

MEET AET VOLUNTEER

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Level of AET membership:

Board Certified Educational Therapist

Type and location of practice: (City, State)

Private practice in my home and at schools in Pasadena, CA

Leadership roles held in AET:

Supervision Chair for Membership Committee
Study Group Co-Leader
LA Area workshop co-chair

How long have you been an educational therapist?

22 yrs as a member of AET + 15 prior yrs teaching Special Ed

What brought you to educational therapy?

A job share partner asked if I belonged to AET. I had no idea what AET was or what an ET did. She told me it was “how I taught”. After joining a Study Group, I realized I had found my “home”.

Areas of expertise:

Reading, Math, Written Language, Executive Functioning, Academic Assessment

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

Take advantage of all that AET offers: Study groups, conferences, workshops, webinars, etc. and network with other ETs in your areas as well as around the country/world

Describe a challenge you have faced as an educational therapist:

When parents were hesitant to follow suggestions, I made sure to focus on positive progress, sharing that with both the client and their parents. It usually really helped.

Describe a highlight of your educational therapy career:

After working for 2 years with a middle school student who had neurosurgery, I helped him relearn to read, spell, compute, play games, etc. Four years later, he began junior college.

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

Educational Therapy will play a key part in education. More schools, worldwide, will refer to ETs and have ETs on staff. Services will be covered by insurance.

How have you benefited from your membership in AET?

AET has provided many close friends, a large network of professional as well as personal support, and access to a broad range of current Special Education resources.

Hobbies/Leisure Activities:

Reading, walking, swimming, volunteering, and travel including visiting family and friends.

