therapy
MPT	Northern Arizona University	1999	Physical Therapy
BS	University of Arizona	1995	Exercise Science

Licensure Information

- Nevada Physical Therapy Board, License #2234

Certifications

- Credentialed Balance and Falls Professional (CFP), APTA Geriatrics (November 2021)
- Neurologic Certified Specialist (NCS), ABPTS (2006, re-cert 2016, MOSC approved 2019, 2022, 2025)

Employment

2022 – Present	Neurological Physical Therapist – Dignity Health Outpatient Neuro Program, Henderson, Nevada.
2018 – Present	Associate Professor – Department of Physical Therapy, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

2025 UNLVPT Best Service-Learning Project Award – Fall Prevention
2025 UNLV Best (and Worst) Teaching Practices Distinguished Poster Presenter
2024 UNLVPT Best Service-Learning Project Award – Fall Prevention
2023 UNLV School of Integrated Health Summer Teaching Fellowship
2023 UNLV School of Integrated Health Distinguished Teaching Award
2022 UNLVPT Best Service-Learning Project Award – Fall Prevention
2022 UNLV Best Teaching Practices Poster Presenter
2021 UNLV Community Engagement Service-Learning Faculty Award
2021 UNLV Best Teaching Practices Poster Presenter
2021 UNLVPT Best Service-Learning Project Award – Fall Prevention
2020 UNLVPT Best Service-Learning Project Award – Fall Prevention
2020 UNLV School of Integrated Health Distinguished Service Award
2020 UNLV Best Teaching Practices Distinguished Poster Presenter

Peer Reviewed Publications

Refereed Articles

1. Rider, J. V., Martin, S., & **Nash, J.** (2025). Instructional Insights: From Classroom to Community—Interprofessional Learning Through Fall Prevention Screening. *Occupational Therapy In Health Care*, 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07380577.2025.2558853>
2. Avedesian, J., Covassin, T., Baez, S., **Nash, J.** and Dufek, J. (2024), The Influence of Sports-Related Concussion on Cognition and Landing Biomechanics in Collegiate Athletes. *Scand J Med Sci Sports*, 34: e14698. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sms.14698>
3. Avedesian JM, Covassin T, Baez S, **Nash J**, Nagelhout E, and Dufek J. Relationship Between Cognitive Performance and Lower Extremity Biomechanics: Implications for Sports-Related Concussion. *Orthopaedic Journal of Sports Medicine*. August 2021. doi:10.1177/23259671211032246
4. Landers M, Donatelli, R, **Nash, J**, Bashcharon, R. Evidence of dynamic visual acuity impairment in asymptomatic mixed martial arts fighters. *Concussion* (2017) <https://doi.org/10.2217/cnc-2016-0032>
5. **Nash, J** and Ross, C. Application and Interpretation of Functional Outcome Measures for Testing Individuals with Cognitive Impairment. *GeriNotes, AGPT*, November 2016

Peer Reviewed Scientific and Professional Presentations

1. **Nash J.** Enhancing Interprofessional Competence through Simulation: A Collaborative Cardiac Arrest Scenario for DPT and RN Students; ACAPT Educational Leadership Conference, October 2025.
2. Herrera D, Humphreys S, Lee K, Platt D, **Nash J.** Implementing Bingocize: Reducing Fall Risk and Fear in Older Adults While Fostering Intergenerational Connections and Graduate Student Professional. Presented at: 6th Canadian Fall Prevention Conference; April 9-10, 2025; Bram & Bluma Appel Salon, Toronto Reference Library, Toronto, ON.
3. **Nash J.** Reframing Aging: Promoting Health and Wellness in the Fall Risk Population. Virtually presented at: APTA Kansas Annual Fall Conference; November 9, 2024.
4. **Nash J.** Reframing Aging: Innovative Fall Prevention and Movement Therapies for Older Adults. Podcast interview on: AOPT Ortho Static Podcast. Recorded and released: October 2024.
5. Moyer H, **Nash J**, Lee T. Beyond the Clinic Walls: Promoting Health and Wellness across Populations at Risk for Falls; APTA CSM, Boston, MA, February 2024
6. Renfro M, **Nash J**, Martin S. Conquering COVID-19: Offering VIRTUAL fall risk screening and fall prevention programs for Older Adults; APTA CSM Conference, San Antonio, TX, February 3, 2022
7. Barrett T. **Nash J.** Informed Self-assessment and Peer Evaluation to Foster the Development of Adaptive Learners in Online Education Best Teaching Practices Expo 2022, January 2022
8. ANPT Interactive webinar course, “*Introduction to Vestibular: Differential Diagnosis of Central & Peripheral Disorders*”, Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy; Jennifer Nash & Sara Oxborough; Recorded 2022
9. ANPT Interactive webinar course, “*Introduction to Vestibular: Anatomy & Physiology of the Vestibular System*”, Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy; **Jennifer Nash** & Sara Oxborough; Recorded 2021
10. Balance and Fall Prevention in Community Dwelling Older Adults: An APTA Geriatrics Credentialing Course Series, University of Wisconsin, November 5-7, 2021
11. **Nash J.**, Barrett T. University Healthcare Students Forge Forward to Address Health of the Society; ACAPT Educational Leadership Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 23, 2021
12. Renfro M, **Nash J**, Martin S, and Crozier N. Conquering COVID-19: Offering VIRTUAL fall risk screening and fall prevention programs for Older Adults; NCOA Age + Action Conference, June 7,

