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Education

- **PhD** in Occupational Therapy, 2006
The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
Dissertation: “Expert Occupational Therapists’ Decisions about the Management of Upper Limb Hypertonicity in Children and Adolescents with Cerebral Palsy”
- **Master of Science** in Occupational Therapy, 1997
The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran.
Thesis: “Power strength in school aged children”
- **Bachelor of Science** in Occupational Therapy, 1990
Iran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran

Awards and Honours/Appreciation

- Ministry of Health and Education Scholarship (Iran) to study in PhD program, 2002-2006.
- Service award for servicing the clients; Assistant Director for Therapeutics and Rehabilitation, University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2001.
- Service award for management of the Department of Occupational Therapy; President, University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 1996.

Membership

- Iranian Occupational Therapy Association (IROTA).
- Iranian Occupational Therapy Evaluation and Examination Board
- IROTA Alternative Delegate to World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT).

- The Society of Judgement and Decision Making.

Research Experience

Chief investigator (small grant to support master student): Validating ASK in Farsi, 2010 – 2011

Chief investigator (small grant to support master student): Validating MACS in Farsi, 2010 – 2011

Chief investigator (small grant to support master student): The influence of sensory integration on upper limb function of children with CP, 2010 - 2011

Chief investigator (small grant to support master student): A survey on facilitators and barriers of participation for children with CP, 2010 - 2011

Chief investigator: CP Quality of life instrument: investigating its validity and reliability in Persian, 2009-present.

Research Fellow: Research project: Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Project (DP0664847), Teachers Reporting Child Sexual Abuse: Towards Evidence-based Reform of Law, Policy and Practice), School of Early Childhood, Faculty of Education, Queensland University of Technology, 2007-2010.

- Developing a new research questionnaire in eight sections including knowledge, attitude and scenarios sections. The process of development attitude scale will be submitted to a peer reviewed journal in the near future.
- Designing and completing three pilot studies to validate the research questionnaire.
- Designing a database for data entry to reduce errors.
- Using statistical analysis software (i.e., MLwiN and SPSS) to investigate the percentage of variance at teacher and school levels (multilevel analysis).
- Publishing two articles and preparing three further manuscript

Project officer: Working on two research projects include: “clients’ use of splints prescribed by occupational therapists” and “the effectiveness of hand splints for people with acquired brain injury” (Supervisor: Dr Jodie Copley, University of Queensland), 2007-2008.

- Analysing qualitative focus group data,
- Analysing quantitative data analysis at both a participant group and individual case study level
- Constructing a literature review on the barriers and supports to clients in carrying out therapists’ recommendations.
- Publishing one article and preparing another manuscript

Doctoral Research: Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Queensland, 2002-2006 (Research adviser: Dr Jenny Ziviani, Dr Sylvia Rodger, Dr Lenard Dalglish).

- Studying “Expert Occupational Therapists’ Decisions about the Management of Upper Limb Hypertonicity in Children and Adolescents with Cerebral Palsy”

- Designing five research phases that involved: identifying influential factors and appropriate measures for each factor; and developing 90 case scenarios (vignettes) to investigate the influential factors on therapists' decision making, using mix quantitative and qualitative methods.
- Using advanced data analysis such as regression and cluster analysis to identify influential factors, as well as a novel empirical approach (CWS) to examine therapists' level of expertise and its predictors.
- Publishing five peer-reviewed papers in national and international journals, and seven oral and poster presentations.

Masters Research: Department of Occupational Therapy, the University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Iran, 1997 (Research Adviser: Dr Hossien Karimi).

- Power Strength in School Aged Children (6-11 year old) in Tehran.
- A Pilot Study on Stereognosis of Children with Cerebral Palsy.

Research assistant: Studying physical problems of exceptional students, Organization of Exceptional Children, Tehran, Iran, 1997.

Single case study: An innovative method called Band Therapy: A Technique for improving balance in clients with cerebral palsy, 1995.

Research Interests

- Research methodology
- Quantitative data analysis.
- Survey questionnaire design and development.
- Evidence based practice.
- Case vignettes and scenario development for use in research and education.
- Occupational therapy for clients with neurological condition.
- Upper limb: development, and management.
- Parent training

Academic Experience

Visiting Fellow: Queensland University of Technology, Queensland, Australia, Semester 2, 2010

Assistant Professor: The Department of Occupational Therapy, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 2008-present

- Teaching research methodology to Master's and Doctorate students.
- Teaching Evidence Based Practice

- Director of the Research Committee, Department of occupational therapy.
- Supervising and Advising PhD and Masters students in their research projects

Lecturer: Department of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences, the University of Jordan, 2002.

