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| Alabama | OT<br>OTA               | <p>The practice of occupational therapy means the therapeutic use of occupations, including everyday life activities with individuals, groups, populations, or organizations to support participation, performance, and function in roles and situations in home, school, workplace, community, and other settings. Occupational therapy services are provided for habilitation, rehabilitation, and the promotion of health and wellness to those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction. Occupational therapy addresses the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory-perceptual, and other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts and environments to support engagement in occupations that affect physical and mental health, well-being, and quality of life.</p> <p>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT. A person licensed to assist in the practices of occupational therapy under the supervision of, or with the consultation of, a licensed occupational therapist whose license is in good standing.</p> | <p>Each applicant must request that a letter of verification be issued by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, stating that the individual has met the requirements for certification as an Occupational Therapist or as an Occupational Therapy Assistant and that the applicant has not been censured, put on probation, suspended or revoked by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. Said verification shall be sent directly to the Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy.</p> <p>Non-certified applicants must request a letter of verification from their curriculum director of a program approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association stating that the applicant has successfully completed educational and field work requirements, and is eligible to take the certification exam administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. Said verification shall be sent directly to the Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy.</p> | NBCOT | <a href="https://www.ot.alabama.gov/rules.aspx">https://www.ot.alabama.gov/rules.aspx</a> |

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(2) "occupational therapist" means a person who practices occupational therapy;  
(3) "occupational therapy" means, for compensation, the use of purposeful activity, evaluation, treatment, and consultation with human beings whose ability to cope with the tasks of daily living are threatened with, or impaired by developmental deficits, learning disabilities, aging, poverty, cultural differences, physical injury or illness, or psychological and social disabilities to maximize independence, prevent disability, and maintain health; "occupational therapy" includes  
(A) developing daily living, play, leisure, social, and developmental skills;  
(B) facilitating perceptual-motor and sensory integrative functioning;  
(C) enhancing functional performance, prevocational skills, and work capabilities using specifically designed exercises, therapeutic activities and measure, manual intervention, and appliances;  
(D) design, fabrication, and application of splints or selective adaptive equipment;  
(E) administering and interpreting standardized and nonstandardized assessments, including sensory, manual muscle, and range of motion assessments, necessary for planning effective treatment; and  
(F) adapting environments for the disabled;  
(4) "occupational therapy assistant" means a person who assists in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of an occupational therapist;

successfully completed a curriculum of occupational therapy approved by the Committee of Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association or the American Occupational Therapy Association;  
(2) submit proof of successful completion and supervised field work approved by the board  
(A) for an occupational therapist, a minimum of six months of supervised field work;  
(B) for an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two months of supervised field work;  
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(b) To be eligible for licensure by the board as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, an applicant who is a graduate of a school of occupational therapy that is located outside of the United States shall  
(1) have completed, to the satisfaction of the board, a resident course of study and professional instruction equivalent to that provided by a curriculum approved by the Committee of Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association or the American Occupational Therapy Association, and have furnished documentary evidence of compliance with this paragraph, translated, if necessary, into the English language by a person verifying the accuracy of the translations;  
(2) have completed, to the satisfaction of the board, supervised field work equivalent to that required under AS 08.84.030(b);

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| <p>Arizona</p> | <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>"Occupational therapist" means a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter to practice occupational therapy and who is a graduate of an accredited occupational therapy education program, completes the approved fieldwork and passes the examination as required by the board pursuant to section 32-3424.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter, who is a graduate of an accredited occupational therapy assistant education program, who assists in the practice of occupational therapy and who performs delegated procedures commensurate with the person's education and training.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy" means the use of therapeutic activities or modalities to promote engagement in activities with individuals who are limited by physical or cognitive injury or illness, psychosocial dysfunction, developmental or learning disabilities, sensory processing or modulation deficits or the aging process in order to achieve optimum functional performance, maximize independence, prevent disability and maintain health. Occupational therapy includes evaluation, treatment and consultation based on the client's temporal, spiritual and cultural values and needs.</p> | <p>An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be of good moral character.</li> <li>2. Successfully complete the academic and fieldwork requirements of an educational program subject to board review and standards prescribed by the board. The board shall require:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of nine hundred twenty-eight hours of supervised fieldwork experience as determined by the supervising institution, organization or sponsor.</li> <li>(b) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of six hundred eight hours of supervised fieldwork experience as determined by the supervising institution, organization or sponsor.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>An applicant shall submit or cause to be submitted on the applicant's behalf the following:</p> <p>Application fee;</p> <p>Written verification received from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The National Board For Certification In Occupational Therapy, Incorporated or the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board of a passing score on the examination administered by these entities;</li> </ol> | <p>NBCOT</p> | <p><a href="https://ot.az.gov/initial">https://ot.az.gov/initial</a></p> |
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(1) "Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy, whose license is in good standing;

(2) (A) "Occupational therapy" means the evaluation and treatment of individuals whose ability to cope with the tasks of living is threatened or impaired by developmental deficits, the aging process, poverty or cultural differences, environmental or sensory deprivation, physical injury or illness, or psychological and social disability.

(B) The treatment utilizes task-oriented activities to prevent or correct physical or emotional deficits or to minimize the disabling effect of these deficits in the life of the individual so that he or she might perform tasks normally performed at his or her stage of development.

(C) Specific occupational therapy techniques include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Instruction in activities of daily living, design, fabrication, application, recommendation, and instruction in the use of selected orthotic or prosthetic devices and other adaptive equipment;
- (ii) Perceptual-motor and sensory integrative activities;
- (iii) The use of specifically designed crafts;
- (iv) Exercises to enhance functional performance;

and

- (v) Prevocational evaluation and treatment.

(D) The techniques are applied in the treatment of individual patients or clients, in groups, or through social systems;

(3) "Occupational therapy aide" or "worker" means a person who aids a licensed occupational therapist in the practice of occupational therapy, whose activities require an understanding of occupational therapy but do not require professional or advanced training in the basic anatomical, biological, psychological, and social sciences involved in the practice of occupational therapy;

(4) "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the frequent and regular supervision by or with consultation with an occupational therapist, whose license is in good standing. The definition of "frequent" and "regular" will be established by the Arkansas State Occupational Therapy Examining Committee; and

(A) The applicant must have successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy with concentration in biologic or physical science, psychology, and sociology, and with education in selected manual skills.

(B) For an occupational therapist, the program shall be accredited by the American Medical Association in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Association and shall lead to the awarding of a bachelor's or master's level degree or advanced standing certificate in occupational therapy.

(C) For an occupational therapy assistant, the program shall be approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association and shall lead to the awarding of an associate level degree in occupational therapy;

(4) The applicant must have successfully completed a period of supervised field work experience at a recognized educational institution where he or she met the following academic requirements:

(A) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six

(6) months of supervised field work experience is required;

(B) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum

of two (2) months of supervised field work experience at an approved facility other than the one at which the person was previously employed, if applicable, is required; and

(5) The applicant must have passed an examination conducted by the Arkansas State Medical Board as provided in § 17-88-304.

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“Occupational therapist” means an individual who meets the minimum education requirements specified in Section 2570.6 and is licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and whose license is in good standing as determined by the board to practice occupational therapy under this chapter. The occupational therapist is responsible for and directs the evaluation process and develops the intervention plan.

“Occupational therapy assistant” means an individual who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, who is in good standing as determined by the board, and based thereon, who is qualified to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under this chapter, and who works under the appropriate supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

“Occupational therapy” means the therapeutic use of purposeful and meaningful goal-directed activities (occupations) with individuals, groups, populations, or organizations, to support participation, performance, and function in roles and situations in home, school, workplace, community, and other settings. Occupational therapy services are provided for habilitation, rehabilitation, and the promotion of health and wellness for clients with disability- and nondisability-related needs or to those who have, or are at risk of developing, health conditions that limit activity or cause participation restrictions. Occupational therapy services encompass occupational therapy assessment, treatment, education, and consultation. Occupational therapy addresses the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory-perception and other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts and environments to support engagement in occupations that affect physical and mental health, well-being, and quality of life. Occupational therapy assessment identifies performance abilities and limitations that are necessary for self-maintenance, learning, work, and other similar meaningful activities. Occupational therapy treatment is focused on developing, improving, or restoring functional daily living skills, compensating for and preventing dysfunction, or minimizing disability. Through engagement in everyday activities, occupational therapy promotes mental health by supporting occupational performance in people with, or at risk of experiencing, a range of physical and mental health disorders. Occupational therapy techniques that are used for treatment involve teaching activities of daily living (excluding speech-language skills); designing or fabricating orthotic devices, and applying or training in the use of assistive technology or orthotic and prosthetic devices (excluding gait training). Occupational therapy consultation provides expert advice to enhance function and quality of life. Consultation or treatment may involve modification of tasks or environments to allow an individual to achieve maximum independence. Services are provided individually, in groups, or populations.

2570.6.

An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file with the board a written application provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that he or she meets all of the following requirements:

(a) That the applicant is in good standing and has not committed acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of a license under Section 480.

(b) (1) That the applicant has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants that is approved by the board and accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association’s Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), or accredited or approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association’s (AOTA) predecessor organization, or approved by AOTA’s Career Mobility Program.

(2) The curriculum of an educational program for occupational therapists shall contain the content required by the ACOTE accreditation standards, or as approved by AOTA’s predecessor organization, or as approved by AOTA’s Career Mobility Program.

(c) (1) For an applicant who is a graduate of an occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant educational program who is unable to provide evidence of having met the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), he or she may demonstrate passage of the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board, or the American Occupational Therapy Association, as evidence of having successfully satisfied the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b).

(2) For an applicant who completed AOTA’s Career Mobility Program, he or she shall demonstrate participation in the program and passage of the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board, or the American Occupational Therapy Association, as evidence of having successfully satisfied the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (b).

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(9) "Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy under this article 270.

(10) "Occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of occupations, including everyday life activities with individuals, groups, populations, or organizations, to support participation, performance, and function in roles and situations in home, school, workplace, community, and other settings. Occupational therapy is provided for habilitation, rehabilitation, and the promotion of health and wellness to persons who have, or are at risk for developing, an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction. Occupational therapy uses everyday life activities to promote mental health and support functioning in people who have, or who are at risk of experiencing, a range of mental health disorders, including psychiatric, behavioral, emotional, and substance use disorders. Occupational therapy addresses the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory, perceptual, and other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts and environments to support engagement in occupations that affect physical health, mental health, well-being, and quality of life. The practice of occupational therapy includes:

(a) Evaluation of factors affecting activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, rest and sleep, education, work, play, leisure, social participation, and health management, including:

(I) Client factors, including body functions such as sensory, visual, perceptual, mental, cognitive, and pain factors; body structures such as cardiovascular, digestive, nervous, integumentary, and genitourinary systems; neuromusculoskeletal and movement-related functions; and values, beliefs, and spirituality;

(II) Habits, routines, roles, rituals, and behavior patterns;

(III) Physical and social environments; cultural, personal, temporal, and virtual contexts; and activity demands that affect performance; and

(IV) Performance skills, including motor, praxis, process, emotional regulation, and communication; social interaction skills; and functional cognition;

(b) Methods or approaches selected to direct the process of interventions, such as:

(I) Establishment, remediation, or restoration of a skill or ability that has not yet developed, is impaired, or is in decline;

(II) Compensation, modification, or adaptation of an activity or environment to enhance performance or to prevent injuries, disorders, or other conditions;

(III) Maintenance and enhancement of capabilities without which performance in everyday life activities would decline;

(IV) Promotion of health and wellness, including the use of self-management strategies, to enable or enhance performance in everyday life activities; and

(V) Prevention of barriers to performance and participation, including injury and disability prevention;

(1) Educational and experiential requirements. Every applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist must have:

(a) Successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists that is offered by an institution of higher education and accredited by a national, regional, or state agency recognized by the United States secretary of education, or another program accredited thereby and approved by the director; and

(b) Successfully completed a minimum period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements described in subsection (1)(a) of this section. The minimum period of supervised fieldwork experience for an occupational therapist must:

(I) Meet the accreditation standards of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, or any successor organization; or

(II) Satisfy the accreditation standards for minimum fieldwork requirements at the time of graduation.

