What Moves Us in OT

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LEVERAGING YOUR INDIVIDUALITY IN OT

For Dr. Andrea Kessler, occupational therapy is about learning to see things from more than one perspective.

You need to understand your client, their environment, challenges, goals, abilities, progress, and motivation.

But you also need to understand yourself.

Your creativity, strengths, communication style, personality, and lived experiences all come with you into the therapeutic relationship. You can't separate who you are from how you connect with and care for another person.

Part of being an OTD student is discovering what you bring to the profession and learning how to use it well. Your voice and perspective matter in the classroom, in the clinic, and in the conversations shaping the future of OT.



"I am continually inspired by occupational therapists who are advancing the profession, challenging traditional boundaries, and finding new ways to

MEET THE EVOLVING NEEDS

of the people and communities we serve."

Learn more about Dr. Kessler's perspective on how to bring your best self to occupational therapy, starting with fieldwork.

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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.