- Teaching two occupational therapy subjects - Occupational Therapy Skills I, and Occupational Therapy Physical Applied I.
- Preparing clinics for student field practice.
- Reviewing the occupational therapy curriculum.
- Sourcing tools and equipment for the department of occupational therapy.

Lecturer, Clinical Instructor: The Department of Occupational Therapy, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 1994-2002.

- Advising Masters Students in their thesis projects.
- Teaching occupational therapy subjects including “sensorimotor approaches”, “principles of occupational therapy”, and “occupational therapy for children with physical disabilities”.
- Serving as a member of the departmental and university research committees.
- Managing the Department of Occupational Therapy.
- Supervising students in clinical fieldwork.
- Establishing the Bachelor degree in the university department.
- Organising clinical fieldwork for students.
- Preparing educational workshops for graduates.
- Reviewing the occupational therapy curriculum as a committee member.

Clinical Instructor, Associate Lecturer: The Department of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences, Iran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 1990-1994.

- Teaching occupational therapy subjects including “sensorimotor approaches”, and “principles of occupational therapy”.
- Supervising students in clinical settings.

University and Professional Services

- Member of the Research Committee, Department of Ergonomic, 2009-present.
- Reviewer, Journal of Rehabilitation (in Farsi), 2008-present.
- Reviewer, Journal of Gerontology (in Farsi), 2010-present.
- Member and cofounder of Paediatric Neurorehabilitation Research Centre, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences 2009 – present.
- Iranian Occupational Therapy Evaluation and Examination Board, 2009-present.
- Review Board: International Journal of Therapy and Rehabilitation, 2008-present.
- Participation as a Rater in the McMaster Online Rating of Evidence System, 2007-present.

- Alternate delegate to World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT), 2006-present.
- Member of the scientific committee of the First Seminar for Training Families with Exceptional Children, Tehran, Iran, 2010.
- Member of the scientific committee of Congress on Down's Syndrome, Tehran, Iran, 2010.
- Member of the scientific committee of the Congress on People with Visual Impairment, Tehran, Iran, 2009.
- Member of the scientific committee of 14th Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 2009.
- Reviewer - OT Australia 23rd National Conference & Exhibition, 2008.
- Reviewer- Australian Occupational Therapy Journal, 2007-present.
- Reviewer – World Federation of Occupational Therapist (WFOT) 14th Congress, 2006.
- Member of the Iranian Occupational Therapy Association Board, 1998-2002.
- Member of Research Committee, The Department of Occupational Therapy, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 1994 – 2002.
- Coordinator, Rehabilitation Responses Centre (for people with disabilities), Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences, Iran University of Medical Sciences, 1992-1993.
- Consultant, the Organization of Exceptional Children (rehabilitation program for physically handicapped students), Tehran, Iran, 1997.
- Member of the scientific committee of 8th Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 2001.
- Scientific member of Second Congress of Vocational Rehabilitation, Tehran, Iran, 2000.
- Member of the scientific committee of 7th Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 2000.
- Member of the scientific committee of 6th Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 1998.
- Member of the scientific committee of 5th Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 1997.
- Executive secretary of 5th Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 1997.
- Member of the scientific committee of First Congress of Vocational Rehabilitation, Tabriz, Iran, 1996.
- Member of the scientific & executive committee of 4th Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 1996.
- Executive secretary of Third Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 1995.

- Member of the scientific committee of Third Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 1994.
- Member of the scientific & executive committee of Second Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 1994.
- Member of the scientific & executive committee of "Rehabilitation & Society Congress", Tehran, Iran, 1993.
- Member of the executive committee of the First Seminar on Rehabilitation, Tehran, Iran, 1991.