Education requirements.

1. An applicant for licensure must meet the educational requirements outlined in section 12-270-107(1), C.R.S.
  2. An applicant for licensure must have successfully completed an educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupation Therapy Education (ACOTE ®) [all references to ACOTE in these rules include its predecessor] or education approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT), or other educational program as approved by the Director.
  3. An applicant for licensure must have successfully completed supervised fieldwork required by the education program where the applicant met the educational requirements outlined in this Rule. The minimum period of supervised fieldwork is twenty-four weeks, or completion of fieldwork that met generally recognized past accreditation standards in effect at the time of the applicant's graduation.
  4. An applicant who has been certified as an Occupational Therapist by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) [all references to NBCOT in these Rules include its predecessors], shall be deemed to have met the educational and experiential requirements for licensure set forth in Rule 1.1(B)(2) and (3), above.
- Examination
- The examination developed by NBCOT is

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| <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>(1) "Occupational therapy" means the evaluation, planning and implementation of a program of purposeful activities to develop or maintain adaptive skills necessary to achieve the maximal physical and mental functioning of the individual in his or her daily pursuits. The practice of "occupational therapy" includes, but is not limited to, evaluation and treatment of individuals whose abilities to cope with the tasks of living are threatened or impaired by developmental disabilities, the aging process, learning disabilities, poverty and cultural differences, physical injury or disease, psychological and social disabilities, or anticipated dysfunction, using</p> <p>(A) such treatment techniques as task-oriented activities to prevent or correct physical or emotional disabilities or to minimize the disabling effect of these disabilities in the life of the individual,</p> <p>(B) such evaluation techniques as assessment of sensory motor abilities, assessment of the development of self-care activities and capacity for independence, assessment of the physical capacity for prevocational and work tasks, assessment of play and leisure performance, and appraisal of living areas for persons with disabilities,</p> <p>(C) specific occupational therapy techniques such as activities of daily living skills, the fabrication and application of splinting devices, sensory motor activities, the use of specifically designed manual and creative activities, guidance in the selection and use of adaptive equipment, specific exercises to enhance functional performance and treatment techniques for physical capabilities for work activities. Such techniques are applied in the treatment of individual patients or clients, in groups or through social systems. Occupational therapy also includes the establishment and modification of peer review.</p> <p>(2) "Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy as defined in this chapter and whose license is in good standing.</p> <p>(3) "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy, under the supervision of or with the consultation of a licensed occupational therapist, and whose license is in good standing.</p> | <p>Hold a baccalaureate degree in occupational therapy from a program accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA);</p> <p>Satisfactorily completed at least twenty-four (24) weeks of supervised field work experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where the academic requirements were met; and</p> <p>Successfully completed the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification examination.</p> | <p>NBCOT</p> | <p><a href="https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Occupational-Therapist/Occupational-Therapist-Licensure">https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Occupational-Therapist/Occupational-Therapist-Licensure</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/title_20.htm">https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/title_20.htm</a></p> |
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| Delaware | OT<br>OTA | <p>(7) "Occupational therapist" means a person who is licensed to practice occupational therapy under this chapter and offers such services to the public under any title incorporating the words "occupational therapy," "occupational therapist," or any similar title or description of occupational therapy services.</p> <p>(8) "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of an occupational therapist.</p> <p>(9) a. "Occupational therapy services" includes any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The assessment, treatment, and education of or consultation with an individual, family, or other persons.</li> <li>2. Interventions directed toward developing, improving, or restoring daily living skills, work readiness or work performance, play skills, or leisure capacities, or enhancing educational performance skills.</li> <li>3. Providing for the development, improvement, or restoration of sensorimotor, oralmotor, perceptual or neuromuscular functioning, or emotional, motivational, cognitive, or psychosocial components of performance.</li> </ol> <p>b. "Occupational therapy services" or "practice of occupational therapy" may require assessment of the need for use of interventions such as the design, development, adaptation, application, or training in the use of assistive technology devices; the design, fabrication, or application of rehabilitative technology such as selected orthotic devices; training in the use of assistive technology, orthotic or prosthetic devices; the application of thermal agent modalities, including paraffin, hot and cold packs, and fluido therapy, as an adjunct to, or in preparation for, purposeful activity; the use of ergonomic principles; the adaptation of environments and processes to enhance functional performance; or the promotion of health and wellness</p> | <p>To apply for an initial license, including relicensure after expiration, an applicant shall submit to the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1.1 A completed notarized application on the form approved by the Board;</li> <li>2.1.2 Verification of a passing score on the NBCOT standardized exam submitted by the exam service or NBCOT;</li> <li>2.1.2.1 If the date of application for licensure is more than three years following the successful completion of the NBCOT exam, the applicant shall submit proof of twenty (20) hours of continuing education in the two years preceding the application in accordance with Section 5.0 of these rules and regulations.</li> <li>2.1.3 Official transcript and proof of successful completion of field work submitted by the school directly to the Board office;</li> </ol> | NBCOT | <a href="https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/occupationaltherapy/">https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/occupationaltherapy/</a> |
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“Occupational therapist” means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy as defined in this act and whose license is in good standing.  
“Occupational therapy assistant” means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy, who works under the supervision of an occupational therapist, and whose license is in good standing.

“Occupational therapy” means the use of purposeful activity or interventions to achieve functional outcomes.

(a) For the purposes of this subsection:

1. “Achieving functional outcomes” means to maximize the independence and the maintenance of health of any individual who is limited by a physical injury or illness, a cognitive impairment, a psychosocial dysfunction, a mental illness, a developmental or a learning disability, or an adverse environmental condition.
2. “Assessment” means the use of skilled observation or the administration and interpretation of standardized or nonstandardized tests and measurements to identify areas for occupational therapy services.

(b) Occupational therapy services include, but are not limited to:

1. The assessment, treatment, and education of or consultation with the individual, family, or other persons.
2. Interventions directed toward developing daily living skills, work readiness or work performance, play skills or leisure capacities, or enhancing educational performance skills.
3. Providing for the development of: sensory-motor, perceptual, or neuromuscular functioning; range of motion; or emotional, motivational, cognitive, or psychosocial components of performance.

These services may require assessment of the need for use of interventions such as the design, development, adaptation, application, or training in the use of assistive technology devices; the design, fabrication, or application of rehabilitative technology such as selected orthotic devices; training in the use of assistive technology; orthotic or prosthetic devices; the application of physical agent modalities as an adjunct to or in preparation for purposeful activity; the use of ergonomic principles; the adaptation of environments and processes to enhance functional performance; or the promotion of health and wellness.

(c) The use of devices subject to 21 C.F.R. s. 801.109 and identified by the board is expressly prohibited except by an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who has received training as specified by the board. The board shall adopt rules to carry out the purpose of this provision.

An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application, accompanied by the application for licensure fee prescribed in s. 468.221, on forms provided by the department, showing to the satisfaction of the board that she or he:

- (a) Is of good moral character.
- (b) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board, with concentration in biologic or physical science, psychology, and sociology, and with education in selected manual skills. Such a program shall be accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association’s Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, or its successor.
- (c) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where she or he met the academic requirements. For an occupational therapist, a minimum of 6 months of supervised fieldwork experience is required. For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of 2 months of supervised fieldwork experience is required.

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Georgia

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"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy as defined in this chapter and whose license is in good standing.  
"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to assist the occupational therapist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of or with the consultation of the licensed occupational therapist and whose license is in good standing.

"Occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of occupations with individuals, groups, populations, or organizations to support participation, performance, and function in life roles. Occupational therapy is provided for habilitation, rehabilitation, and the promotion of health and wellness to those who have or are at risk for developing activity limitation or participation restriction. Occupational therapy addresses the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory-perceptual, and other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts and environments to support engagement in occupations promoting health, well-being, and quality of life. The practice of occupational therapy, including that which may be provided through telehealth, includes, but is not limited to, the following:  
(A) Evaluation, treatment, education of, and consultation with, individuals, groups, and populations whose abilities to participate safely in occupations, including activities of daily living (ADL), instrumental activities of daily living (IADL), rest and sleep, education, work, play, leisure, and social participation, are impaired or at risk for impairment due to issues related, but not limited to, developmental deficiencies, the aging process, learning disabilities, physical environment and sociocultural context, physical injury or disease, cognitive impairments, and psychological and social disabilities;  
(B) Evaluation to determine abilities and limitations related to performance of occupations, including the identification of physical, sensory, cognitive, emotional, or social deficiencies. Treatment based on such evaluation utilizes task oriented, purposeful, and meaningful goal directed activities to prevent, correct, minimize, or compensate for deficiencies to maximize independence in daily life and promote overall health and wellbeing; and  
(C) Specific occupational therapy techniques used for treatment that involve, but are not limited to, training in activities of daily living; environmental modification; the designing, fabrication, and application of orthotic or orthotic devices; selecting, applying, and training in the use of assistive technology and adaptive devices; sensory, motor, and cognitive activities; therapeutic exercises; manual therapy techniques that

(a) An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file an application, on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that such applicant:  
(1) Is of good moral character;  
(2) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an accredited educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board, with concentration in biological or physical science, psychology, and sociology and with education in selected manual skills. For an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, such a program shall be accredited by a recognized accrediting agency acceptable to the board. Other comparable educational programs such as those approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists may be recognized by the board upon evaluation of detailed program and course content. An applicant who is foreign trained shall complete an academic program that is recognized or approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists or such other credentialing entity recognized by the board;  
(3) Has successfully completed a period of supervised field work experience approved by the board;  
and  
(4) Has passed an examination approved by the board as provided for in Code Section 43-28-10.

