

MEET AET VOLUNTEER

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Level of AET membership:

BCET

Type and location of practice: (City, State)

Private practice in La Grande, Oregon and online throughout the West Coast

Leadership roles held in AET:

President-elect 2022-2024
Membership Committee Chair
Mentor Program Sub-committee via Outreach committee
Governance Committee, Annual Conference Committee

How long have you been an educational therapist?

I remember joining in the early 1990's and becoming a BCET in 1996

What brought you to educational therapy?

I realized that my time in the classroom had come to an end, though my passion for one-one intervention was growing stronger. Educational therapy was a perfect match. Thank you San Francisco Study Group for your early guidance.

Areas of expertise:

Initially, my practice focused on reading intervention with many elementary students with dyslexia. Eventually, the number of clients with ADD/ADHD increased, as did my work with middle and high school students. Currently, my practice focuses on executive function intervention with high school and college students.

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

Spend time reflecting on yourself as an individual with many facets; we are more than our profession. Your clients will lead you in many directions; enjoy the journey.

Describe a challenge you have faced as an educational therapist:

Maintaining the boundaries I set regarding billable activities and due dates with a few clients who consistently made demands outside my boundaries. I learned to terminate without tears.

Describe a highlight of your educational therapy career:

One of the highlights of being an educational therapist in private practice was receiving an email from a former client after his graduation from college, thanking me for believing in him, improving his study skills, and reminding him that graduating may be a 6-year experience.

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

I am watching educational therapists supporting a wider variety of clients, including adults in the workplace. I envision educational therapy regularly being included in neuro-psych and ed-psych recommendations and in IEPs.

How have you benefited from your membership in AET?

Via AET events, committee work, and Supervision, I have met an amazing group of professionals. These relationships help me create a support group that just about covers any situation I encounter that benefits from additional insights. I continue to grow as a person and a professional because of these experiences with AET.

Hobbies/Leisure Activities:

I am learning to knit and to garden. In addition, I have been an avid reader since adolescence. Weather permitting, I enjoy sitting on the swing and viewing the sunset over the Blue Mountains. Wine-tasting with friends is an added delight.

