

*Marlene van der Merwe*  
**Occupational Therapist**

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**PERSONAL**

**Date of Birth:** August 12, 1959

**Gender:** Female

**Place of Birth:** Stellenbosch

**Citizenship:** South Africa

A passionate, committed Therapist who facilitate a holistic therapeutic approach for integrated function in her clients.

**REGISTRATION**

Practise number: 6605141

HPCSA: OT 0011070

The Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa

Brain Gym ® in South Africa

NAET Therapist

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Currently: Own Private Practise**

*August 1999- currently*

**Therapist**

- Evaluation and treatment of clients of all ages
- Therapy for small groups (when appropriate)
- Dynamic team work in schools
- Working with families, using a more holistic approach
- Diagnoses: ADD, ADHD, Learning Disorders, Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Developmental Delays, Stress Related Difficulties

**Previous:**

**Occupational Therapist in Rehabilitation Centre**

**Roanoke, Virginia, USA**

*August 1996 – August 1999*

**Occupational Therapist**

- Evaluation and treatment of Paediatric population
- Diagnoses included: Developmental Delays, Coordination Difficulties, ADD and ADHS, Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Learning Challenges
- Included: Planning of Treatment Report writing, Team meetings, Lectures, Interdisciplinary treatment, Home visits
- Supervision of OT assistants

**Own Private Practise**

*January 1986- August 1996*

**Occupational Therapist**

- Part-time Therapist at Chére Botha School for 8 years (Down Syndrome Society)
- Started own practice more full time

**Working in Private Practise**

*January 1984 – December 1986*

**Occupational Therapist**

- Treatment of children with diagnoses of learning difficulties, coordination difficulties, focus and attention problems

**Stikland Hospital**

*January 1981- December 1983*

- Working in Psychiatry with medium to long-term patients

**EDUCATION**

**University of Stellenbosch**

B Occupational Therapy

1978 -1981

**La Rochelle Girls High School, Paarl**

Grade 8 tot 12

**Primary School, Kraaifontein (Currently Simonsberg)**

Grade 1 - 7

**COURSES**

Certified Educational Kinesiologist (1996)

**Recent Courses attended: (last 5 years)**

- ***Cranio- Sacral Therapy***  
CST1 2012  
CST2 2014  
CST Paediatrics 2015  
SER 2015
- ***NAET***  
Basic Certification 2012  
Advanced 1 2012  
Advanced 2 2015  
NST 2015  
Annual Symposium London 2015

- ***Stark Griffin***  
Dyslexia Training 2015  
Dyscalculia Training 2016
- ***MNIR*** ®  
MNRI Dynamic and Postural Reflex Pattern Integration 2016  
MNRI Archetype Movement Integration 2017  
MNRI Tactile Integration 2017
- ***Visceral Manipulation***  
VM 1 2017