

# **Jenene W. Craig, Ph.D., MBA, OTR/L, CNT**

**Program Director - Infant & Early Childhood Development - School of Psychology at Fielding Graduate University**

Monroe, GA, US

Neonatal health; Collaborative, progressive leadership & management with clinical experience in non-profit higher education

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## **Biography**

Jenene W. Craig received her PhD in Infant and Early Childhood Development, with emphasis in Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, from Fielding Graduate University in 2015. She received her BS in Occupational Therapy in 1982 and her MBA in Business Administration in 1988, sustaining a long career in the field of Occupational Therapy. Dr. Craig has served as Department Chair and Associate Professor in the School of Occupational Therapy at Brenau University in Georgia, within the Ivester School of Health Sciences. An innovative academic leader, she has played a vital role in fulfilling the university's mission by working collaboratively with members of Brenau's community of learning to accomplish the goals of their ever-expanding, innovative academic programs. Mother of six grown children, (and a relatively recent "empty-nester,") she credits her own experience bearing and raising children for the initial spark and longtime work within the NICU world. Since 1985, she has worked with multiple groups and hospitals advancing NICU work in Developmentally Supportive and Neuroprotective Caregiving. Dr. Craig joined Fielding Graduate University in 2019 as Program Director for the Infant and Early Child Development (IECD) program. Citing the importance of self-nurturance, Dr. Craig pursues her love of music, playing and performing jazz saxophone and classical oboe.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Mental Health Care

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Trauma-Informed Care, Infant and Early Childhood Development, Parent-Infant Attachment, Neonatal Intensive Care

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## **Affiliations**

Neonatal Therapists National Certification Board: 2014-2016, National Perinatal Association : Board of Directors 2015, American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) : Member 1982 - Present, Georgia Occupational Therapy Association (GOTA) : Member 1982 - Present, Georgia Association of Neonatal Nurses (GANN) : Member 1994 - present, National Association of Neonatal Therapists (NANT) : Member 2011 - Present

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## **Event Appearances**

**Trauma-Informed and Neuroprotective Care of the Hospitalized Newborn and Infant / Broadening the Village: The Crucial Role of Transdisciplinary Caring**  
(2019) Science & Soul Annual Congress

**Improving Staff Knowledge and Attitudes towards Providing Psychosocial Support to NICU Parents**  
(2019) The 32nd Annual Gravens Conference

**Trauma-Informed and Neuroprotective Care of the Hospitalized Newborn and Infant**  
(2018) International Science & Soul Annual Congress

**Interdisciplinary Neuroprotective Care in the NICU and Perinatal Mental Health**  
(2018) National Perinatal Association Annual Conference

**Infant outcomes, rate of unplanned extubations, feeding protocols, and neonatal therapy FTE staffing**  
(2018) AAP-invited presentation for Grady Medical Center NICU and hospital leadership

**Infant Driven Feeding**  
(2018) NICU Staff Education Day, Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital

**Diapering Code of Care (with Kimberly-Clark - Huggies Diapers)**  
(2017) AWHONN (Association of Women's Health: Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses)

**Diapering Code of Care -- A Developmental Approach**  
(2017) National Association of Neonatal Therapists Annual Conference

**Interdisciplinary Neuroprotective Care in the NICU and Perinatal Mental Health**  
(2017) National Perinatal Association Annual Conference

**Guidelines for Comprehensive Caring and Newborn Intensive Parenting Units of the Future**  
(2016) Vermont Oxford Network Annual Quality Conference

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## **Education**

**Fielding Graduate University**  
PhD Infant and Early Childhood Development

**Medical College of Georgia**  
BS Occupational Therapy

**University of Alaska-Fairbanks**  
MBA Business Administration

**Neonatal Therapy National Certification Board**  
CNT-Certified Neonatal Therapist Neonatal Care

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## **Accomplishments**

**NANT Researcher of the Year Award**  
2020

**Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award**  
2018

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