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| Hawaii | OT<br>OTA | <p>"Occupational therapist" means a person who engages in the practice of occupational therapy in this State.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person who engages in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of and in partnership with an occupational therapist.</p> <p>Practice of occupational therapy.</p> <p>(a) The practice of occupational therapy is the therapeutic use of everyday life activities with individuals or groups for the purpose of participation in roles and situations in home, school, workplace, community, and other settings.</p>   | <p>Qualifications of occupational therapists.</p> <p>(a) To qualify for licensure in this State, occupational therapists shall have completed the educational requirements and supervised field work experience required for certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy and shall have passed a national certification examination administered by that association.</p>   | NBCOT | <a href="http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/occupational/statute_rules/">http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/occupational/statute_rules/</a> |
| Idaho  | OT<br>OTA | <p>"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed under this chapter to practice occupational therapy.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed under this chapter to practice occupational therapy and who works under the supervision of an occupational therapist.</p> <p>"Practice of occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of everyday life activities (occupations) with individuals or groups for the purpose of participation in roles and situations in home, school, workplace, community, and other settings. Occupational therapy services are provided for the purpose of promoting health and wellness and to those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction. Occupational therapy addresses the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory, and other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts to support engagement in everyday life activities that affect health, well-being and quality of life.</p> | <p>REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE. A person applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application provided by the board showing to the satisfaction of the board that such person meets the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) Education: Applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy that is accredited by the American occupational therapy association's accreditation council for occupational therapy education (ACOTE) or predecessor or a successor organization as established in rule and approved by the licensure board.</p> <p>(2) Experience: Applicant shall submit to the licensure board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience acceptable to the board, which period of fieldwork experience shall be:</p> <p>(a) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six (6) months of supervised fieldwork experience; or</p> <p>(b) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of four (4) months of supervised fieldwork experience.</p> | NBCOT | <a href="https://dopl.idaho.gov/DOPLPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=OCT">https://dopl.idaho.gov/DOPLPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=OCT</a>       |

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| <p>Illinois</p> | <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>"Occupational therapist" means a person initially registered and licensed to practice occupational therapy as defined in this Act, and whose license is in good standing.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person initially registered and licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist, and to implement the occupational therapy treatment program as established by the licensed occupational therapist.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of purposeful and meaningful occupations or goal-directed activities to evaluate and provide interventions for individuals, groups, and populations who have a disease or disorder, an impairment, an activity limitation, or a participation restriction that interferes with their ability to function independently in their daily life roles, including activities of daily living (ADLs) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs). Occupational therapy services are provided for the purpose of habilitation, rehabilitation, and to promote health and wellness. Occupational therapy may be provided via technology or telecommunication methods, also known as telehealth, however the standard of care shall be the same whether a patient is seen in person, through telehealth, or other method of electronically enabled health care.</p> | <p>A person shall be qualified for licensure as an occupational therapist if that person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) has applied in writing in form and substance to the Department;</li> <li>(2) (blank);</li> <li>(3) has completed an occupational therapy program leading to a masters or doctoral degree, or its equivalent, approved by the Department; and</li> <li>(4) has successfully completed the examination authorized by the Department within the past 5 years.</li> </ul> <p>A person shall be qualified for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant if that person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) has applied in writing in form and substance to the Department;</li> <li>(2) (blank);</li> <li>(3) has completed an occupational therapy program of at least 2 years in length leading to an associate degree, or its equivalent, approved by the Department; and</li> <li>(4) has successfully completed the examination authorized by the Department within the past 5 years</li> </ul> | <p>NBCOT</p> | <p><a href="https://www.idfpr.com/profs/OccTherapy.asp">https://www.idfpr.com/profs/OccTherapy.asp</a></p> |
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| <p>Indiana</p> | <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>"Occupational therapist" means a person who practices occupational therapy.<br/> "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person who provides occupational therapy services under the supervision of an occupational therapist.<br/> "Practice of occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of everyday life occupations and occupational therapy services to:<br/> (1) aid individuals or groups to participate in meaningful roles and situations in the home, school, the workplace, the community, or other settings;<br/> (2) promote health and wellness through research and practice; and<br/> (3) serve individuals or groups who are well but have been or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction.<br/> The practice of occupational therapy addresses the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory, and other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts to support engagement in everyday life activities that affect a person's health, well-being, and quality of life throughout the person's life span.</p> | <p>The committee shall issue a license by examination to an applicant who completes the following:<br/> Applies in the form and manner prescribed by the committee.<br/> Successfully completes the examination required by the committee for licensure as an occupational therapist.<br/> Successfully completes the examination required by the committee for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant.<br/> Submits two (2) recent passport-quality photographs of the applicant, approximately two (2) inches by two (2) inches in size, signed by the applicant, shall be submitted with each application.<br/> Submits an official transcript of grades from which the applicant obtained the applicant's degree that shows that all requirements for graduation have been met.<br/> Submits a certified copy of a diploma to the committee of the applicant's graduation from a school or program of occupational therapy or a program of occupational therapy assistants approved by the board that meets the standards set by the board under 844 IAC 10-1-2.</p> <p>"School or program of occupational therapy or program of occupational therapy assistants approved by the board" means a school or program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) or predecessor organizations or is deemed by the board to be equivalent to the standards set by ACOTE</p> | <p>NBCOT</p> | <p><a href="https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/occupational-therapy-committee/">https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/occupational-therapy-committee/</a></p> |
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| Iowa | OT<br>OTA | <p>“Occupational therapist” means a person licensed under this chapter to practice occupational therapy.</p> <p>“Occupational therapy assistant” means a person licensed under this chapter to assist in the practice of occupational therapy</p> <p>“Occupational therapy” means the therapeutic use of occupations, including everyday life activities with individuals, groups, populations, or organizations to support participation, performance, and function in roles and situations in home, school, workplace, community, and other settings. Occupational therapy services are provided for habilitation, rehabilitation, and the promotion of health and wellness to those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction. Occupational therapy addresses the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory-perceptual, and other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts and environments to support engagement in occupations that affect physical and mental health, well-being, and quality of life.</p> <p>“Occupational therapy” includes but is not limited to providing assessment, design, fabrication, application, and fitting of selected orthotic devices and training in the use of prosthetic devices.</p> | <p>Requirements for licensure.</p> <p>An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant must file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Successful completion of the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For an occupational therapist, the program must be one accredited by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education of the American occupational therapy association.</li> <li>b. For an occupational therapy assistant, the program must be one approved by the American occupational therapy association.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Successful completion of a period of supervised field work experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six months of supervised field work experience is required.</li> <li>b. For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two months of supervised field work experience is required</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | NBCOT | <a href="https://idph.iowa.gov/licensure/iowa-board-of-physical-and-occupational-therapy">https://idph.iowa.gov/licensure/iowa-board-of-physical-and-occupational-therapy</a> |
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(b) "Practice of occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of purposeful and meaningful occupations (goal-directed activities) to evaluate and treat, pursuant to the referral, supervision, order or direction of a physician, a licensed podiatrist, a licensed dentist, a licensed physician assistant, or a licensed advanced practice registered nurse working pursuant to the order or direction of a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery, a licensed chiropractor, or a licensed optometrist, individuals who have a disease or disorder, impairment, activity limitation or participation restriction that interferes with their ability to function independently in daily life roles and to promote health and wellness. Occupational therapy intervention may include:

- (1) Remediation or restoration of performance abilities that are limited due to impairment in biological, physiological, psychological or neurological cognitive processes;
- (2) adaptation of tasks, process, or the environment or the teaching of compensatory techniques in order to enhance performance;
- (3) disability prevention methods and techniques that facilitate the development or safe application of performance skills; and
- (4) health promotion strategies and practices that enhance performance abilities.

(c) "Occupational therapy services" include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Evaluating, developing, improving, sustaining, or restoring skills in activities of daily living (ADL), work or productive activities, including instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) and play and leisure activities;
- (2) evaluating, developing, remediating, or restoring sensorimotor, cognitive or psychosocial components of performance;
- (3) designing, fabricating, applying, or training in the use of assistive technology or orthotic devices and training in the use of prosthetic devices;
- (4) adapting environments and processes, including the application of ergonomic principles, to enhance performance and safety in daily life roles;
- (5) applying physical agent modalities as an adjunct to or in preparation for engagement in occupations;
- (6) evaluating and providing intervention in collaboration with the client, family, caregiver or others;
- (7) educating the client, family, caregiver or others in carrying out appropriate nonskilled interventions; and
- (8) consulting with groups, programs, organizations or communities to provide populationbased services.

Graduated from a program accredited by AOTA's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.

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| Kentucky | OT<br>OTA | <p>"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy under this chapter;<br/> "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under this chapter, who works under the supervision of an occupational therapist;</p> <p>"Practice of occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of purposeful and meaningful occupations (goal-directed activities) to evaluate and treat individuals who have a disease or disorder, impairment, activity limitation, or participation restriction that interferes with their ability to function independently in daily life roles, and to promote health and wellness. Occupational therapy intervention may include:</p> <p>(a) Remediation or restoration, through goal-directed activities, of those performance abilities that are limited due to impairment in biological, physiological, or neurological processes;</p> <p>(b) Adaptation of task, process, or the environment or the teaching of compensatory techniques to enhance performance;</p> <p>(c) Disability prevention methods and techniques that facilitate the development or safe application of performance skills; and</p> <p>(d) Health promotion strategies and practices that enhance performance abilities;</p> | <p>An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application on a form provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that the person:</p> <p>(a) Is of good moral character; and</p> <p>(b) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy or for occupational therapy assistants accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education or its equivalent.</p> <p>(2) An applicant shall submit to the board evidence of successful completion of a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements. To be considered for licensure, the following minimum amount of supervised fieldwork experience shall have been completed:</p> <p>(a) The equivalent of twenty-four (24) weeks for an occupational therapist; and</p> <p>(b) The equivalent of sixteen (16) weeks for an occupational therapy assistant.</p> | NBCOT | <a href="https://bot.ky.gov/">https://bot.ky.gov/</a> |
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“Occupational therapist” means a person who is certified as an occupational therapist, registered (OTR) by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA), and licensed to practice occupational therapy, as defined in this Chapter, and whose license is in good standing.

“Occupational therapy assistant” means a person who is certified as a certified occupational therapy assistant (COTA) by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA), and is licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of, and in activity programs with the consultation of, an occupational therapist licensed under this Act

“Occupational therapy” means the application of any activity in which one engages for the purposes of evaluation, interpretation, treatment planning, and treatment of problems interfering with functional performance in persons impaired by physical illness or injury, emotional disorders, congenital or developmental disabilities, or the aging process, in order to achieve optimum functioning and prevention and health maintenance. The occupational therapist may enter a case for the purposes of providing consultation and indirect services and evaluating an individual for the need of services. Prevention, wellness, and education related services shall not require a referral; however, in workers’ compensation injuries preauthorization shall be required by the employer or workers’ compensation insurer or provider. Implementation of direct occupational therapy to individuals for their specific medical condition or conditions shall be based on a referral or order from a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, dentist, podiatrist, or optometrist licensed to practice. Practice shall be in accordance with published standards of practice established by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., and the essentials of accreditation established by the agencies recognized to accredit specific facilities and programs

To be eligible for a license, an applicant shall:

1. be of good moral character as defined by §1903;
2. be a citizen of the United States or possess valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the United States duly issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the United States, Department of Homeland Security, under and pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 stat. 163) and the commissioner’s regulations thereunder (8 CFR);
3. have successfully completed the academic and supervised field work experience requirements to sit for the "Certification Examination for Occupational Therapist, Registered" or the "Certification Examination for Occupational Therapy Assistant" as administered for or by the NBCOT or such other certifying entity as may be approved by the board;
4. have taken and successfully passed the licensing examination required by the board in accordance with Subchapter D of this Chapter.
5. file an application for licensure in a format prescribed by the board;
6. present proof of current certification by the NBCOT in a manner as prescribed by the board.