Publications

- **Rassafiani, M** (In preparation) Case vignettes: Application in occupational therapy.
- Walsh, K., Mathews, B., **Rassafiani, M.**, Farrell, A., Butler, D., Kilby, S., Cronan, J., & Chirio, L. (in preparation). Factors influencing teachers' actual past reporting and anticipated future reporting of child sexual abuse.
- Bahramizadeh, M., Mousavi, M. E., **Rassafiani, M.**, Aminian, G., Ebrahimi, I., Karimlou, M., et al. (2012, in press). The effect of floor reaction ankle foot orthosis on postural control in children with spastic cerebral palsy. *Prosthetics and Orthotics International*.
- Walsh, K., **Rassafiani, M.**, Mathews, B., Farrell, A., Butler, D. (2012, in press). Exploratory factor analysis and psychometric evaluation of the Teachers Reporting Attitude Scale for Child Sexual Abuse. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*.
- Dehghan, S. K., **Rassafiani, M.**, Akbar Fahimi, N., Farahbod, M., & Salehi, M. (2011). Validity and reliability of Activities Scale for Kids (ASK) in children with cerebral palsy. *Journal of Research in Rehabilitation Sciences*, 7(3).
- Lajevardi, L; **Rassafiani, M**; Shafaroodi, N; Mehraban, A H; Ahmadi, M (2011) Quality of methodological design and level of research articles published by occupational therapists in Iranian scientific journals, WFOT Bulletin, 64, 39-42.
- Dalvand, H; Dehgan, A; Feizy, M; **Rassafiani, M**; & Hosseini, S A (2011) The Impacts of Hinged and Solid AFOs on Standing and Walking Functions in 4-8 Year Old Children with Spastic Cerebral Palsy, Journal of Rafsanjan University of Medical Sciences, Volume 10, Number 1. 25-34.
- Gharib, M; **Rassafiani, M**; Teymouri, R; & Fallahian, N (2011) GMFCS Family Report Questionnaire: Children Aged 2 to 4 Years - Farsi, http://motorgrowth.canchild.ca/en/GMFCS/resources/GMFCS_Family_Questionnaire_2to4_Farsi.pdf (Translated to Farsi).
- **Rassafiani, M**; Gharib, M; Teymouri, R; & Fallahian, N (2011) GMFCS Family Report Questionnaire: Children Aged 4 to 6 Years - Farsi, http://motorgrowth.canchild.ca/en/GMFCS/resources/GMFCS_Family_Questionnaire_4to6_Farsi.pdf, (Translated to Farsi).

- Teymouri, R; **Rassafiani, M**; Gharib, M; & Fallahian, N (2011) GMFCS Family Report Questionnaire: Children Aged 6 to 12 Years - Farsi, http://motorgrowth.canchild.ca/en/GMFCS/resources/GMFCS_Family_Questionnaire_6to12_Farsi.pdf, (Translated to Farsi).
- Ahmadi, M., Farahbod, M., Soortigi, H., & **Rassafiani, M.** (2010). Sensory processing in children with Autism disorder from Winnie dunn's perspective. *Iranian Journal of Exceptional Children*, 10(4), 385-392.
- Saed Pazuki, E; Haghgoo,H; Sarfaraz, Z; & **Rassafiani, M** (2010) Depression and Quality of life in patients with stroke, *Journal of Research in Rehabilitation Sciences*, 6: 2, 1-9.
- **Rassafiani, M**; AkbarFahimi, N; Riyahi, A (2010 version), Manual Ability Classification System, http://www.macs.nu/files/MACS_Farsi_2010.pdf (Translated to Farsi).
- Riyahi, A; **Rassafiani, M**; AkbarFahimi, N; (2010) MACS level identification chart, http://www.macs.nu/files/MACS_identification_chart_farsi.pdf (Translated to Farsi).
- **Rassafiani, M**; Sahaf, R (2010) Single Case Experimental Design: An overview, *International Journal of Therapy and Rehabilitation*, 17:6, 285-289.
- Walsh, K; **Rassafiani, M**; Mathews, B; Farrell, A; Butler, D (2010) Teachers' attitudes toward reporting child sexual abuse: Scale development and testing, *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 19:3, 310-336.
- Mathews, B., Walsh, K., **Rassafiani, M.**, Butler, D., & Farrell, A. (2009). Teachers reporting suspected child sexual abuse: results of a three-state study. *University of New South Wales Law Journal*, 32, 3, 772-813.
- **Rassafiani, M** (2009) Is the length of experience an appropriate criterion to identify level of expertise? *Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, Volume 16, Number 4, May 2009 , pp. 247-256(10) DOI:10.1080/11038120902795441].
- Kuipers, K; **Rassafiani, M**; Ashburner, J; Griffin, J; Worley, L; Moes, L; Fleming, J; Copley, J (2009) Do clients with acquired brain injury use the splints prescribed by occupational therapists? A descriptive study. *NeuroRehabilitation*, 24:4, 365-375
- **Rassafiani, M**; Ziviani, J; Rodger, S; Dalglish, L (2009) Identification of occupational therapy clinical expertise: Decision making characteristics, *Australian Occupational Therapy Journal*, 56:3, 156-166.
- **Rassafiani, M.**, Copley, J., Kuipers, K. and Sahaf, R. (2008) Are explanatory randomized controlled trials feasible in rehabilitation? *International Journal of Therapy and Rehabilitation*, 15:11: 478-479.

- **Rassafiani, M;** Ziviani, J; Rodger, S (2008) Perceived level of disability: Factors influencing therapists' judgment for clients with cerebral palsy, *Hong Kong Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 18:1, 12-19.
- Walsh, K., Bridgstock, R., Farrell, A., **Rassafiani, M.**, Schweitzer, R. (2008) Case, teacher and school characteristics influencing teachers' detecting and reporting of child physical abuse and neglect: Results from an Australian survey, *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal*, 32:10, 983-993.
- Burgess, T; **Rassafiani, M;** Copley, J (2008) Factors associated with the acquisition of expertise in upper limb hypertonicity management, *British Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 71:8, 329-328.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Ziviani, J; Rodger, S; Dalglish, L (2008) Occupational therapists' decision making in the management of clients with upper limb hypertonicity, *Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 15:2, 105-115.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Zeinali, R (2007) History of occupational therapy in Iran, World Federation of Occupational Therapists website, <http://www.wfot.org/intLiaison.asp?id=article>.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Zeinali, R (2007) Occupational therapy in Iran, *World Federation of Occupational Therapists Bulletin*, 55, 50-51.
- **Rassafiani, M** (2007) Occupational performance model (Australia) - Model illustration, http://www.occupationalperformance.com/index.php/au/node_112/model_illustration (Translated to Farsi).
- **Rassafiani, M;** Karbalaynouri, A (2007) Occupational performance model (Australia) – Definitions, http://www.occupationalperformance.com/index.php/au/node_112/definition (Translated to Farsi).
- **Rassafiani, M;** AkbarFahimi, N (2006), Manual Ability Classification System, http://www.macs.nu/files/MACS_Farsi.pdf (Translated to Farsi).
- **Rassafiani, M;** Ziviani, J; Rodger, S; Dalglish, L (2006) Managing upper limb hypertonicity: factors influencing therapists' decision, *British Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 69(8), 373-78.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Ziviani, J; Rodger, S (2006) Occupational therapists' decision making in three therapy settings in Australia, *Asian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 5, 29-39.
- Yaryari, F; **Rassafiani, M;** Karimlo, M; Pashazadeh Azari, A (2001) Evaluation of motor skills and neuromuscular function in children with ADHD. *Exceptional Children Journal*, 1, 17-34 (Farsi).
- **Rassafiani, M;** Rezai, M (2000) Philosophical basis of occupational therapy. *Journal of Iranian Occupational Therapy Association*, 13, 17-23 (Farsi).
- **Rassafiani, M** (1999), CP balls, *Journal of Iranian Occupational Therapy Association* (Farsi).
- **Rassafiani, M** (1992), Different types of standing posture in spastic diplegia. *Journal of Physical Therapy Department*, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences (Farsi).

- **Rassafiani, M** (1992), Occupational therapy for children, Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, This is a Module and practical Manual for the course that I taught (Farsi).
- **Rassafiani, M** (1991), Sensorimotor approaches, Iran University of Medical Sciences, Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, This is a Module and practical Manual for the course that I taught (Farsi).
- **Rassafiani, M** (1991), What we should know about mental retardation. Faculty of rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, A booklet for community teaching (Farsi).

