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# Golden times: Exploring the sense making derived from the practice experiences of student Occupational Therapists in India

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# Background & Context



Researcher positionality



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# Methodology

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- **Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis:**

- “Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) is a qualitative research approach committed to the examination of how people make sense of their major life experiences” (Smith et al., 2022, p.1)

- **Poetic inquiry:**

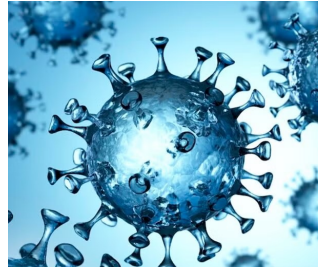
- Poetic inquiry is broadly defined as a style of qualitative research which includes poetry as a component part of the study (Prendergast, 2009)

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# Data collection



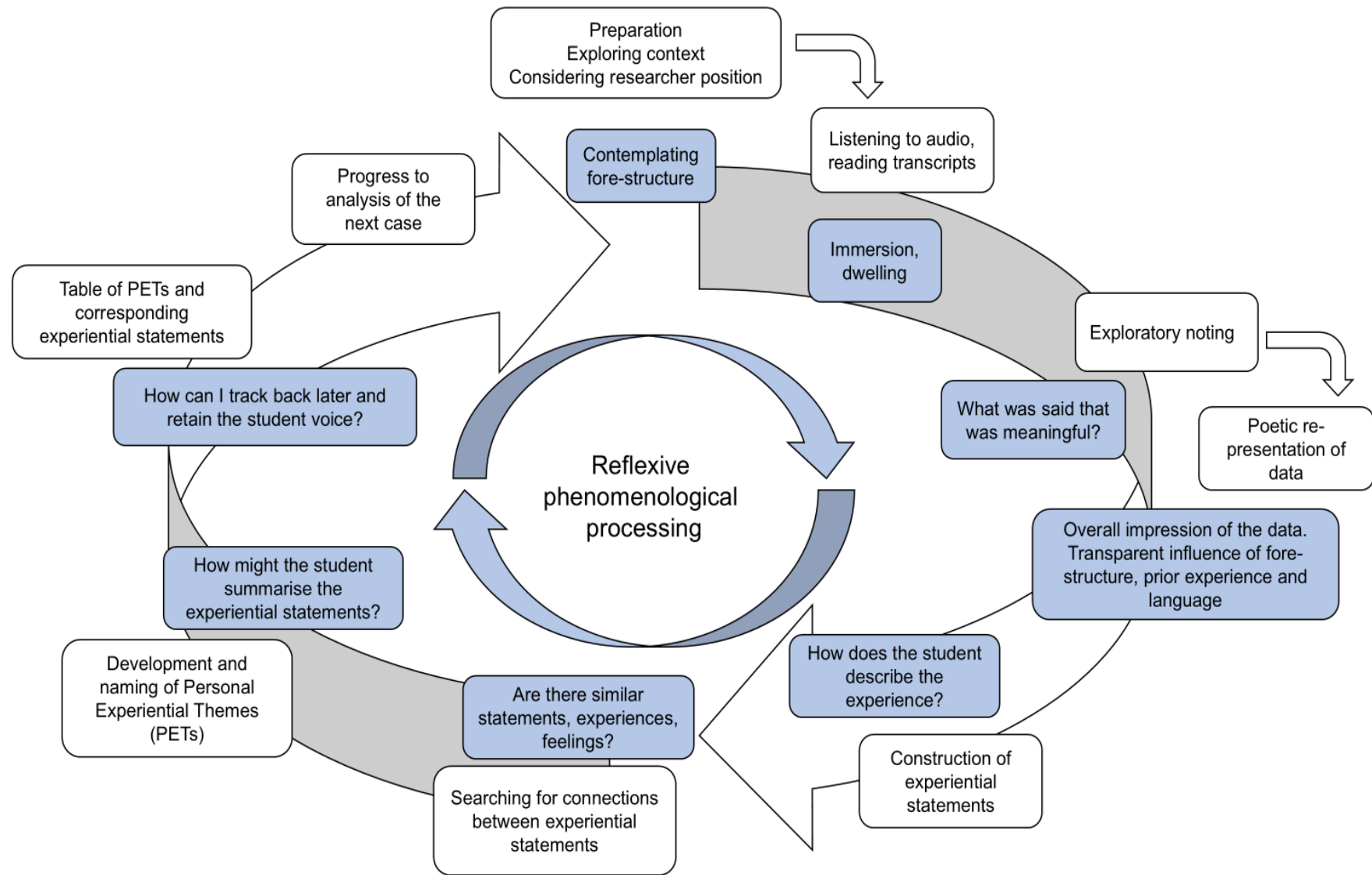
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# Data analysis