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<http://www.lsbme.la.gov/licensure/occupational-therapistsassistants>

Maine

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OTA

"Occupational therapist" means an individual who has passed the certification examination of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy for an occupational therapist or meets the requirements of section 2279, subsection 6 and who is licensed to practice occupational therapy under this chapter in the State.

"Occupational therapy assistant" means an individual who has passed the certification examination of the NBCOT for an occupational therapy assistant or who was certified as an occupational therapy assistant prior to June 1977 and who is licensed to practice occupational therapy under this chapter in the State under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

"Occupational therapy" means the assessment, planning and implementation of a program of purposeful activities to develop or maintain adaptive skills necessary to achieve the maximal physical and mental functioning of the individual in the individual's daily pursuits. The practice of "occupational therapy" includes, but is not limited to, assessment and treatment of individuals whose abilities to cope with the tasks of living are threatened or impaired by developmental deficits, the aging process, learning disabilities, poverty and cultural differences, physical injury or disease, psychological and social disabilities or anticipated dysfunction, using:

A. Treatment techniques such as task-oriented activities to prevent or correct physical or emotional deficits or to minimize the disabling effect of these deficits in the life of the individual;

B. Assessment techniques such as assessment of cognitive and sensory motor abilities, assessment of the development of self-care activities and capacity for independence, assessment of the physical capacity for prevocational and work tasks, assessment of play and leisure performance and appraisal of living areas for the disabled; and

C. Specific occupational therapy techniques such as daily living skill activities, the fabrication and application of splinting devices, sensory motor activities, the use of specifically designed manual and creative activities, guidance in the selection and use of adaptive equipment, specific exercises to enhance functional performance and treatment techniques for physical capabilities for work activities.

An applicant must present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed the academic and fieldwork requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy or occupational therapy assisting. The occupational therapy or occupational therapy assisting educational program must be accredited by ACOTE.

An applicant must submit a verification of certification form from NBCOT. The form must be completed and signed by NBCOT. An applicant applying within 3 months of having taken the certification examination who has the examination scores sent directly to the board is exempt from this requirement.

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<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-occupational-therapy-practice/home/laws-rules>

Maryland

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“Occupational therapist” means an individual who practices occupational therapy.  
“Occupational therapy assistant” means an individual who practices limited occupational therapy

“Occupational therapy” means the therapeutic use of purposeful and meaningful goal-directed activities to evaluate, consult, and treat individuals who:

- (1) Have a disease or disorder, impairment, activity limitation, or participation restriction that interferes with their ability to function independently in daily life roles; or
- (2) Benefit from the prevention of impairments and activity limitations.

To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

- (b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.
- (c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.
- (d) An applicant for an occupational therapist license shall have successfully:
  - (1) Graduated from an educational program in occupational therapy that is recognized by the Board and accredited by ACOTE or any other nationally recognized programmatic accrediting agency; and
  - (2) Completed the equivalent of at least 6 months of supervised, full-time field work experience at a recognized educational institution or in a training program approved by the educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements.
- (e) An applicant for an occupational therapy assistant license shall have successfully:
  - (1) Graduated from an educational program for occupational therapy assistants that is recognized by the Board and accredited by ACOTE or any other nationally recognized programmatic accrediting agency; and
  - (2) Completed the equivalent of at least 4 months of supervised, full-time field work experience at a recognized educational institution or in a training program approved by the educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements.
- (f) The applicant shall pass the appropriate examination given by NBCOT or any other national credentialing organization approved by the Board.
- (g) The applicant shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with § 10-302.1 of this subtitle

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| <p>Massachusetts</p> | <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>'Occupational therapy", the application of principles, methods and procedures of evaluation, problem identification, treatment, education, and consultation which utilizes purposeful activity in order to maximize independence, prevent or correct disability, and maintain health. These services are used with individuals, throughout the life span, whose abilities to interact with their environment are limited by physical injury or illness, disabilities, poverty and cultural differences or the aging process. Occupational therapy includes but is not limited to: (1) administering and interpreting tests necessary for effective treatment planning; (2) developing daily living skills, perceptual motor skills, sensory integrative functioning, play skills and prevocational and vocational work capacities; (3) designing, fabricating or applying selected orthotic and prosthetic devices or selected adaptive equipment; (4) utilizing designated modalities, superficial heat and cold, and neuromuscular facilitation techniques to improve or enhance joint motion muscle function; (5) designing and applying specific therapeutic activities and exercises to enhance or monitor functional or motor performance and to reduce stress; and (6) adapting environments for the handicapped. These services are provided to individuals or groups through medical, health, educational, industrial or social systems.</p> <p>Occupational therapy shall also include delegating of selective forms of treatment to occupational therapy assistants and occupational therapy aides; provided, however, that the occupational therapist so delegating shall assume the responsibility for the care of the patient and the supervision of the occupational therapy assistant or the occupational therapy aide.</p> <p>"Occupational therapist", a person who is duly licensed to practice occupational therapy in the commonwealth in accordance with section twenty-three B.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy assistant", a person duly licensed in accordance with section twenty-three B and who assists in the practice of occupational therapy who works under the supervision of a duly licensed occupational therapist.</p> | <p>An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist shall:<br/>(a) successfully completed an accredited occupational therapist educational program approved by the board,<br/>(b) successfully completed the therapist level field work requirements as stipulated in the essentials of an accredited educational program for the occupational therapist or its equivalent</p> <p>An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant shall:<br/>(a) successfully completed an accredited occupational therapy assistant educational program approved by the board,<br/>(b) successfully completed a minimum of two months of supervised field work</p> | <p>NBCOT</p> | <p><a href="https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-allied-health-professionals">https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-allied-health-professionals</a></p> |
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Michigan

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"Practice of occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of everyday life occupations and occupational therapy services to aid individuals or groups to participate in meaningful roles and situations in the home, school, workplace, community, and other settings, to promote health and wellness through research and practice, and to serve those individuals or groups who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction. The practice of occupational therapy addresses the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory, and other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts to support engagement in everyday life activities that affect a person's health, well-being, and quality of life throughout his or her life span

"Practice as an occupational therapy assistant" means the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of an occupational therapist licensed under this article

An applicant for an occupational therapist license shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these rules, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

- (a) Graduate from an occupational therapist education program that is accredited by the ACOTE or approved by the WFOT, or their predecessor organizations, and meets the standards adopted by the board under R 338.1222 or meets the requirements of R 338.1225.
- (b) Within 3 years preceding the application for licensure and not more than 2 years after the application for licensure, the applicant shall pass the occupational therapist licensure examination adopted in R 338.1224.
- (c) Within 3 years preceding the application for licensure and not more than 2 years after the application for licensure, the applicant shall pass the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of occupational therapy in this state that is developed and administered by the department or an entity approved by the department.

An applicant for an occupational therapy assistant license shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these rules, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (a) Graduate from an accredited occupational therapy assistant educational program that meets the standards adopted by the board under R 338.1232.
- (b) Within 3 years preceding the application for licensure and not more than 2 years after the application for licensure, the applicant shall pass an occupational therapy assistant licensure examination that is approved by the board.
- (c) Within 3 years preceding the application for licensure and not more than 2 years after the application for licensure, the applicant shall pass the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of occupational therapy in this state that is developed and administered by the department or an entity approved by the department.

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| Minnesota | OT<br>OTA | <p>SCOPE OF PRACTICE.</p> <p>(a) The practice of occupational therapy means the therapeutic use of everyday activities with individuals or groups for the purpose of enhancing or enabling participation. It is the promotion of health and well-being through the use of occupational therapy services that includes screening, evaluation, intervention, and consultation to develop, recover, and maintain a client's:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) sensory integrative, neuromuscular, motor, emotional, motivational, cognitive, or psychosocial components of performance;</li> <li>(2) daily living skills;</li> <li>(3) feeding and swallowing skills;</li> <li>(4) play and leisure skills;</li> <li>(5) educational participation skills;</li> <li>(6) functional performance and work participation skills;</li> <li>(7) community mobility; and</li> <li>(8) health and wellness.</li> </ol> <p>(b) Occupational therapy services include but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) designing, fabricating, or applying rehabilitative technology, such as selected orthotic and prosthetic devices, and providing training in the functional use of these devices;</li> <li>(2) designing, fabricating, or adapting assistive technology and providing training in the functional use of assistive devices;</li> <li>(3) adapting environments using assistive technology such as environmental controls, wheelchair modifications, and positioning; and</li> <li>(4) employing physical agent modalities in preparation for or as an adjunct to purposeful activity to meet established functional occupational therapy goals.</li> </ol> <p>(c) Occupational therapy services must be based on nationally established standards of practice.</p> | <p>QUALIFICATIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST.</p> <p>§Subdivision 1.Education required.</p> <p>(a) An applicant who has received professional education in the United States or its possessions or territories must successfully complete all academic and fieldwork requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists approved or accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.</p> <p>(b) An applicant who has received professional education outside the United States or its possessions or territories must successfully complete all academic and fieldwork requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists approved by a member association of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.</p> <p>Subd. 2.Qualifying examination score required. (a) An applicant must achieve a qualifying score on the credentialing examination for occupational therapist.</p> <p>148.6410 QUALIFICATIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS.</p> <p>Subdivision 1.Education required. An applicant must successfully complete all academic and fieldwork requirements of an occupational therapy assistant program approved or accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.</p> <p>Subd. 2.Qualifying examination score required. (a) An applicant for licensure must achieve a qualifying score on the credentialing examination for occupational therapy assistants.</p> | NBCOT | <a href="https://mn.gov/boards/occupational-therapy/">https://mn.gov/boards/occupational-therapy/</a> |
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Mississippi

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Occupational Therapist means a person licensed in this state to practice occupational therapy as defined in these regulations and whose license is in good standing. Occupational Therapy Assistant means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of or with the consultation of a licensed occupational therapist and whose license is in good standing.

Occupational therapy means the therapeutic use of purposeful and meaningful (goal-directed) activities and/or exercises to evaluate and treat an individual who has, or is at risk for, a disease or disorder, impairment, activity limitation or participation restriction which interferes with his ability to function independently in daily life roles and to promote health and wellness across his lifespan.

8. Occupational therapy intervention includes:
- a. remediation or restoration of performance abilities that are limited due to impairment in biological, physiological, psychological or neurological processes;
  - b. adaptation of task, process or the environment, or the teaching of compensatory techniques in order to enhance functional performance;
  - c. disability prevention methods and techniques which facilitate the development or safe application of functional performance skills; or
  - d. health promotion strategies and practices which enhance functional performance abilities.
9. Occupational therapy service includes, but is not limited to:
- a. evaluating, developing, improving, sustaining or restoring skill in activities of daily living (ADLS), work or productive activities, including instrumental activities of daily living (IADLS), play and leisure activities;
  - b. evaluating, developing, remediating or restoring physical, sensorimotor, cognitive or psycho social components of performance;
  - c. designing, fabricating, applying or training in the use of assistive technology or orthotic devices, and training in the use of prosthetic devices;
  - d. adaptation of environments and processes, including the application of ergonomic principles, to enhance functional performance and safety in daily life roles;
  - e. application of physical agent modalities as an adjunct to or in preparation for engagement in an occupation or functional activity;
  - f. evaluating and providing intervention in collaboration with the client, family, caregiver or other person responsible for the client;
  - g. educating the client, family, caregiver or others in carrying out appropriate nonskilled interventions;
  - h. consulting with groups, programs, organizations or communities to provide population-based services; or
  - i. participation in administration, education, and research, including both clinical and academic

Licensure Requirements: An applicant for a regular license as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall submit to the Department, verified by oath, written evidence in form and content satisfactory to the Department that the applicant:

- 1. is of good moral character;
- 2. has been awarded a degree from an education program recognized by the Board;
- 3. has successfully completed a supervised field experience;
  - a. for an occupational therapist, as reflected in the current accrediting standards;
  - b. for an occupational therapy assistant, as reflected in the current accrediting standards;
- 4. has passed an examination approved by the Department; and
- 5. has paid the required fee(s).