Academic Presentations and Workshops

- Rassafiani, M (Oral Presentation, Invited Speaker), Predicting gross motor function in Children with CP, 16th Iranian OT national Congress, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 2011.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Pourmohamadrezatajrishi, M; Hojjat, M; Sahaf, R; Walsh, K (Oral Presentation), Parents-to-parents training: Going beyond family-cantered interventions, Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Conference, Saskatoon, Canada, June, 2011.
- **Rassafiani, M;** & Pourmohamadrezatajrishi, M (Oral Presentation) Parent-to-parent training: A new method to train people based on client-cantered and knowledge translation approaches, The First International Congress on Health Education and Promotion, Tabriz, Iran, May 2011.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Khankeh, H R (Workshop) Advanced Research Methodology, Tehran, Iran, June 2011.
- **Rassafiani, M;** (Invited Keynote Speaker) Parent training: Integrating sensory –motor approach into handling children with cerebral palsy, The first National Congress of new approaches in Rehabilitation of Motor Disorders, Isfahan, Iran, March 2011.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Riahi, A (Workshop) Using MACS in practice and research, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, March 2011.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Gharebaghi, S, Dalvandi, H; Dehgan, A (Workshop), How to use and employ GAS in practice and research, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, March 2011.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Walsh, K; Pourmohamadrezatajrishi, M; Hojjat, M; Sahaf, R (Oral Presentation), Parents-to-parents training: What we have learned from educating parents, School of Early Childhood and the Centre for Learning Innovation Seminar, Brisbane, Australia, Oct 2010.
- Walsh, K; **Rassafiani, M** (Oral Presentation) Teachers' attitudes towards reporting child maltreatment, School of Early Childhood and the Centre for Learning Innovation Seminar, Brisbane, Australia, Oct 2010.
- Walsh, K; Mathew, B; Butler, D; Farrell, A; **Rassafiani, M;** Kilby, S (Oral Presentation) What influences professional reporting of child sexual abuse? Perspective from a study of Australian teachers, XVIII ISPCAN International Congress, Hong Kong, September 2010.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Tajrishi, M (Panel presentation) Family to Family Training: Problems and Solutions of Families of Preschool Children with Down's Syndrome, Congress on Down's Syndrome, Tehran, Iran, Feb 2010.

- **Rassafiani, M;** Hojjat, M (oral presentation) Family to Family Training: movie making, First Seminar for Family Training with Exceptional Children, Tehran, Iran, Feb 2010.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Sahaf, R; Sortiji, H; Hajhidari, F (workshop) Systematic scientific search, University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Feb 2010.
- **Rassafiani, M** (Workshop) Training families with cerebral palsy: Handling children with cerebral palsy in daily activities, Valiaser Rehabilitation Centre, 2009
- **Rassafiani, M;** Akbarfahimi, N; Gharib, M; Hoseini, S A; Soortiji, H (Workshop) Advanced interventions in upper limb extremity of children with cerebral palsy, Oct 2009
- **Rassafiani, M,** Sortji, (workshop) Systematic scientific search, University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2009.
- Sahaf, R, Marshal, A, Bartlett, H, **Rassafiani, M,** (poster presentation) Is depressive symptoms as a barrier to participation in physical activity among older people?, XIXth World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, 2009.
- **Rassafiani, M,** Ziviani, J; Rodger, S (oral presentation) Perceived level of disability: Factors influencing therapists' judgment for clients with cerebral palsy, 3rd International Cerebral Palsy Conference, Sydney, Australia, 2009.
- Walsh, K, Mathews, B, **Rassafiani, M,** Farrell, A, Butler, A, (poster presentation) Development and Initial Validation of a Scale to Measure Teachers' Attitudes Towards Child Sexual Abuse, ISPAN, 2008.
- **Rassafiani, M** (oral presentation) Identification of occupational therapy clinical expertise: decision making characteristics, 4th Asia Pacific Occupational Therapy Conference, Hong Kong, 2007.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Ziviani, J; Rodger, S (oral presentation) Factors influencing expert decision making in the management of upper limb hypertonicity of clients with cerebral palsy, Australian Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine, Australia (AusACPDM Conference), Adelaide, 2006.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Ziviani, J; Rodger, S (oral presentation) The influence of practice context on occupational therapists' decision making in the management of UL hypertonicity, 'OT's in Arms', OT AUSTRALIA Qld conference Brisbane, Australia, 2005.
- **Rassafiani, M;** Ziviani, J; Rodger, S; Dalgleish, L (poster presentation) How many years clinical practice is required to become an expert occupational therapist?, 39th Japanese Occupational Therapy Congress and Expo, Tokyo, Japan, The Journal of Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists, Vol 24, Supl, p. 24, 2005.

- **Rassafiani, M** (panel discussion) Future research trend in OT in Iran, Iran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 2004.
- **Rassafiani, M**; Ziviani, J; Rodger, S; Dalgleish, L (oral presentation) Classification of factors which influence occupational therapists' decision making in the management of upper limb hypertonicity, 10th Iranian Occupational Therapy Conference, Tehran, Iran, 2004.
- **Rassafiani, M**; Ziviani, J; Rodger, S; Dalgleish, L (oral presentation) Factors influence occupational therapists' decision in the management of upper limb hypertonicity: A preliminary results, 8th State Conference, Queensland, Australia, 2004.
- **Rassafiani, M** (poster presentation) Occupational therapy for children with arthrogryposis (single case study), Seventh Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 2000.
- **Rassafiani, M**; Yazdani, F (workshop) Pre-feeding skills, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences and Welfare Organization, Tehran, Iran, 1998.
- **Rassafiani, M** (oral presentation) Band therapy (case study) - a technique to improve upright position in clients with cerebral palsy, First Gulf Congress in Medical Rehabilitation, Kuwait City, Kuwait, 1997.
- **Rassafiani, M**; Yazdani, F (oral presentation) Role of occupational therapy in improving the function of nutrition of the child, The 4th Iranian Nutrition Congress, Tehran, Iran, 1996.
- **Rassafiani, M** (oral presentation) History of sensorimotor approaches to treatment of children with cerebral palsy and analysis of their principles, First Congress of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 1993.
- **Rassafiani, M** (oral presentation) The planning of therapy for children with cerebral palsy, First Congress of Cerebral Palsy, Tehran, Iran, 1993.
- **Rassafiani, M** (oral presentation) Cat technique – an innovative technique to improve standing posture in children with CP, Third Congress of Physiotherapy, Tehran, Iran, 1992.
- **Rassafiani, M** (oral presentation) Effects of play on children, Second Specialized Seminar on Export toys, Tehran, Iran, 1992.
- **Rassafiani, M** (oral presentation) Normal posture, First Congress on Ergonomic & Health of Spinal Column, Tehran, Iran, 1992.
- **Rassafiani, M** (oral presentation) Analysis of principle of Bobath approach, First Seminar on Rehabilitation, Tehran, Iran, 1991.
- Rahbar, S; Hosseini, S A; **Rassafiani, M** (workshop) Methods of handling of children with cerebral palsy at home for parents and caregivers, Iran University of Medical Science, Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 1990.

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~~Supervising Honours and Higher Degree Students~~

- Supervisor: Bahramizadeh, M (PhD Candidate), The effect of AFO on standing posture of children with CP, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, ongoing project.
- Supervisor: Godarzi, M (Master Student), The effect of Handling on physical health of parents' with children with CP: An experimental study, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, ongoing project.
- Supervisor: Jalili, N (Master Student), The effect of Handling on mental health of parents' with children with CP: An experimental study, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, ongoing project.
- Supervisor: Ahmadizadeh, Z (Master student), Quality of life and mental health of parents with children with CP, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2012.
- Advisor: Ghorbanpour, Z (Master student), The effect of newly developed home program on gross motor function of children with CP, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, ongoing project.
- Advisor: Hatami, R (Master Student), validating sensory profile in Farsi, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, ongoing project.
- Supervisor: Ghashgahi, M (Master student), Investigating the parent perception of home program: A qualitative study, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, ongoing project.
- Supervisor: Lajevardi, L (PhD Candidate), Investigating barriers and facilitators of evidence based practice in occupational therapy, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, ongoing project.
- Supervisor: Mirbagheri, (Master Student), The effect of Licra garment on standing posture of children with CP, 2012.
- Supervisor: Sobhani, (Master student), The effect of Licra garment on upper limb function of children with CP, 2011.
- Advisor: Atashi, A (Master student), The effect of Graph Movements on Fine Motor Function in 5-7 years old children with Asperger Syndrome. 2011
- Co-supervisor: Abbasi, V (Master OT Student), Validating CPCHILD in Farsi, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, 2011.
- Advisor: Kasehchi, (Master OT Student) , 2012

