

Unlocking Potential: An Assistive Tech Seminar

Assistive Technology: Innovations, Independence, and Ethics
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Register now to attend this seminar that will equip educators, practitioners, and advocates with the knowledge and skills to effectively support individuals with diverse needs.

Featuring: Speakers from top assistive technology companies. You'll gain firsthand insights into the latest tools designed to foster independence. An expert in ethics will discuss best practices in the field.

Cap off the day with an exclusive tour of our state-of-the-art AT lab, where you can see these innovations in action.

Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your expertise and transform your approach to assistive technology!

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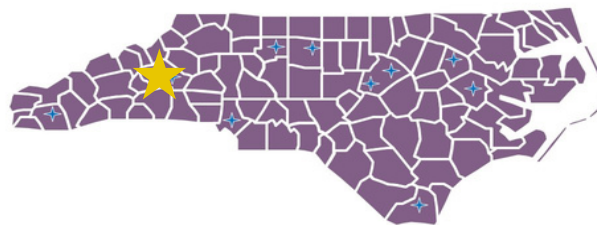
**November 22, 2024
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

LOCATION:

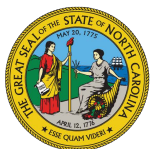
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Training Schedule:

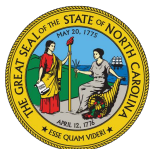
- 8:00-8:30 Welcome/Registration
- 8:30-10:30 *Making Power Wheelchairs Smarter: Exploring the Continuum of SMART Technology*, Lindsey Sharpe, PT
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:15 *Ethics*, Brenda Kennell, OTR
- 12:15-2:15 Lunch on your own (**Demonstration and lab tours**)
- 2:15-4:15 *Assistive Robotics/ Assistive Arm Supports*, Kelsey Brown, OTR
- 4:15-4:30 Closing/Lab tours

Speaker Bios:

Lindsey Sharpe is a physical therapist and an assistive technology professional who is the regional director of clinical education for LUCI (an attachable hardware/software product – the first of its kind – which uses cloud and sensor-fusion technologies to provide security, stability, and connectivity for power wheelchairs). Lindsey is responsible for developing an education program consisting of clinical services, CEU courses, and various resources to help clinicians and ATPs ensure that power wheelchair users have access to the technology needed to improve their quality of life and enhance their safety and independence. Lindsey presents regularly across the United States at various regional and national conferences and presented in Canada at CSMC 2024 (Canadian Seating and Mobility Conference).

Brenda Kennell, OTR/L, FAOTA is a faculty member for the Occupational Therapy Program at UNC-Pembroke, and adjunct faculty for the OT program at Pfeiffer University. She also works for Therapy Solutions, an in-home/day-care based pediatric practice serving children and young adults (0-21 years) in Stanly County, NC. Mrs. Kennell received her OT degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and her Masters degree in Special Education-Early Childhood from the California State University-Northridge. Mrs. Kennell has worked with adults and children in many settings throughout her 45+ year OT career, including industrial rehabilitation, driver rehabilitation, early intervention, and hippotherapy (therapy using horses).

Kelsey Brown has been an occupational therapist for 12 years and has worked in home, outpatient, acute care, and inpatient settings. She has spent the last five years in the assistive technology industry. Kelsey has experience in evaluation and therapeutic intervention for patients with orthopedic and neurological injuries including spinal cord injury, stroke, traumatic brain injury, Guillain Barre Syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis, and cardiac injuries. She has utilized the FIM assessment to evaluate patients' ADL performance and provided education and training for patients in appropriate assistive technology resources for environmental control, computer access, and phone access using complex rehabilitation equipment and power wheelchairs.



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