6. For an occupational therapist, the program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association or the board-recognized accrediting body.

7. For an occupational therapy assistant, the program shall be approved by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association or the board-recognized accrediting body.

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Missouri

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| <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>"Occupational therapist", a person licensed to practice occupational therapy as defined in this section and whose license issued pursuant to sections 324.050 to 324.089;</p> <p>"Occupational therapy assistant", a person who is licensed as an occupational therapy assistant by the division, in collaboration with the board. The function of an occupational therapy assistant is to assist an occupational therapist in the delivery of occupational therapy services in compliance with federal regulations and rules promulgated by the division, in collaboration with the Missouri board of occupational therapy.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy", the use of purposeful activity or interventions designed to achieve functional outcomes which promote health, prevent injury or disability and which develop, improve, sustain or restore the highest possible level of independence of any individual who has an injury, illness, cognitive impairment, psychosocial dysfunction, mental illness, developmental or learning disability, physical disability or other disorder or condition. It shall include assessment by means of skill observation or evaluation through the administration and interpretation of standardized or nonstandardized tests and measurements. Occupational therapy services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) The assessment and provision of treatment in consultation with the individual, family or other appropriate persons;</li><li>(b) Interventions directed toward developing, improving, sustaining or restoring daily living skills, including self-care skills and activities that involve interactions with others and the environment, work readiness or work performance, play skills or leisure capacities or enhancing educational performances skills;</li><li>(c) Developing, improving, sustaining or restoring sensorimotor, oral-motor, perceptual or neuromuscular functioning; or emotional, motivational, cognitive or psychosocial components of performance; and</li><li>(d) Education of the individual, family or other appropriate persons in carrying out appropriate interventions.</li></ul> <p>Such services may encompass assessment of need and the design, development, adaptation, application or training in the use of assistive technology devices; the design, fabrication or application of rehabilitative technology such as selected orthotic devices, training in the use of orthotic or prosthetic devices; the application of ergonomic principles; the adaptation of environments and processes to enhance functional performance; or the promotion of health and wellness;</p> | <p>Approval as a certifying entity for an occupational therapist must require that an entity provide evidence to the division that certification or registration from the certifying entity requires an occupational therapist to have—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A degree/certificate in occupational therapy from an occupational therapy educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or its successor organization;</li><li>2. Successfully completed the therapist level fieldwork required by the educational program; and</li><li>3. Successfully completed an examination with a passing score establishing minimum competency</li></ol> <p>Approval as a certifying entity for an occupational therapy assistant must require that the entity provide evidence to the division that certification or registration from the certifying entity requires an occupational therapy assistant to have—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A degree/certificate in occupational therapy assistant from an occupational therapy assistant educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or its successor organization;</li><li>2. Successfully completed the assistant level fieldwork required by the educational program; and</li><li>3. Successfully completed an examination with a passing score establishing minimum competency</li></ol> | <p>NBCOT</p> | <p><a href="https://pr.mo.gov/octherapy-rules-statutes.asp">https://pr.mo.gov/octherapy-rules-statutes.asp</a></p> |
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| <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy under this chapter.<br/>"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person who is licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under this chapter and who works under the general supervision of an occupational therapist.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of purposeful goal-directed activities and interventions to achieve functional outcomes to maximize the independence and the maintenance of health of an individual who is limited by disease or disorders, impairments, activity limitations, or participation restrictions that interfere with the individual's ability to function independently in daily life roles. The practice encompasses evaluation, assessment, treatment, consultation, remediation, and restoration of performance abilities that are limited due to impairment in biological, physiological, psychological, or neurological processes. Occupational therapy services may be provided individually, in groups, or through social systems. Occupational therapy interventions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) evaluating, developing, improving, sustaining, or restoring skills in activities of daily living, work or productive activities, including instrumental activities of daily living, and play and leisure activities;</li><li>(b) developing perceptual-motor skills and sensory integrative functioning;</li><li>(c) developing play skills and leisure capacities and enhancing educational performance skills;</li><li>(d) designing, fabricating, or applying orthotic or prosthetic devices, applying and training in the use of assistive technology, and training in the use of orthotic and prosthetic devices;</li><li>(e) providing for the development of emotional, motivational, cognitive, psychosocial, or physical components of performance;</li><li>(f) providing assessment and evaluation, including the use of skilled observation or the administration and interpretation of standardized or nonstandardized tests and measurements to identify areas for occupational therapy services;</li><li>(g) adaptation of task, process, or the environment, as well as teaching of compensatory techniques, in order to enhance performance;</li><li>(h) developing feeding and swallowing skills;</li><li>(i) enhancing and assessing work performance and work readiness through occupational therapy intervention, including education and instruction, activities to increase and improve general work behavior and skill, job site evaluation, on-the-job training and evaluation, development of work-related activities, and supported employment placement;</li><li>(j) providing neuromuscular facilitation and inhibition, including the activation, facilitation, and inhibition of muscle action, both voluntary and involuntary, through</li></ul> | <p>Requirements for licensure. (1) To be eligible for licensure by the board as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant, the applicant shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) present evidence of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program recognized by the board for the license sought;</li><li>(b) submit evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution where the person completed the academic requirements or by a nationally recognized professional association;</li><li>(c) submit evidence of having been certified by the national board for certification in occupational therapy, inc. (NBCOT); and</li><li>(d) pass an examination prescribed by the board.</li></ul> <p>(2) The supervised fieldwork experience requirement for an occupational therapist is a minimum of 6 months. The supervised fieldwork experience requirement for an occupational therapy assistant is a minimum of 2 months.</p> | <p>NBCOT</p> | <p><a href="https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/occupational-therapy/">https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/occupational-therapy/</a></p> |
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38-2509. Occupational therapist, defined.  
Occupational therapist means a person holding a current license to practice occupational therapy.  
38-2512. Occupational therapy assistant, defined.  
Occupational therapy assistant means a person holding a current license to assist in the practice of occupational therapy

38-2510. Occupational therapy, defined.  
(1) Occupational therapy means the use of purposeful activity with individuals who are limited by physical injury or illness, psychosocial dysfunction, developmental or learning disabilities, or the aging process in order to maximize independent function, prevent further disability, and achieve and maintain health and productivity.  
(2) Occupational therapy encompasses evaluation, treatment, and consultation and may include (a) remediation or restoration of performance abilities that are limited due to impairment in biological, physiological, psychological, or neurological processes, (b) adaptation of task, process, or the environment, or the teaching of compensatory techniques, in order to enhance performance, (c) disability prevention methods and techniques which facilitate the development or safe application of performance skills, and (d) health promotion strategies and practices which enhance performance abilities.

38-2518. Occupational therapist; license; application; requirements.  
(1) An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist shall show to the satisfaction of the department that he or she:  
(a) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the department and accredited by a nationally recognized medical association or nationally recognized occupational therapy association;  
(b) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience at an educational institution approved by the department and where the applicant's academic work was completed or which is part of a training program approved by such educational institution. A minimum of six months of supervised fieldwork experience shall be required for an occupational therapist; and  
(c) Has passed an examination as provided in section 38-2520

003. LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS. To obtain a license, an individual must submit a complete application provided by the Department and provide documentation demonstrating that the applicant meets the licensing requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 38-2501, 38-2531, 172 NAC 10, and this chapter.

003.01 DOCUMENTATION. The following documentation must be provided to the Department.

003.01(A) EDUCATION. An official transcript, sent directly from the issuing institution, verifying successful completion of an educational program in occupational therapy for an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.

003.01(B) EXAMINATION. Documentation of passing the licensure examination sent directly to the Department from the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy. An applicant who passed the examination more than 3 years prior to the date of application and who is not practicing at the time of application for licensure must provide documentation to the Department of obtaining 50 hours of Continuing education within the 3 years immediately preceding the date of application. The 50 hours of continuing education must show 30 hours related to the clinical practice of occupational therapy and 20 hours related to the practice of occupational therapy.

003.01(C) FIELD EXPERIENCE. Provide documentation of successful completion of a supervised fieldwork experience for an occupational therapist or for an occupational

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NRS 640A.040 "Occupational therapist" defined. "Occupational therapist" means a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter to practice occupational therapy.

NRS 640A.060 "Occupational therapy assistant" defined. "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter to practice occupational therapy under the general supervision of an occupational therapist.

NRS 640A.050 "Occupational therapy" defined. "Occupational therapy" means the use of evaluations, teachings and interventions to facilitate the activities of daily living of a client in groups or on an individual basis to enable the client to participate in and perform activities of daily living in various settings, including, without limitation, at home, at school, in the workplace and in the community. The term includes:

1. Providing services for habilitation, rehabilitation and the promotion of health and wellness to a client;
2. Assisting a client in achieving the highest practicable physical, cognitive and psychosocial well-being to improve the physical and mental health of the client and the quality of life of the client;
3. Teaching a client skills for daily living;
4. Assisting a client in the development of cognitive and perceptual motor skills, and in the integration of sensory functions;
5. Assisting a client in learning to play and to use his or her leisure time constructively;
6. Assisting a client in developing functional skills necessary to be considered for employment;
7. Assessing the need for, designing, constructing and training a client in the use and application of selected orthotic devices and adaptive equipment;
8. Assessing the need for prosthetic devices for the upper body and training a client in the functional use of prosthetic devices;
9. Teaching a client crafts and exercises designed to enhance his or her ability to function normally;
10. Administering to a client manual tests of his or her muscles and range of motion, and interpreting the results of those tests;
11. Incorporating into the treatment of a client the safe and appropriate use of physical agent modalities and techniques which have been acquired through an appropriate program of education approved by the Board pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 640A.120, or through a program of continuing education or higher education; and
12. Adapting the environment of a client to reduce the effects of handicaps.

NRS 640A.120 Qualifications for license. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.165 and 640A.166, to be eligible for licensing by the Board as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, an applicant must:

1. Be a natural person of good moral character.
2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.130, have satisfied the academic requirements of an educational program approved by the Board. The Board shall not approve an educational program designed to qualify a person to practice as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant unless the program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., or its successor organization.
3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.130, have successfully completed:
  - (a) If the application is for licensing as an occupational therapist, 24 weeks; or
  - (b) If the application is for licensing as an occupational therapy assistant, 16 weeks, of supervised fieldwork experience approved by the Board. The Board shall not approve any supervised experience unless the experience was sponsored by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., or its successor organization, or the educational institution at which the applicant satisfied the requirements of subsection 2.
4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.160 and 640A.170, pass an examination approved by the Board.

NAC 640A.041 Eligibility to obtain standard license. (NRS 640A.110, 640A.120) In addition to the requirements set forth in NAC 640A.030, to be eligible to obtain a standard license, a person must:

1. Have graduated from:
  - (a) An educational program which is accredited by an agency approved by the Board and which includes a fieldwork program; or
  - (b) An educational program in another country;
2. Have achieved a passing score on:
  - (a) An examination provided by an agency approved by the Board; and
  - (b) The Nevada Occupational Therapy Jurisprudence Examination;
3. Have current certification as an occupational therapist registered or certified occupational therapy assistant; and
4. Be a citizen of the United States or otherwise have the legal right to work in the United States.

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"Occupational therapist" means a person currently licensed to practice occupational therapy in the state of New Hampshire.

"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person currently licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy, under the supervision of an occupational therapist, in the state of New Hampshire  
"Occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of purposeful and meaningful occupations or goal-directed activities to evaluate and treat individuals who have a disease or disorder, impairment, activity limitation, or participation restriction which interferes with their ability to function independently in daily life roles, and to promote health and wellness.

(a) Occupational therapy intervention may include:

(1) Remediation or restoration of performance abilities that are limited due to impairment in biological, physiological, psychological, or neurological processes.

(2) Adaptation of task, process, or the environment, or the teaching of compensatory techniques, in order to enhance performance.

(3) Disability prevention methods and techniques which facilitate the development or safe application of performance skills.

(4) Health promotion strategies and practices which enhance performance abilities.

(b) Occupational therapy services include, but are not limited to:

(1) Evaluating, developing, improving, sustaining or restoring skills in activities of daily living, work or productive activities, including instrumental activities of daily living, and play and leisure activities.

(2) Evaluating, developing, remediating, or restoring sensorimotor, cognitive, or psychosocial components of performance.

(3) Designing, fabricating, applying, or training in the use of assistive technology or orthotic devices, and training in the use of prosthetic devices.

(4) Adaptation of environments and processes, including the application of ergonomic principles, to enhance performance and safety in daily life roles.

(5) Application of physical agent modalities as an adjunct to, or in preparation for, engagement in purposeful activities and occupations.

(6) Evaluating and providing intervention in collaboration with the client, family, caregiver, or others.

(7) Educating the client, family, caregiver, or others in carrying out appropriate non-skilled interventions.

(8) Consulting with groups, programs, organizations, or communities to provide population-based services.

326-C:5 Eligibility for Licensure. –

I. An applicant shall possess the following qualifications to be licensed:

(a) Be at least 17 years of age.

(b) Be of good moral character.

(c) Successfully complete an academic program in occupational therapy accredited by the American Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or its successor organization or be certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc., or its successor organization.

(d) Successfully complete a period, as specified in paragraph II, of supervised field work experience approved by the educational institution where the applicant met his or her academic requirements, or be certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc., or its successor organization.

(e) Successfully complete the entry level certification examination for occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants approved by the board, such as the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. or by another nationally recognized credentialing body.

(f) If passing the required examination more than one year before submitting the application for licensure, meet the continuing competency requirements established by the board in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A.

II. A minimum of 6 months of supervised fieldwork experience is required for licensure as an occupational therapist, and a minimum of 2 months of supervised fieldwork experience is required for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant.

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"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1993, c.85 (C.45:9-37.51 et seq.).  
 "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed pursuant to the provisions of this act to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of or in collaboration with an occupational therapist on a regularly scheduled basis for the purpose of the planning, review, or evaluation of occupational therapy services.  
 "Occupational therapy" means the evaluation, planning, and implementation of a program of purposeful activities to develop or maintain functional skills necessary to achieve the maximal physical or mental functioning, or both, of the individual in the person's daily occupational performance. The tasks of daily living may be threatened or impaired by physical injury or illness, developmental disability, sensorimotor disability, psychological and social disability, the aging process, poverty, or cultural deprivation. Occupational therapy utilizes task oriented activities adapted to prevent or correct physical or emotional disabilities as well as to minimize the disabling effects of those disabilities on the life of the individual. Occupational therapy services include the use of specific techniques which enhance functional performance and include, but are not limited to, the evaluation and assessment of an individual's selfcare, lifestyle performance patterns, work skills, performance related cognitive, sensory, motor, perceptual, affective, interpersonal and social functioning, vocational, and prevocational capacities, the design, fabrication, and application of adaptive equipment or prosthetic or orthotic devices, excluding dental devices, the administration of standardized and nonstandardized assessments, and consultation concerning the adaptation of physical environments for persons with disabilities. These services are provided to individuals or groups through medical, health, educational and social systems.

13:44K-2.1 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS;  
 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST;  
 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT  
 a) To be eligible for licensure as an occupational therapist, an applicant shall:  
 1) Be at least 18 years of age;  
 2) Be of good moral character;  
 3) Except as provided in (d) below, have successfully completed:  
 i) A master's degree or its equivalent in occupational therapy from an accredited college or university approved by the Commission on Higher Education or its successor; or  
 ii) A master's degree or its equivalent in any field other than occupational therapy from an accredited college or university approved by the Commission on Higher Education or its successor and have fulfilled the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association, the World Federation of Occupational Therapy (WFOT) or other nationally recognized programmatic accrediting agency;  
 4) Have successfully completed at least 24 weeks of supervised fieldwork experience approved by the educational institution at which the applicant completed the occupational therapy education program in accordance with (a) 3i and ii above, or, if applicable, (d) below; and  
 5) Have successfully passed the certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), or its predecessors and/or its successors.  
 b) To be eligible for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant, an applicant shall:  
 1) Be at least 18 years of age;  
 2) Be of good moral character;  
 3) Have successfully completed:  
 i) An associate's degree or its equivalent in occupational therapy from an accredited college or university approved by the Commission on Higher Education or its successor; or  
 ii) An associate's degree or its equivalent in any field other than occupational therapy from an accredited college or university approved by the Commission on Higher Education or its successor and have fulfilled the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapy

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| <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>"occupational therapist" means a person who holds an active license to practice occupational therapy in New Mexico in accordance with board rules;<br/>"occupational therapy assistant" means a person having no less than an associate degree in occupational therapy and holding an active license to practice occupational therapy in New Mexico who assists in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of the occupational therapist in accordance with board rules;<br/>"occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of occupations, including everyday life activities with persons across the life span, including groups, populations or organizations, to enhance or enable participation, performance or function in roles, habits and routines in home, school, workplace, community and other settings. Occupational therapy services are provided for habilitation, rehabilitation and the promotion of health and wellness to those clients who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation or participation restriction. "Occupational therapy" includes addressing the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory-perceptual and other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts and environments to support engagement in occupations that affect physical and mental health, well-being and quality of life. Occupational therapy uses everyday life activities to promote mental health and support functioning in people with or at risk of experiencing a range of mental health disorders, including psychiatric, behavioral, emotional and substance abuse disorders;</p> | <p>A. An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application provided by the board, accompanied by the required fees and documentation, and demonstrating to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy that is either:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) accredited by the American occupational therapy association's accreditation council for occupational therapy education; or</li><li>(b) in the case of a foreign educational program, accepted by the national board for certification in occupational therapy when the therapist applies to take that board's examination;</li></ol></li><li>(2) successfully completed a period of supervised field work experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where the occupational therapist or the occupational therapy assistant has met the academic requirements of Paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided that:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) an occupational therapist shall complete a minimum of twenty-four weeks of supervised fieldwork experience or satisfy any generally recognized past standards that identified minimum fieldwork requirements at the time of graduation; and</li><li>(b) an occupational therapy assistant shall complete a minimum of sixteen weeks of supervised fieldwork experience or satisfy any generally recognized past standards that identified minimum fieldwork requirements at the time of graduation;</li></ol></li><li>(3) has passed an examination prescribed by the national board for certification in occupational therapy or the board; and</li><li>(4) has no record of unprofessional conduct or incompetence.</li></ol> <p>B. In the case of an occupational therapy assistant or a person practicing on a provisional permit, the applicant shall file with the board a signed, current statement of supervision by the occupational therapist who will be the responsible supervisor.</p> | <p>NBCOT</p> | <p><a href="http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Occupational_Therapy.aspx">http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Occupational_Therapy.aspx</a></p> |
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§7901. Definition.  
The practice of the profession of occupational therapy is defined as the functional evaluation of the client, the planning and utilization of a program of purposeful activities, the development and utilization of a treatment program, and/or consultation with the client, family, caregiver or organization in order to restore, develop or maintain adaptive skills, and/or performance abilities designed to achieve maximal physical, cognitive and mental functioning of the client associated with his or her activities of daily living and daily life tasks. A treatment program designed to restore function, shall be rendered on the prescription or referral of a physician, nurse practitioner or other health care provider acting within his or her scope of practice pursuant to this title. However, nothing contained in this article shall be construed to permit any licensee hereunder to practice medicine or psychology, including psychotherapy or to otherwise expand such licensee's scope of practice beyond what is authorized by this chapter.

§76.1 Professional study of occupational therapy. To meet the professional education requirement for licensure in this State, the applicant shall present evidence of:

- a. at least a bachelor's or master's degree in occupational therapy from a program registered by the department or accredited by a national accreditation agency which is satisfactory to the department, or its equivalent, as determined by the department; or
- b. completion of a program satisfactory to the department of not less than four years of postsecondary study which includes the professional study of occupational therapy and which culminates in the degree or diploma accepted by the civil authorities of the country in which the studies were completed as preparation in occupational therapy in that country.

§76.2 Supervised experience.

a. The six months of full-time supervised experience in occupational therapy may be completed as part of the basic program described in section 76.1 of this Part. Full-time experience not completed as part of an approved program shall be under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

b. For candidates who have accumulated other than full-time supervised experience, part-time experience may be counted if it is obtained at the rate of at least two full days per week (minimum of 15 hours) and for continuous periods of not less than two months for an accumulated total of six months. The department may excuse the requirement that such experience be continuous where such continuous experience cannot be completed due to the State of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis.

§76.3 Licensing examinations.

The department may accept grades satisfactory to the State Board for Occupational Therapy on the certificate examination of the American Occupational Therapy Association, which may be used in whole or in part.

§76.7 Requirements for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant.

To qualify for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant pursuant to section 7904-a of the Education Law, an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

- a. file an application with the department;
- b. complete at least a two-year associate degree program for occupational therapy assistants registered by the department or accredited by a national accreditation agency

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Occupational therapist. - An individual licensed in good standing to practice occupational therapy as defined in this Article.

Occupational therapy assistant. - An individual licensed in good standing to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under this Article, who performs activities commensurate with his or her education and training under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

"Occupational therapy" means a health care profession providing evaluation, treatment and consultation to help individuals achieve a maximum level of independence by developing skills and abilities interfered with by disease, emotional disorder, physical injury, the aging process, or impaired development. Occupational therapists use purposeful activities and specially designed orthotic and prosthetic devices to reduce specific impairments and to help individuals achieve independence at home and in the work place.

"Occupational Therapy evaluation, treatment, and consultation" include the following:

- (a) remediation or restitution of performance abilities that are limited due to impairment in biological, physiological, psychosocial, and developmental process;
- (b) adaptation of skills, process or environment, or the teachings of compensatory techniques in order to enhance performance;
- (c) disability prevention methods and techniques that facilitate the development or safe application of performance skills;
- (d) promotion of health and wellness to those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction; and
- (e) interpretation of the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory, and other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts to support engagement in everyday life activities that affect health, well-being, and quality of life.

