

George Budzius

EDUCATION

Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO

Doctorate of Occupational Therapy | Anticipated Graduation: December 2026

Relevant Coursework: Neuroscience, Biomechanics, Pediatrics, Occupational Processes Across the Lifespan

University of Minnesota–Twin Cities Minneapolis, MN

Bachelor of Arts, Developmental Psychology | August 2019 – December 2022

Minors: Spanish, Philosophy

Relevant Coursework: Brain Development, Social Development, Abnormal Psychology, Language Development & Communication

Dean's List: Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022

EXPERIENCE

Colorado State University – METEOR and SHARE Lab Fort Collins, CO

Research Assistant April 2025 – Present

- Collect and transcribe qualitative interview data, categorizing codes for the Meaningful Measurements in Rehabilitation Research Lab
- Collaborate with faculty advisor Dr. Jennifer Weaver on code validity and study methodology
- Co-develop the Recovery Ruler Tool, a clinical instrument for practitioners treating patients with Disorders of Consciousness

Colorado State University – Health and Medical Center Fort Collins, CO

Medical Care Receptionist August 2024 – Present

- Collaborate with medical staff to coordinate direct care for urgent health concerns across campus
- Operate electronic medical record (EMR) software to manage appointments, verify eligibility, and review provider notes and recommendations

Children's Hospital Minnesota – Rehabilitation Unit Minneapolis, MN

Clinic Assistant March 2022 – May 2024

- Supported Speech-Language Pathologists, Physical Therapists, and Occupational Therapists across inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation settings
- Coordinated daily care with nursing staff and physical medicine physicians to deliver intensive and acute rehabilitation
- Implemented a pediatric stander program for patients under age 5 with traumatic brain injuries, improving mobility outcomes

University of Minnesota – College of Education and Human Development Minneapolis, MN

Teaching Assistant September 2022 – December 2022

- Collaborated with Dr. Anne Larson to design, implement, and grade a First Year Experience course for 24 students
- Mentored students in exploring majors, career interests, and strategies for academic success

Beyond Behavior LLC Hudson, WI

Registered Behavior Technician June 2021 – August 2021

- Delivered direct ABA therapy to 6 children ages 3–7 with autism, teaching cognitive, educational, and adaptive life skills
- Collected behavioral data and authored daily activity reports to track client progress
- Coordinated individualized and team-based care to introduce clients into early schooling environments

University of Minnesota – College of Liberal Arts, Office of Student Experience Minneapolis, MN

Section Leader August 2020 – May 2022

- Mentored and counseled 32 students on career development, academic preparedness, and independent living skills
- Completed 20+ hours of professional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training
- Distributed weekly communications to students regarding expectations, assignments, and course updates

Early Language and Experience Lab, University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN

Research Assistant February 2020 – December 2021

- Administered behavioral experiments and recruited participants for two doctoral research labs
- Compiled and analyzed data from studies examining moral reasoning, trust, and environmental knowledge in children ages 3–7

CLINICAL FIELDWORK

Shirley Ryan AbilityLab Chicago, IL

Pediatric Rehabilitation – OTD Student Placement May 2026 – August 2026

- Treated pediatric patients with traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, paraplegia, quadriplegia, and burn injuries in an inpatient rehabilitation setting
- Designed and implemented a student project adapting play activities for children with high-level cervical spinal cord injuries
- Completed 480 hours of supervised clinical treatment, documentation, goal planning, and patient education

Teton Therapy Cheyenne, WY

Outpatient Orthopedics – OTD Student Placement May 2025 – August 2025

- Treated and educated patients with hand, arm, and shoulder injuries; stroke-related TBI; mental health conditions; and pediatric behavioral diagnoses
- Served a diverse caseload including older adults, active military members, and children across outpatient orthopedic settings
- Completed 480 hours of supervised clinical treatment, documentation, goal planning, and patient education

Denver Health Medical Center – Inpatient Psychiatric Unit Denver, CO

Inpatient Psychiatry – OTD Student Placement March 2025 – April 2025

- Observed acute inpatient mental health therapy for adults admitted voluntarily or through criminal court mandate
- Observed court competency training sessions and evidence-based mental health group intervention programming

Trials MMA – B-Bold Adaptive Martial Arts Fort Collins, CO

Adaptive Martial Arts – OTD Student Placement September 2024 – December 2024

- Led adaptive martial arts classes for clients with Parkinson's Disease, amputation, traumatic brain injury, and stroke
- Provided evidence-based instruction on Parkinson's-specific nutrition and exercise protocols

TheraSWIM Fort Collins, CO

Pediatric Aquatic Therapy – OTD Student Placement October 2025 – November 2025

- Observed and participated in aquatic outpatient therapy for children with cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorder, and behavioral disorders
- Supported therapy targeting sensory processing, physical disabilities, and reflex integration

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE & PRESENTATIONS

Colorado State University – Dept. of Health and Human Sciences Fort Collins, CO

Research Presenter March 2026

- Presented findings on traumatic brain injury recovery from the METEOR Lab at a departmental research symposium alongside Dr. Jennifer Weaver

Colorado State University – Department of Occupational Therapy Fort Collins, CO

Research Presenter – Knowledge Exchange May 2026

- Presented traumatic brain injury recovery research from the METEOR Lab at the Department of Occupational Therapy Knowledge Exchange

Yamagata Prefectural University of Health Sciences Yamagata, Japan

Guest Speaker August 2025

- Delivered presentation on American OT services in acute care; facilitated cross-cultural dialogue on Japanese and American treatment approaches

Red Cross Club, University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN

Volunteer September 2021 – December 2022

- Organized and executed monthly blood donation drives; registered donors and recruited new volunteers

Boy Scouts of America

Eagle Scout – Order of the Arrow Brotherhood Member Awarded June 2018 / September 2017

- Earned Eagle Scout rank by designing, planning, and leading a large-scale community service project with a team of volunteers

SKILLS & AFFILIATIONS

Certifications: Trauma-Informed Care Provider; Basic Life Support (BLS) & CPR

Languages: Spanish (Certified, University of Minnesota, 2019); Portuguese (Certified, University of Minnesota, 2021)

Professional Affiliations: American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA); Occupational Therapy Association of Colorado (OTAC)