What Moves Us in OT

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FOLLOWING YOUR PURPOSE AND MAKING AN IMPACT

Dr. Ganesh's path toward occupational therapy was nontraditional. She was working as a computer specialist when she witnessed an OT work with her godson who was nonverbal and diagnosed with severe autism.

The OT in that scenario used a brushing technique to help Dr. Ganesh's godson regulate and become calmer.

It was an eye-opening experience that pivoted her career. She went on to earn her master's and doctorate degree in occupational therapy. This has been her career of choice ever since.

Occupational therapy is also Dr. Ganesh's way of supporting underserved communities and working toward occupational justice, one client at a time.



"I BELIEVE HUMAN LIFE IS PRECIOUS."

We should use our abilities and opportunities to their fullest to learn more, grow more, serve more, love more, and make a positive impact. Occupational therapy gives me a way to live that philosophy through my work."

Learn more about Dr. Ganesh's career trajectory, pediatric experience, and philanthropic work.

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ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814.ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.

The program must have a pre-accreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.