90-270.69 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

(a) Any individual who desires to be licensed as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application with the Board on forms provided by the Board, showing to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant:

- (1) Is of good moral character; and
- (2) Has passed an examination approved by the Board as provided in this Article; and

Applicants for licensure as an occupational therapist must also have successfully completed an accredited occupational therapy educational curriculum and the required supervised fieldwork as determined by the Board. Applicants for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant must also have successfully completed an accredited occupational therapy assistant educational curriculum and the required supervised fieldwork as determined by the Board.

Examining body. – The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy

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| <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy under this chapter.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy, under this chapter, who works under the supervision of an occupational therapist.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy practice" means the use of occupation and purposeful activity or intervention designed to achieve functional outcomes that promote health, prevent injury or disability, and which develop, improve, sustain, or restore the highest possible level of independence of any individual who has an injury, illness, cognitive impairment, psychosocial dysfunction, mental illness, developmental or learning disability, physical disability or other disorder or condition, and occupational therapy education. Occupational therapy encompasses evaluation, treatment, consultation, research, and education. Occupational therapy practice includes evaluation by skilled observation, administration, and interpretation of standardized and nonstandardized tests and measurements. The occupational therapy practitioner designs and implements interventions directed toward developing, improving, sustaining, and restoring sensorimotor, neuromuscular, emotional, cognitive, or psychosocial performance components. Interventions include activities that contribute to optimal occupational performance including self-care; daily living skills; skills essential for productivity, functional communication and mobility; positioning; social integration; cognitive mechanisms; enhancing play and leisure skills; and the design, provision, and training in the use of assistive technology, devices, orthotics, or prosthetics or environmental adaptations to accommodate for loss of occupational performance.</p> <p>Therapy may be provided individually or in groups to prevent secondary conditions, promote community integration, and support the individual's health and well-being within the social and cultural contexts of the individual's natural environment.</p> | <p>55.5-02-01-01.1. Requirements for licensure.</p> <p>1. To be licensed as an occupational therapist an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The applicant has a degree from an occupational therapy program accredited by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education or a degree from a foreign occupational therapy program which the national board for certification in occupational therapy deems comparable.</li><li>b. The applicant has passed the occupational therapist registered certification examination administered by the national board for certification in occupational therapy.</li><li>c. Grounds for denial of the application under North Dakota Century Code section 43-40-16 do not exist.</li><li>d. The applicant has completed a jurisprudence examination of the applicant's knowledge of North Dakota laws and rules.</li></ul> <p>2. To be licensed as an occupational therapy assistant an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The applicant has a degree from an occupational therapy program accredited by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education or a degree from a foreign occupational therapy program which the national board for certification in occupational therapy deems comparable.</li><li>b. The applicant has passed the certified occupational therapy assistant certification examination administered by the national board for certification in occupational therapy.</li><li>c. Grounds for denial of the application under North Dakota Century Code section 43-40-16 do not exist.</li><li>d. The applicant has completed a jurisprudence examination of the applicant's knowledge of North Dakota laws and rules.</li></ul> | <p>NBCOT<br/>ND<br/>Jurisprudence<br/>Exam</p> | <p><a href="https://www.ndotboard.com/">https://www.ndotboard.com/</a></p> |
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| Ohio | OT<br>OTA | <p>"Occupational therapist" means a person who is licensed or holds a limited permit to practice occupational therapy and who offers such services to the public under any title incorporating the words "occupational therapy," "occupational therapist," or any similar title or description of services.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person who holds a license or limited permit to provide occupational therapy techniques under the general supervision of an occupational therapist.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of everyday life activities or occupations with individuals or groups for the purpose of participation in roles and situations in the home, school, workplace, community, and other settings. The practice of occupational therapy includes all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Methods or strategies selected to direct the process of interventions, including, but not limited to, establishment, remediation, or restoration of a skill or ability that has not yet developed or is impaired and compensation, modification, or adaptation of activity or environment to enhance performance;</li> <li>(2) Evaluation of factors affecting activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, education, work, play, leisure, and social participation, including, but not limited to, sensory motor abilities, vision, perception, cognition, psychosocial, and communication and interaction skills;</li> <li>(3) Interventions and procedures to promote or enhance safety and performance in activities of daily living, education, work, play, leisure, and social participation, including, but not limited to, application of physical agent modalities, use of a range of specific therapeutic procedures to enhance performance skills, rehabilitation of driving skills to facilitate community mobility, and management of feeding, eating, and swallowing to enable eating and feeding performance;</li> <li>(4) Consultative services, case management, and education of patients, clients, or other individuals to promote self-management, home management, and community and work reintegration;</li> <li>(5) Designing, fabricating, applying, recommending, and instructing in the use of selected orthotic or prosthetic devices and other equipment which assists the individual to adapt to the individual's potential or actual impairment;</li> <li>(6) Administration of topical drugs that have been prescribed by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.</li> </ol> | <p>4755.07 License qualifications.</p> <p>No person shall qualify for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant unless the person has shown to the satisfaction of the occupational therapy section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board that the person:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) Is of good moral character;</li> <li>(B) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program recognized by the section, including a concentration of instruction in basic human sciences, the human development process, occupational tasks and activities, the health-illness-health continuum, and occupational therapy theory and practice;</li> <li>(C) Has successfully completed a period of supervised field work experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where the person met the academic requirements. For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six months of supervised field work experience is required. For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two months of supervised field work experience is required.</li> <li>(D) Has successfully passed a written examination testing the person's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences relating to occupational therapy, and occupational therapy theory and practice, including the applicant's professional skills and judgment in the utilization of occupational therapy techniques and methods, and such other subjects as the section may consider useful to determine the applicant's fitness to practice. The section may require separate examinations of applicants for licensure as occupational therapy assistants and applicants for licensure as occupational therapists. Applicants for licensure shall be examined at a time and place and under such supervision as the section determines.</li> </ol> <p>(A) The education requirements described in divisions (B) and (C) of section 4755.07 of the Revised Code shall be satisfied by completion of an entry-level education program accredited by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education (ACOTE) of the American occupational therapy association. Occupational therapy programs which have not been accredited by (ACOTE) will be accepted provided program equivalency has been established by a recognized educational credentialing body approved by the section.</p> <p>(B) In accordance with the provision of the second paragraph of section 4755.09 of the Revised</p> | NBCOT | <a href="https://otptat.ohio.gov/">https://otptat.ohio.gov/</a> |
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Oklahoma

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"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy pursuant to the provisions of the Occupational Therapy Practice Act;  
"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to provide occupational therapy treatment under the general supervision of a licensed occupational therapist;

"Occupational therapy" is a health profession for which practitioners provide assessment, treatment, and consultation through the use of purposeful activity with individuals who are limited by or at risk of physical illness or injury, psycho-social dysfunction, developmental or learning disabilities, poverty and cultural differences or the aging process, in order to maximize independence, prevent disability, and maintain health. Specific occupational therapy services include but are not limited to the use of media and methods such as instruction in daily living skills and cognitive retraining, facilitating self-maintenance, work and leisure skills, using standardized or adapted techniques, designing, fabricating, and applying selected orthotic equipment or selective adaptive equipment with instructions, using therapeutically applied creative activities, exercise, and other media to enhance and restore functional performance, to administer and interpret tests which may include sensorimotor evaluation, psycho-social assessments, standardized or nonstandardized tests, to improve developmental skills, perceptual and motor skills, and sensory integrative function, and to adapt the environment for the handicapped. These services are provided individually, in groups, via telehealth or through social systems

Education: Applicants shall present evidence satisfactory to the Board of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the Board, with concentration in biological or physical science, psychology and sociology, and with education in selected manual skills. For an occupational therapist the educational program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). For an occupational therapy assistant, such a program shall be approved by ACOTE;  
Experience: Applicants shall submit to the Board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised field work experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where he or she met the academic requirements. For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six (6) months of supervised field work experience is required. For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two (2) months of supervised field work experience is required;

Application for license - Form - Examination and reexamination  
A. A person applying for a license shall demonstrate his or her eligibility in accordance with the requirements of Section 888.6 of this title and shall make application for examination upon a form in such a manner as the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) shall prescribe. A person who fails the examination may make reapplication for reexamination accompanied by the prescribed fee.  
B. Each applicant for licensure pursuant to the provisions of this the Occupational Therapy Practice Act shall be examined on the applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences relating to occupational therapy and occupational theory and practice, including the application of professional skills and judgment in the utilization of occupational therapy techniques and methods and such other subjects as the Board may deem useful to determine the applicant's fitness to practice. The Board shall approve an examination and establish standards for acceptable practice. NBCOT shall be the approved provider for the examination according to national standards for entry-level practice.

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Oregon

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“Occupational therapist” means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy under ORS 675.210 to 675.340.  
“Occupational therapy assistant” means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of an occupational therapist.

“Occupational therapy” means the analysis and use of purposeful activity with individuals who are limited by physical injury or illness, developmental or learning disabilities, psycho-social dysfunctions or the aging process in order to maximize independence, prevent disability and maintain health. The practice of occupational therapy encompasses evaluation, treatment and consultation. Specific occupational therapy services includes but is not limited to: Activities of daily living (ADL); perceptual motor and sensory integrated activity; development of work and leisure skills; the design, fabrication or application of selected orthotics or prosthetic devices; the use of specifically designed crafts; guidance in the selection and use of adaptive equipment; exercises to enhance functional performance; prevocational evaluation and training; performing and interpreting manual muscle and range of motion test; and appraisal and adaptation of environments for people with mental and physical disabilities. The services are provided individually, in groups, or through social systems.

675.240 Qualifications for licensing as occupational therapist; rules. Except as provided in ORS 675.270, each applicant for licensure under ORS 675.210 to 675.340 as an occupational therapist shall:  
(1) Have successfully completed an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, with concentration in biological or physical science, psychology and sociology, and with education in selected manual skills.  
(2) Pass to the satisfaction of the board an examination adopted by the board to determine the fitness of the applicant for practice as an occupational therapist or be entitled to be licensed as provided in ORS 675.270.  
(3) Have successfully completed at least six months of supervised field work that complies with rules adopted by the board.

675.250 Qualifications for licensing as occupational therapy assistant; rules. Except as provided in ORS 675.270, an applicant for licensure under ORS 675.210 to 675.340 as an occupational therapy assistant shall:  
(1) Be at least 18 years of age.  
(2) Have successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapy assistants recognized by the Occupational Therapy Licensing Board.  
(3) Pass an examination approved by the board to determine the fitness of the applicant for practice as an occupational therapy assistant.  
(4) Have successfully completed at least two months of supervised field work that complies with rules adopted by the board.

Recognition of Education Programs  
(1) Pursuant to ORS 675.240(1), the Board recognizes educational programs for occupational therapists currently accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), and listed on Exhibit 1, attached to this rule and incorporated by reference.  
(2) Pursuant to ORS 675.250(2), the Board recognizes educational programs for occupational therapy assistants currently accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), and listed on Exhibit 1, attached to this rule and incorporated by reference

License Examinations Approved by the Board  
(1) Pursuant to ORS 675.240(1)(b) and (2), the

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Pennsylvania

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"Occupational therapist." A person who is licensed to practice occupational therapy pursuant to this act and who offers such services to the public under any title incorporating the words "occupational therapy," "occupational therapist" or any similar title or description of occupational therapy services.  
"Occupational therapy assistant." A person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy, under the supervision of an occupational therapist.