## Case by case process



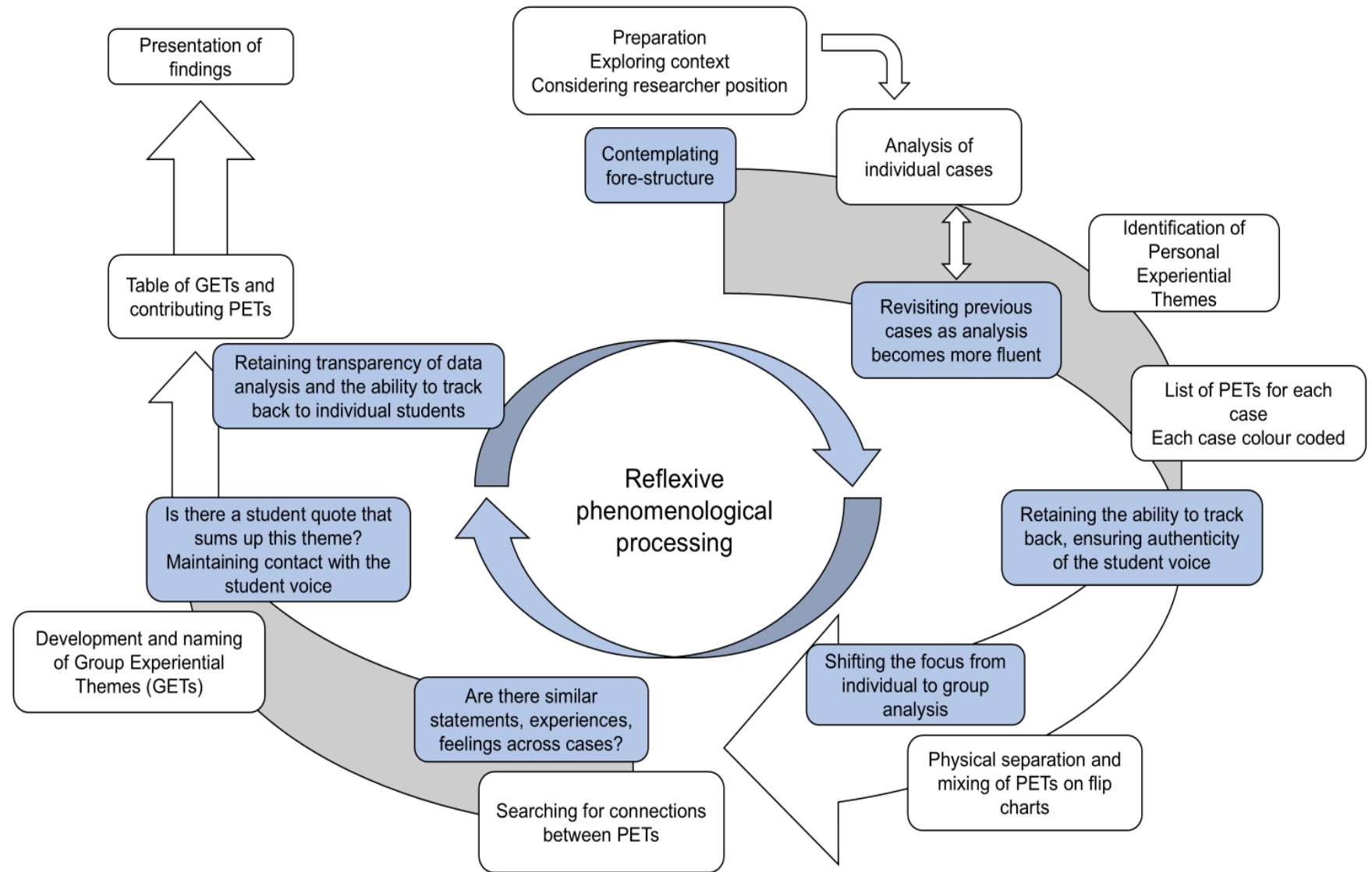
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# Data analysis

