

Leilani Lawson

Senior Occupational Therapist

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SUMMARY

Compassionate Senior Occupational Therapist brings over three years of extensive experience providing valuable care to patients across all age groups, including infants, adolescents, adults, and geriatrics. Expertise in crafting individualized treatment programs tailored for physical disabilities settings demonstrates commitment to patient improvement and collaboration within interdisciplinary teams. Participation in ongoing education ensures up-to-date practices relevant to their needs. Strong dedication towards team efforts fosters an environment of mutual growth and success, enhancing overall health outcomes and enriching lives.

EXPERIENCE

Occupational Therapy Intern

University Project 📅 June 2025 - June 2026 📍 San Jose, CA

Contributed significantly as an Occupational Therapy Intern by collaborating with healthcare professionals to design and implement treatment plans tailored to individual patient needs, focusing on improving health outcomes. Active participation in comprehensive assessments allowed the identification of effective strategies addressing both physical and cognitive challenges facing clients.

- Engaged with a multidisciplinary team to formulate personalized therapy interventions that address each patient's specific challenges.
- Conducted thorough evaluations, ensuring accurate goal setting based on patient's unique health profiles.
- Assisted in creating educational resources demystifying occupational therapy processes for families and caregivers.
- Actively participated in clinical team meetings and contributed informed recommendations on best treatment practices.
- Maintained compliance by meticulously documenting patient progress while adhering to industry standards.
- Ensured continuing knowledge growth by attending workshops centered around advanced topics in occupational therapy.

Research Assistant

Academic Research 📅 September 2024 - May 2025 📍 San Jose, CA

Served as a Research Assistant focusing on how occupational therapy practices influence rehabilitation outcomes among pediatric patients. This role provided valuable insights into practical applications, solidifying knowledge and emphasizing key methodologies encountered during training.

- Supported research initiatives highlighting the significance of occupational therapy in enhancing pediatrics rehabilitation.
- Handled data collection, documenting findings and facilitating seamless communication between faculty and students.
- Crafted case studies advocating for successful therapeutic techniques, shaping the future courses offered by the university.
- Collaborated closely on literature reviews, summarizing pivotal articles related to improved therapy practices.
- Presented impactful research findings at academic conferences, helping elevate awareness surrounding innovative treatments in occupational therapy.
- Explored participant engagement and analyzed feedback post-therapy to contribute to evidence-based advancements.

Student Occupational Therapist

Capstone Project 📅 January 2024 - May 2024 📍 San Jose, CA

Executed a capstone project aimed at refining and enhancing therapy methodologies for geriatric populations. Through collaborative efforts with local healthcare entities, the implementation of cutting-edge treatment tactics illustrated the real-world applicability of academic learnings.

- Identified contemporary needs affecting elderly individuals via comprehensive assessments guiding intervention developments.
- Formulated engaging protocols designed to stimulate activities and social interaction among older adults.
- Evaluated program effectiveness through consistent patient evaluations and anecdotal feedback from caregivers.
- Worked alongside seniors' residences proactively leveraging findings into actionable insights improving everyday practices.
- Delivered results in presentations to peers and faculty, resulting in high commendation for innovation and significant impact.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List, San Jose State University (2024, 2025)
- Outstanding Student Researcher Award, San Jose State University (2025)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy

San Jose State University 🎓 GPA: 3.8 📅 2026 📍 San Jose, CA

Coursework: Patient Assessment, Treatment Planning, Rehabilitation Strategies, Interdisciplinary Collaboration

CERTIFICATIONS

- California Occupational Therapist License 📅 2026
- National Provider BLS - American Heart Association 📅 2026
- California Fire and Life Safety Card 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Occupational Therapy Tools:** Adaptive Equipment, Therapeutic Modalities, PEDS Network
- **Assessment Instruments:** Barthel Index, Functional Independence Measure, COPM
- **Rehabilitation Software:** RehabWare, TENS Units, Biofeedback Programs
- **Educational Materials:** Printed Pamphlets, Digital Resources, Videos
- **Presentation Tools:** PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides
- **Data Analysis Software:** SPSS, Excel, RStudio
- **Documentation Systems:** EMR Systems, TherapyNotes, Meditech
- **Continuing Education Resources:** Webinars, Online Courses, Conferences
- **Compliance Standards:** HIPAA, AOTA Guidelines, Medicare Requirements
- **Community Engagement Platforms:** Facebook, Meetup, Local Organizations

SKILLS

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| • Occupational Therapy | • Research Analysis | • Communication Skills | • Program Development |
| • Patient Assessment | • Patient Education | • Team Leadership | • Engagement Strategies |
| • Treatment Planning | • Therapeutic Techniques | • Cognitive Rehabilitation | • Data Analysis |
| • Interdisciplinary Collaboration | • Documentation Compliance | • Evidence-Based Practice | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Occupational Therapy Student Association, San Jose State University (2023 - Present)
- Volunteer, Local Rehabilitation Center (2022 - Present)

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST