

Essie Weathers

Essie graduated in 1997 and she now resides in Hickory, NC. She is married to Jim and they have two boys, Quinn and Reid. Her most memorable moment during the occupational therapy program was when she stabbed the pumpkin during psych group, playing the role of a passive-aggressive patient. She even got an award at the pinning ceremony for her performance. Her greatest accomplishment is becoming a mom and surviving parenthood thus far. After graduation, Essie worked as the main acute care occupational therapy at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory for five years. Essie developed occupational therapy services in acute care, the neonatal intensive care unit, and expanded outpatient services when there were few occupational therapy services when she first started working there. She also had the privilege of helping start a follow-up clinic in her community for infant graduates of Special Care Nurseries and Neonatal Intensive Care Units. When Quinn was born, she began working part time for Children's Neurotherapy Services. After the birth of her second son she took a 15 month hiatus to become a full time mom. Essie is currently working part-time with Aegis Therapies at a SNF. Her specialty is geriatrics. Her most memorable job experience is when she got to work with a teenager from Belarus who had been affected by the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear plant blast in the Ukraine. Her hobbies are Creative Memories scrap booking. She just recently bought a sewing machine to add to her hobbies whenever she gets the time to learn the skills of sewing. Essie wants, in the future, to expand her skills for either management or as a consultant.