# Data synthesis



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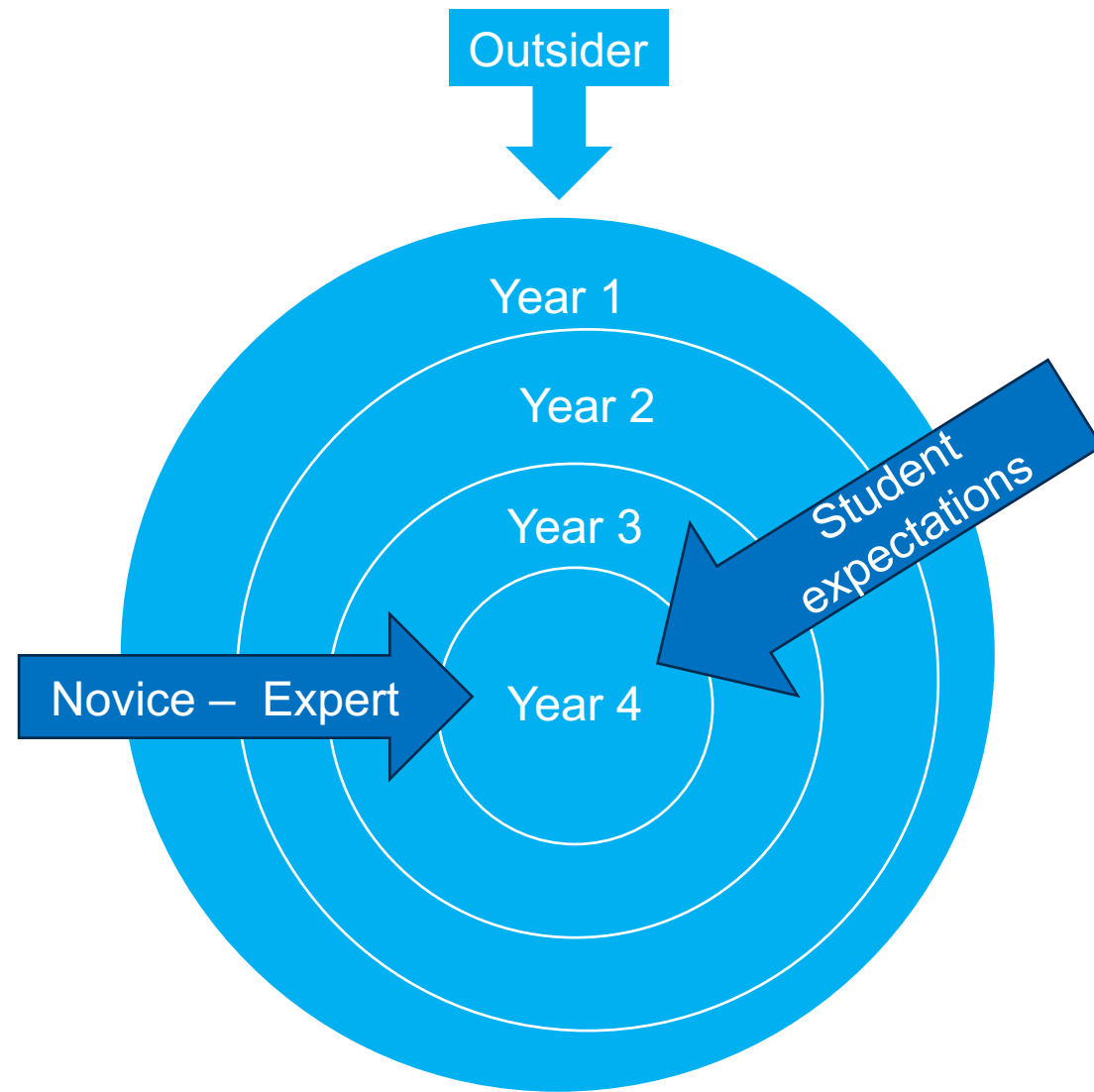
# Findings: Community of Practice

*“The first year, the main thing is to observe what a therapist do and how he creates rapport with the patient”*

*“in the second year, we came to deal with the patients with our friends”*

*“Now, in the third year, we came to see the client is allotted for us separately,”*

*“And the fourth year is like every comprehensive thing of everything, like we need to create rapport, we have to do an assessment, we have to fix their goals, also we need to intervene with our patients.....”*



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# Findings: Themes & Sub-themes

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1. **"Here in OT, everything is unique"**
  - a. "Now I get it, what is OT"
  - b. "We can give real quality of life"
2. **"Grading towards seeing the client on our own"**
  - a. "We are the medical profession"
  - b. "Next year, we will do our own"
  - c. "I'll be explaining to my faculty, he will be telling me that if it is right or wrong"
3. **"Studying then applying is always resting in our mind"**
4. **"We need to get the positives, also the negatives."**
  - a. "Oh my God, what are we going to do with him?"
  - b. "It'll be goosebumps"
  - c. "So, I'm an Occupational Therapist"
5. **"Postings are really golden times"**
6. **"As a future OT, we are not working for a condition."**
7. **"I'm cherishing my thoughts and clinical practices with you, it's nice."**
8. **"The scenarios are different in India"**

