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Sue received her Bachelor's in Physical Therapy from the University of Colorado, and Ph.D. in Medical Sciences from the University of New Mexico.

She practiced clinically for 10 years in multiple aspects of PT, including pediatrics and neurorehabilitation before pursuing a graduate degree. Sue has been a PT faculty member since 1996, first at the University of Montana followed by the University of Kentucky. She assumed the position as program director at the University of New Mexico in January, 2005. Her teaching interests include areas of neurology, pharmacology and pathology.

Her work with neurologically impaired patients during clinical experience directed her interest in neuroscience research, particularly in areas of traumatic injury. Her current research focus is to determine the effect of contusion spinal cord injury on aspects of the glutamate excitatory amino acid neurotransmitter system and that relationship to the spread of tissue damage.

One long-term goal of this research is to relate changes in locomotor functional recovery to neurotransmitter systems, using functional recovery landmarks as a guide.