2021

13. **Nash J.** Pivot to Simulation. Best Teaching Practices Expo 2021, January 2021 APTA Geriatrics Co-developer and Instructor “Balance and Fall Prevention in Community-Dwelling Older Adults Professional Credential” course series, 2021 to present <https://aptageriatrics.org/events/courses/balance-fall-prevention-course/>
14. Woolf R, Thurman M, **Nash J.** Using the Healthy Practice Initiatives to Enhance Student and Licensee Resilience: APTA, Educational Leadership Conference, October 2020
15. **Nash J.** Framework for Integrating Service-Learning Projects into Healthcare Curricula: Best Teaching Practices Expo 2020, January 2020

Funded/In Review Grant Activity

Internal

- Escalante H, Stone M, Thennakoon A, Untalan A, **Nash J** (mentor). Improving Nutrition Behaviors and Fall Risk Factors for Older Adults: A Revised Workshop for Bingocize, UNLV Department of Physical Therapy Student Research Opportunity Grant, \$3000, 2024-2027
- Bognot R, Botelho S, Caberto N, Valerio L, Yu J, Zeidman J, Lindsay A (mentor), Cupp C (statistician), **Nash J** (mentor). Golden Steps: A Dance-based Program – A Feasibility and Acceptability Study, \$3000, 2023-2026
- Herrera D, Humphreys S, Lee K, Platt D, **Nash J** (mentor). Intergenerational Connections: Students Serving Older Adults Project with Bingocize, UNLV Department of Physical Therapy Student Research Opportunity Grant, \$3000, 2022-2025, earning top service-learning project of the year
- Cornea J, Brunty H, Gray K, Margolin K, DeRose T, **Nash J** (mentor). Implementation of an evidence-based program to reduce fall risk of older adults in metropolitan, rural, and virtual platforms for Nevadans, UNLV Department of Physical Therapy Student Research Opportunity Grant, \$3000, 2021-2024.

Current/Active Research Activity

- Implementation of Golden Steps
- Sleep and SCI
- Validation Study of Bingocize Revised Nutrition Workshop
- The Development of Golden Steps: Dances for Fall Prevention in collaboration with UNR Extension

Membership in Scientific/Professional Organizations

- American Physical Therapy Association (2008-present)

Consultative and Advisory Positions

- Core member, Guideline Development Group, Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy, American Physical Therapy Association (2025 – present)

Community Service

- Chair, Nevada Goes Falls Free Coalition (2012 - present)

Professional Service

- Elected, Chapter President, APTA Nevada (2016-2018) (2025- present)
- Elected (re-elected) Chair, ANPT Balance and Falls Special Interest Group (2022-present)
- Governor appointed, Member, Nevada Board of Examiners (2018-2024)
- Volunteer, APTA Geriatrics State Advocate for Nevada (2017 to present)

Services to the University/School/Department on Committees/Councils/Commissions

- Department of Physical Therapy
 - Chair, Curriculum Committee (01/01/2020- present)
 - Chair, Student Recognition Committee (01/01/2020- present)
 - Committee member, Faculty Clinic committee (2022 - 2024)
 - Committee member, Clinical education committee (2018 - 2021)
 - Committee member, Scholarship Committee (2018 - 2022)
- School of Integrated Health Sciences
 - Member, Curriculum Committee (01/01/2025- present; 05/01/2020-2024)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Chair, Faculty Senate Admissions Committee (01/01/2022 - present)

Continuing Education Attended

- Conferences
 - American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting
 - Houston, 2025
 - Boston, 2024
 - San Diego, 2023
 - San Antonio, 2022
 - Denver, 2020
 - ACAPT Education Leadership Conference
 - Kansas City, MO, October 17-19, 2025 – 14 hours
 - Philadelphia, PA, October 13-15, 2023 – 14 hours
 - Atlanta, GA, October 22-24, 2021 - 14 hours
 - Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy Annual Conference
 - Los Angeles, CA, October 27-30, 2022 – 12 hours
 - Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy Leadership Issues Forum
 - Washington D.C., July 19-20, 2025 – 11 hours
 - Washington D.C., July 23-24, 2022 – 11 hours
 - International Conference of Vestibular Rehabilitation, Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy
 - Minneapolis, MN, Oct 16-18, 2022 – 12 hours
- Workshop
 - Learning How to Fall: Preventing Injuries with Safe Fall Landing Strategies, APTA CSM Meeting February 22, 2023 – 7 hours
 - Best Practice in Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy Course, Online completion January 21, 2021 – 16 hours

Current Teaching Responsibilities in the UNLV Doctor of Physical Therapy program (Academic Year 2025)

- Spring:
 - DPT 735 (2 credits) Functional training
 - Primary course coordinator
- Summer:
 - DPT 740 (2 credits) Movement Science
 - Primary course coordinator
 - DPT 752L (1 credit) Physical Agents and Electrophysiology Lab
 - Secondary Lab coordinator

- Fall:
 - DPT 720 (2 credits) Professional Development: Portfolio
 - Primary course coordinator
 - DPT 786 (3 credits) Neuro Rehabilitation
 - Primary course coordinator
 - DPT 786 L (2 credits) Neuro Rehabilitation Lab
 - Primary course coordinator
 - DPT 780 (2 credits) Balance and Vestibular Rehabilitation
 - Primary course coordinator