

**Summary of Qualifications:**  
**Karthik Mani, OTD, OTR, FACOT**  
**Candidate for TOTA Gulf Coast East District Vice Chair**

Karthik Mani is an occupational therapy educator, researcher, and academic leader with experience in clinical practice, higher education, advocacy, and nonprofit leadership in both the United States and India. He earned his Doctor of Occupational Therapy from Chatham University in 2014, a Master of Science in Psychology in 2007, and a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy in 2005.

Dr. Mani currently serves as Associate Professor and Interim Program Director in the Department of Occupational Therapy at The University of Texas Medical Branch, where he has held leadership and teaching roles since 2020. His professional work includes curriculum development, fieldwork education, mentorship of doctoral students, and research focused on occupational therapy education and workforce development.

His professional service includes leadership roles with NBCOT, including service as Texas NBCOT Ambassador from 2021–2025 and NBCOT Ambassador Emeritus, as well as involvement with the Indian Occupational Therapists Think Tank and workforce initiatives with the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

His position statement emphasizes leadership, advocacy, education, and professional collaboration within the occupational therapy community.