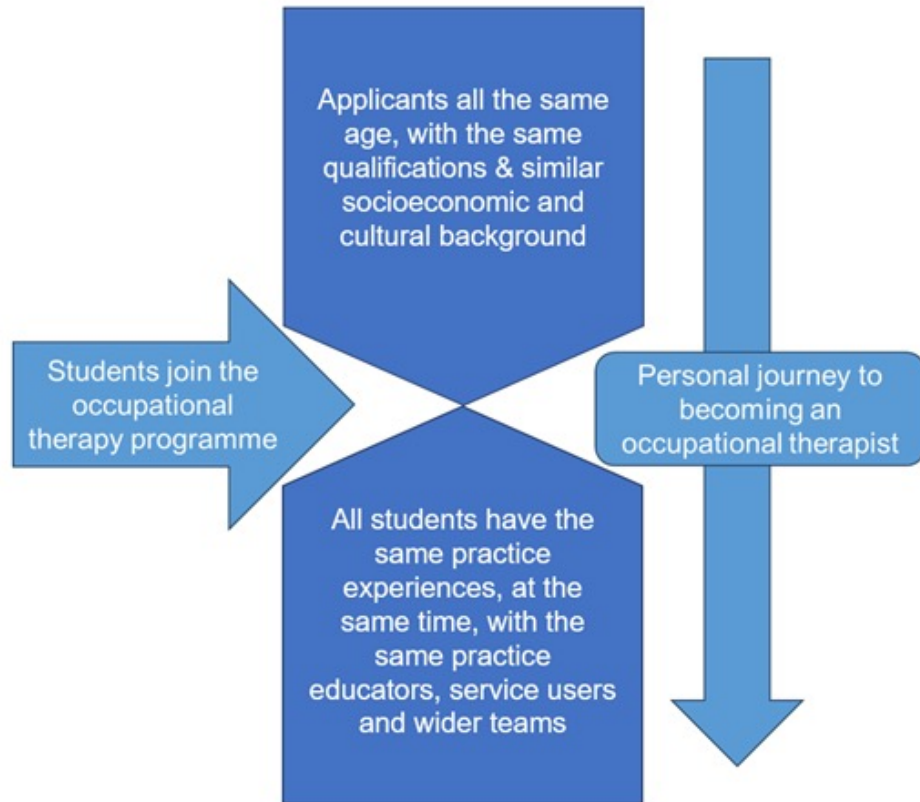
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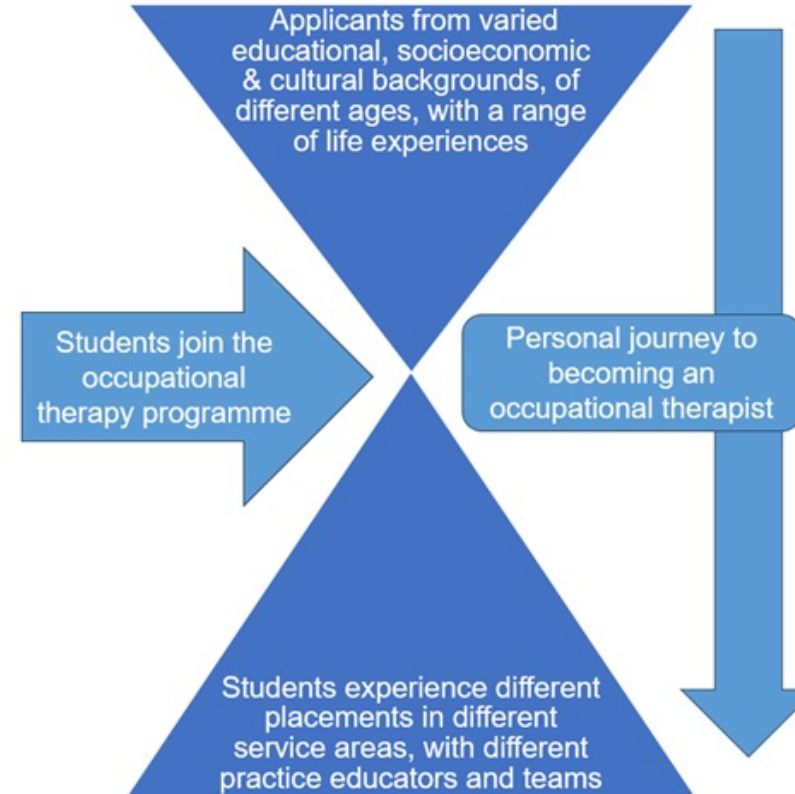
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# Discussion

## This study



## Previously published studies



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