- Supervisor: Ahmadi, M (Master OT Student), Investigation time use of Mothers with children with CP, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2011.
- Advisor: Sabor, H (Master OT Student), The influence of intensive bi-manual intervention on upper limb function of children with Hemiplegic CP, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2011.
- Supervisor: Gharebahgi, S (Master OT student), The influence of CO-OP on movement ability of children with ADHD, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2011.
- Supervisor: Noubakhat, Z (Master OT student), Studying Barriers in participation of Children with CP, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2011.
- Supervisor: Riahi, A (Master OT Student), Validation MACS in Farsi, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2011.
- Supervisor: Razavi, (Master OT student), Studying knowledge of parents and caregivers of children with CP about activities of daily living, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2010
- Supervisor: Sabet, S (Master OT student), The influence of sensory integration on upper limb function of children with CP, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2010.
- Supervisor, Rezaeei, M (Master OT student), Studying Occupational therapists' knowledge and use of training of parents and caregivers of children with CP about activities of daily living, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2010
- Supervisor, Dehghan, S K (Master OT Student), Validating ASK in Persian, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2010
- Supervisor, Naserolahkami, M (Master OT student), Influence of multisensory intervention on upper limb function of children with cerebral palsy, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2009
- Advisor, Mirdehghan, Z (Master Orthotics and Prosthesis student), Examining validity and reliability of a computerised timer in Milvaki orthosis, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2009
- Advisor, Pazoki, A (Master OT Student) relationship between quality of life, depression, and activity of daily living in people following stroke, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, 2009.
- Adviser, Burgess T. (honours student), Relationship between year of experience and level of expertise, The University of Queensland, Division of Occupational Therapy, Brisbane, Australia, 2006.

- *Associated supervisor of Master thesis*, Mosavi Sadati, SK, Study of scoliosis and flatfoot amongst school-age children in Tehran, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, The Department of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 2001.
- *Associate supervisor of Master thesis*, Study of hand function of children with hearing impairment in Tehran, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, The Department of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 2001.
- *Associate supervisor of Master thesis*, Akbarfahimi, M, Normalization of the EDPA test in Tehran, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, The Department of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 2001.
- *Associate supervisor of Master thesis*, Vojdani, F, A Comparative study of hand stereognosis of children with down's syndrome and normal children aged 10 year, Iran University of Medical Sciences, Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 2000.
- *Associate supervisor of Master thesis*, Pashazadeh, F, Assessment motor skills & neuromuscular function of 7-10 year old school children with attention deficit hyperactivity, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, The Department of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 2000.
- *Associate supervisor of Master thesis*, Ghahari, S, The effects of activity therapy on unilateral neglect and ADL of hemiplegic patients after stroke, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, The Department of Occupational Therapy, Tehran, Iran, 1998.

Workshops Attended

- Knowledge Translation, The University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 2011.
- Practical measurement and multilevel analysis in the psychosocial sciences, Australian Consortium for Social and political Research Inc (ACSPRI), The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 14-25 January 2008.
- First Aid and CPR, Brisbane, Australia, Dec 2006.
- Managing challenging students, Occupational Therapy Division, the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, 31st March 2006.
- Conflict resolution for clinical educator workshop, Occupational Therapy Division, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, 28th April 2006.
- Applied behaviour analysis (ABA), Australian Behavioural Intervention Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, 25th March 2006.
- Goal directed training of hand function course, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, 17-18th March 2004.
- Play and the art of therapy, Australian Association of Occupational Therapy, Queensland, Australia, 8th October 2003.

- Early detection and early intervention, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, International Child Neurology Association (ICNA).Tehran, Iran15, 17-20th October 2000.
- Educational workshop on ergonomics, future workshop, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 5-7th September 2000.
- Yoga, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, Summer 2000 (40 hours).
- Craniosacral therapy, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 22-23rd January 1999.
- Methods of preparing exams, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, 7th November 1999.
- Methods of clinical assessment, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 17th November 1999.
- International assessment of university used in CIPPO theory, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences and Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 11th January 1999.
- Quantitative research methodology, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 13-14th January 1999.
- Method of Dohsa-Hou, Organization of Exceptional Children, Tehran, Iran, 25th October 1998.
- Sport medicine, Kuwait, 23rd March 1997.
- Principle of rehabilitation, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 21-23rd October 1996.
- Community-based rehabilitation, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 5-6th October 1996.
- Family therapy and dynamism, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 24-25th February 1996.
- Methodology of research, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 27-31st January 1996.
- Problem-based learning, The University of Social Welfare & Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 8th February 1995.
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