

MEET AET VOLUNTEER Marion E. Marshall



Level of AET membership:

BCET

Type and location of practice: (City, State)

I work with students on early literacy, reading comprehension and math skills K-8th grade in Pinole, CA (SF: East Bay Area). My practice is all virtual right now.

Leadership roles held in AET:

Currently on the Ethics Committee. Previously as Chair, Professional Affairs

How long have you been an educational therapist?

About 30 years

What brought you to educational therapy?

I didn't know the field existed! I took a leave of absence from being a school district RS, when our kids were young. I found myself "tutoring" 1 or 2 kids. Upon attending a school meeting for one of them, I was asked, "Are you an Educational Therapist?" I answered that I didn't know what that was. "Well, you think and act like one", was the response. So, I decided to find out!

Areas of expertise:

Assessment (author of Assessment in Educational Therapy)
Applying neuropsychological principles to learning
Developing visual motor integration skills
Understanding Engagement & its role in Learning
Reading and Writing
Math (K-6)
Case Studies (author of Virtual Educational Therapy: A Case Study of Clinical Supports and Advocacy)
Mentoring others gives me great joy

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

Focus on your strengths and decide whether you are going to be "generalist" working in most subject areas across specific age/grade levels or a "specialist", who works in one subject area or specific grade levels only. That way you can attend the specific trainings and purchase materials more efficiently.

Describe a challenge you have faced as an educational therapist:

I have faced several interesting challenges in my long career: 1) I was the first-ever educational therapist serving an independent school in my area; 2) as the founding faculty member in the university's Center for Teaching & Learning, where I assisted faculty in improving their teaching; 3) learning to conduct & engage students an e-practice.

Describe a highlight of your educational therapy career:

There are several! Becoming a BCET, being honored as a Fellow of the Association, speaking with Dorothy Ungerleider in 2014, publishing articles and books, and every time a student pushes beyond what others thought impossible in their learning.

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

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How have you benefited from your membership in AET?

The East Bay Study Group is wonderfully vibrant group that is very supportive of each other's work! It gives me great pleasure to supervise those who are becoming Professional Members.

Hobbies/Leisure Activities:

I bake SF sourdough bread weekly, garden regularly, enjoy traveling, and spend time writing. Did I mention my new book? Check out- Virtual Educational Therapy: A Case Study of Clinical Supports and Advocacy.

