

Lorna Jarrett, PTA

Candidate statement:

I have watched the field of physical therapy change over the last 8 years and have worked closely with those PTs and PTAs impacted. Kansas gaining direct access, the dry needling controversy, PTAs seemingly diminished value with reimbursement changes are a few of those changes. As a PTA and DHSc student, I see the field of physical therapy working hard to remake itself. I believe that my perspective may be a valued one to influence, communicate and frame discussions which trigger new questions to solve old problems. I have taken on two leadership roles in the Kansas City community since 2020, which speaks to my competency to lead and mobilize for change and increased awareness. Thank you for your consideration.

Biography:

Lorna is licensed by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts and practices as a PTA in short term rehabilitative and outpatient facilities. Lorna has a Master of Science in Kinesiology from A.T. Still University – College of Graduate Health Studies and Osteopathic Medicine with an emphasis in Orthopedic Rehabilitation/Corrective Exercise and Adaptive Sports. She is completing her Doctor of Health Science (DHSc) with emphasis in leadership and Organizational Behavior.

Lorna Jarrett has a mandate to foster community relationships through mutually beneficial health initiatives which develop comradery, trust and racial equity. One of her core strengths as a relator promotes partnering trust and connectedness. Her enthusiasm for entrepreneurialism developed an adaptive home modification nonprofit and mindset coaching company to help those live quality lives in spite of chronic illness.

Her specialty in Pilates based Rehabilitation emphasizes therapeutic programs for those with genetic and neurological disorders such as Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis and Myotonic Dystrophy. Lorna has developed grant funded community and corporate health programs. Her areas of interest encompass education pertaining to the relationship between movement and the neuroscience of change to aid in restoration and healing.

A most recent professional accomplishment includes curriculum contribution for Child Development Associate Certification (CDA) and Foundations of Early Childhood Education in Pennsylvania. Addressing the needs of the whole person through every phase of life with original educational tools and health initiatives including community health, inclusion and development is her passion.