

MEET AET VOLUNTEER

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Level of AET membership:

ET/P

Type and location of practice: (City, State)

Educational Therapist at a private school in La Canada, CA

Leadership roles held in AET:

Workshop Committee, Study Group Leader, Conference Proposal Reader, and Editorial Board for the ET Journal

How long have you been an educational therapist?

Over 20 years!

What brought you to educational therapy?

Originally, I was training and had obtained my Master's Degree in school psychology at the University of Nebraska. But as I was going through training, I realized that my strength and passion was working one-on-one with students, so, when I moved to California, a colleague told me about educational therapy, and I realized educational therapy was a much better fit.

Areas of expertise:

K-12, working with students with diversities, adapting curriculum in reading and math, EF support, and study and test taking strategies

What is the best career advice you can give to new ETs?

Take advantage of the opportunities that AET offers for getting involved. Besides all of the learning options, you'll find networking and camaraderie, too.

Describe a challenge you have faced as an educational therapist:

Balancing the boundaries between my clients and self-care. At my school, because lots of students have specific needs where the curriculum has to be constantly adjusted (by me!) it can be a 24/7 task. Sometimes, I have to remember that I have a life!

Describe a highlight of your educational therapy career:

That "aha" moment when a child can see their progress and feel more confident about themselves. It never fails to make me smile!

What do you think the future of the educational therapy profession will look like?

I believe the profession will become more widespread and more available to more students as people gain a better understanding of what we can do.

How have you benefited from your membership in AET?

First and foremost is how much I have learned whether it's a webinar, workshop, conference, study group or just being around other ETs. Beyond the learning, I definitely benefit from the camaraderie and support received from fellow members.

Hobbies/Leisure Activities:

Martial arts (karate as well as the Japanese sword), flash mobs! (yes, I've been to different places and done the Thriller dance in full Zombie gear), reading, and arts and crafts.

