



Access Telehealth - Occupational Therapist Biography

Our occupational therapist biographies are collected to identify our therapists' skill sets, expertise, and the type of clients they are comfortable consulting. The information we collect from our clients (diagnosis, issues/needs, and requirements for therapy) is then used internally to assist in client allocations, and as a reference for further skill development.

The biographies can be supplied externally upon request to clients, support coordinators, and relevant organisations to ensure the correct match of client and therapist.

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| Name: Sharni Cole | Region: South East Victoria |
| How many years have you been an Occupational Therapist? | |
| I have been practicing as an Occupational Therapist for 3 years, since graduating from my Bachelor degree at the end of 2019. | |
| Please describe your speciality areas and clinical interests: | |
| In addition to my Bachelor degree, throughout 2020 and 2021 I completed a Graduate Certificate in Specialist Inclusive Education. I have a particular passion for working with children within their classroom and wider school environments and ensuring all children have access to and opportunities to learn and gain an education. | |
| I have particular interest in working with children who demonstrate challenges across their sensory and emotional needs as well as working with children who demonstrate challenges across their fine and gross motor skills. | |
| Please select your OT speciality areas and clinical interests: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADL Assessment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sensory Assessment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Functional Assessment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sensory Intervention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> Work & Safety Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving & Vehicle Assessments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Modifications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paediatric Intervention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Assessment (SDA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Assessment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Assessment (SIL) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Intervention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicolegal Assessment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Childhood Intervention Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Planning Assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| Please select the main client group you have worked with: | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paediatric (0-6yrs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paediatric (7yrs plus) | <input type="checkbox"/> Return to Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Ergonomics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dementia | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurological Rehabilitation |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aged Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spinal Injury | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adults | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adolescents (12-18yrs) |
| <p>What do you enjoy most about being an Occupational Therapist?</p> <p>My favourite part about being an Occupational Therapist is supporting children and adolescence to be able to do the things that they value the most. I enjoy watching the progression of confidence and skills obtained by those I work with and overall supporting them to grow, succeed and achieve their goals.</p> | |
| <p>What strengths do you think you bring to the Team?</p> <p>I am a warm, patient and understanding person who demonstrates empathy no matter the stage of each individual's journey. I pride myself on being a strengths-based OT who works WITH clients, their families, teachers and other members of a care team to support the client and/or the family's goals.</p> <p>I demonstrate intentional and clear communication skills on a written and verbal level. I value working with all members of a clients care team to ensure all parties are on the same page.</p> | |
| <p>Have you had experience working with Aboriginal clients?</p> <p>I have not yet worked explicitly with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders, however, have worked with a vast variety of cultures, including practicing in a culturally sensitive manner.</p> | |
| <p>Have you worked with particular cultural/religious groups?</p> <p>Throughout my experience as an Occupational Therapist, I have worked with a variety of cultural/religious groups as well as those across all income and socio-economic statuses.</p> | |
| <p>Do you provide therapy to all genders?</p> <p>I take pride in my ability to demonstrate inclusive therapy and provide therapy to all genders and gender identities.</p> | |
| <p>Are there any exceptions with whom you will work?</p> <p>My experience is predominantly servicing within the paediatric space and within this, there are no exceptions to whom I will and can work with.</p> | |
| <p>Other relevant information</p> | |