

Tara Thompson, OTD, OTR/L

Instructor

Education

- 2020 University of St, Augustine, Florida
Doctorate in Occupational Therapy
- 2009 University of South Alabama, Alabama
Masters in Occupational Therapy
- 2005 University of Louisiana at Monroe, Louisiana
Bachelors in General Studies

Research Interest

Mrs. Thompson's research interest is in areas of pediatrics, school-based occupational therapy, and young adults with intellectual disability. She currently is involved in research to assess teacher's knowledge and experience with student's with dyslexia and dysgraphia.

Practice Specialties

Phonics First-Level I Training
30-hour course through Brainspring that focuses on multisensory Orton Gilligham intervention to reading. Online, synchronous course, August 2020

SOS Feeding Approach
Basic 3.75-day course in the Assessment and Treatment using the SOS Approach to Feeding, Rome, Georgia, September 2018 (28.5 hours)

Integrated Listening System
iLs Distance Practitioner Training Course (10 hours). Online. February 26, 2015

Professional Presentations

Effects of Work-Related Social Skills Training with Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities-Poster Presentation. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Virtual Conference, October 2020

Effectiveness of Video Modeling on IADL Performance in Adults with Intellectual Disabilities-Poster Presentation. Alabama Occupational Therapy Associate State Conference, Virtual Conference, October 2020

Effects of IADL Training in Young Adults with Intellectual Disability-Poster Presentation. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama, September 2019.

Tracking the Attitudes of First-Year Master of Occupational Therapy Students Toward the Team-Based Learning Pedagogy-Poster Presentation. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Poster Presentations. June 2019.

Evaluation and Interventions for Sleep Disturbances in Children. Wooster, D. & Thompson, T. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2019.

Embedding Standardized Patients in Occupational Therapy Courses-Poster Presentation. Wooster, D., Deacy, R., Hall, R., O'Connor, T., Taylor, C., & Thompson, T. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, April 2019.

Teacher Challenges in Inclusive Classrooms from an Occupational Therapy Perspective-Poster Presentation. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama, September 2018.

Research Symposium-Review of Student Research. Wooster, D., O'Connor, T., Taylor, T., & Thompson, T. Alabama Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama, September 2018

Grants

Co-PI on the PASSAGE USA Expansion Grant (5 year grant), 2020

Recipient of the University of South Alabama, Scholarship for Teaching and Learning mini-grant, 2018.

Honors

"Outstanding Alumni Award" given by the University of South Department of Occupational Therapy, December 2018.

"Top Prof" Recognition given by Gold Key Chapter of Mortar Board, University of South Alabama, March 2017.

Academic Memberships

Pi Theta Epsilon-Faculty Advisor

Member of Faculty Senate

Executive Committee Chair of Academic Development and Mentoring

Faculty Liaison for PASSAGE USA Program

Membership in Professional Associations

American Occupational Therapy Association

Alabama Occupational Therapy Association

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