"Occupational therapy." The evaluation of learning and performance skills and the analysis, selection and adaptation of activities for an individual whose abilities to cope with the activities of daily living, to perform tasks normally performed at a given stage of development and to perform essential vocational tasks which are threatened or impaired by that person's developmental deficiencies, aging process, environmental deprivation or physical, psychological, injury or illness, through specific techniques which include:  
(1) Planning and implementing activity programs to improve sensory and motor functioning at the level of performance normal for the individual's stage of development.  
(2) Teaching skills, behaviors and attitudes crucial to the individual's independent, productive and satisfying social functioning.  
(3) The design, fabrication and application of orthotics to enhance performance in occupations, not to include prosthetic devices, and the adaptation of equipment necessary to assist patients in adjusting to a potential or actual impairment and instructing in the use of such devices and equipment.  
(4) Analyzing, selecting and adapting activities to maintain the individual's optimal performance of tasks to prevent disability.

Requirements for licensure.  
An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall submit a written application on forms provided by the board evidencing and showing to the satisfaction of the board that he or she:  
(1) Is of good moral character.  
(2) Has completed the academic requirements of an approved educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board with the advice and consultation of recognized national accrediting agencies and professional organizations including the American Occupational Therapy Association as follows:  
(i) For an occupational therapist, a four-year program, or its equivalent as established by the board.  
(ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, a two-year program, or its equivalent as established by the board.  
(3) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience at a recognized educational institute or a training program approved by the educational institution where the academic requirements met were as follows:  
(i) For an occupational therapist a minimum of six months of supervised fieldwork experience.  
(ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two months of supervised fieldwork.  
(4) Has passed an examination approved by the board.  
  
Licensure examination—The Certification Examination for Occupational Therapist, Registered, or the Certification Examination for Occupational Therapy Assistant prepared and administered by the NBCOT.

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<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/OccupationalTherapy/Pages/default.aspx>

Rhode Island

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"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy under the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations authorized by this chapter.

"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy under the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations authorized by this chapter.

"Occupational therapy" (OT) is the use of purposeful activity or interventions designed to achieve functional outcomes that promote health, prevent injury or disability, and develop, improve, sustain, or restore the highest possible level of independence of any individual who has an injury, illness, cognitive impairment, sensory impairment, psychosocial dysfunction, mental illness, developmental or learning disability, physical disability, or other disorder or condition.

Occupational therapy includes evaluation by means of skilled observation of functional performance or assessment through the administration and interpretation of standardized or nonstandardized tests and measurements.

"Occupational therapy services" includes, but is not limited to:

- (i) Evaluating and providing treatment in consultation with the individual, family, or other appropriate persons;
- (ii) Interventions directed toward developing, improving, sustaining, or restoring daily living skills, including self-care skills and activities that involve interactions with others and the environment, work readiness or work performance, play skills or leisure capacities, or educational performance skills;
- (iii) Developing, improving, sustaining, or restoring sensory-motor, oral-motor, perceptual, or neuromuscular functioning; or emotional, motivational, cognitive, or psychosocial components of performance; and
- (iv) Educating the individual, family, or other appropriate persons in carrying out appropriate interventions.

(2) These services may encompass evaluating need; and designing, developing, adapting, applying, or training in the use of assistive technology devices; designing, fabricating or applying rehabilitative technology, such as selected orthotic devices; training in the functional use of orthotic or prosthetic devices; applying therapeutic activities, modalities, or exercise as an adjunct to or in preparation for functional performance; applying ergonomic principles; adapting environments and processes to enhance daily living skills; or promoting health and wellness.

5-40.1-8. Requirements for licensure.

(a) Any applicant seeking licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in this state must:

- (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) Be of good moral character;
- (3) Have successfully completed the academic requirements of an education program in occupational therapy accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education or other therapy accrediting agency that may be approved by the board;
- (4) Have successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution where he or she met the academic requirements:
  - (i) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of twenty-four (24) weeks of supervised fieldwork experience shall be required;
  - (ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of twelve (12) weeks shall be required;
- (5) Have successfully passed the National Certification Examination for Occupational Therapists, Registered, or National Certification Examination for Occupational Therapy Assistants, of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) or other occupational therapy certification examination as approved by the board.

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| <p>South Carolina</p> | <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy.<br/> "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of an occupational therapist.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy" means the functional evaluation and treatment of individuals whose ability to cope with the tasks of living are threatened or impaired by developmental deficits, the aging process, poverty and cultural differences, physical injury or illness, or psychological or social disability. The treatment utilizes occupational, namely goal-oriented activities, to prevent or correct physical or emotional deficits or to minimize the disabling effect of these deficits in the life of the individual. Specific occupational therapy techniques include, but are not limited to, activities of daily living (ADL), the fabrication and application of splints, sensory-motor activities, the use of specifically designed crafts, guidance in the selection and use of adaptive equipment, exercises to enhance functional performance, prevocational evaluation and treatment and consultation concerning adaption of physical environments for the handicapped. These techniques are applied in the treatment of individual patients or clients, in groups, or through social systems.</p> | <p>An applicant seeking licensure as an occupational therapist must:<br/> (1) have graduated from an occupational therapy educational program approved by ACOTE or other AOTA endorsed accrediting body for occupational therapy or other educational program which the board considers to be substantially equivalent;<br/> (2) have completed successfully a minimum of six months of supervised field work experience at an educational institution approved by the educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements;<br/> (3) have passed a board-approved certification exam for the occupational therapist; and<br/> (4) be in good standing with NBCOT or other board-approved certification program.</p> <p>An applicant seeking licensure as an occupational therapy assistant must:<br/> (1) have graduated from an occupational therapy assistant educational program approved by ACOTE or other AOTA endorsed accrediting body for occupational therapy or other educational program which the board considers to be substantially equivalent;<br/> (2) have completed successfully a minimum of two months of supervised field work experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements;<br/> (3) have passed a board-approved certification exam for the occupational therapy assistant; and<br/> (4) be in good standing with NBCOT or other board-approved certification program.</p> | <p>NBCOT</p> | <p><a href="https://lir.sc.gov/ot/">https://lir.sc.gov/ot/</a></p> |
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South Dakota

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| <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>"Occupational therapists," any person licensed to practice occupational therapy as defined in this chapter and whose license is in good standing;<br/>"Occupational therapy assistant," any person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy, under the supervision of or with the consultation of a licensed occupational therapist and whose license is in good standing;</p> <p>"Occupational therapy," the evaluation, planning and implementation of a program of purposeful activities to develop or maintain adaptive skills necessary to achieve the maximal physical and mental functioning of the individual in his or her daily pursuits. The practice of occupational therapy includes consultation, evaluation, and treatment of individuals whose abilities to cope with the tasks of living are threatened or impaired by developmental deficits, the aging process, learning disabilities, poverty and cultural differences, physical injury or disease, psychological and social disabilities, or anticipated dysfunction. Occupational therapy services include such treatment techniques as task-oriented activities to prevent or correct physical or emotional deficits or to minimize the disabling effect of these deficits in the life of the individual; such evaluation techniques as assessment of sensory integration and motor abilities, assessment of development of self-care and feeding, activities and capacity for independence, assessment of the physical capacity for prevocational and work tasks, assessment of play and leisure performance, and appraisal of living areas for the handicapped; physical agent modalities limited to the upper extremities to enhance physical functional performance, if certified in accordance with § 36-31-6; and specific occupational therapy techniques such as activities of daily living skills, designing, fabricating, or applying selected orthotic devices or selecting adaptive equipment, sensory integration and motor activities, the use of specifically designed manual and creative activities, specific exercises to enhance functional performance, and treatment techniques for physical capabilities for work activities. Such techniques are applied in the treatment of individual patients or clients, in groups, or through social systems;</p> | <p>36-31-6. Application for licensure--Requirements. Any applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that he meets the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) Residence: Applicant need not be a resident of this state;</p> <p>(2) Character: Applicant shall be of good moral character;</p> <p>(3) Education: Applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board:</p> <p>(a) The occupational therapy educational program shall be accredited by the committee on allied health education and accreditation/American Medical Association in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Association;</p> <p>(b) The occupational therapy assistant educational program shall be approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association.</p> <p>(4) Experience: Applicant shall submit to the board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution where he met the academic requirements or by the nationally recognized professional association:</p> <p>(a) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six months of supervised fieldwork experience is required;</p> <p>(b) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two months of supervised fieldwork experience is required.</p> <p>(5) Examination: An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall pass an examination approved by the board upon recommendation by the occupational therapy committee;</p> <p>20:64:02:01. Examination. The examination approved by the board is the certification examination of the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy.</p> | <p>NBCOT</p> | <p><a href="https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/2061102">https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/2061102</a></p> <p><a href="https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/11015">https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/11015</a></p> |
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(8) "Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to engage in occupational therapy practice under this chapter;

(9) "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to assist in occupational therapy practice under the supervision of an occupational therapist;

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(A) "Occupational therapy practice" means the therapeutic use of everyday life activities (occupations) for the purpose of enabling individuals or groups to participate in roles and situations in home, school, workplace, community and other settings. Occupational therapy addresses the physical, cognitive, psychosocial and sensory aspects of performance in a variety of contexts to support engagement in occupations that affect health, well-being and quality of life. "Occupational therapy practice" includes, but is not limited to:

(i) The screening, evaluation, assessment, planning, implementation and discharge planning of an occupational therapy program or services in consultation with the client, family members, caregivers and other appropriate persons;

(ii) Selection and administration of standardized and nonstandardized tests and measurements to evaluate factors affecting activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, education, work, play, leisure and social participation, including:

(a) Body functions and body structures;

(b) Habits, routines, roles and behavior patterns;

(c) Cultural, physical, environmental, social and spiritual context and activity demands that affect performance; and

(d) Performance skills, including motor, process and communication/interaction skills;

(iii) Methods or strategies selected to direct the process of interventions, such as:

(a) Modification or adaptation of an activity or the environment to enhance performance;

(b) Establishment, remediation or restoration of a skill or ability that has not yet developed or is impaired;

(c) Maintenance and enhancement of capabilities without which performance in occupations would decline;

(d) Health promotion and wellness to enable or enhance performance and safety of occupations; and

(e) Prevention of barriers to performance, including disability prevention;

(iv) Interventions and procedures to promote or enhance safety and performance in activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, education, work, play, leisure and social participation, including:

(a) Therapeutic use of occupations, exercises and activities;

(b) Training in self-care, self-management, home management and community/work reintegration;

(c) Development, remediation or compensation of physical, cognitive, neuromuscular and sensory

An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file an application showing, to the satisfaction of the board of occupational therapy, that the applicant:

(1) Is of good moral character;

(2) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program accredited by ACOTE or its predecessor organization. The accredited program shall be a program for occupational therapists or a program for occupational therapy assistants, depending upon the category of licensure for which the applicant is applying;

(3) Has successfully completed the period of supervised fieldwork experience required by ACOTE; and

(4) Has made an acceptable score on a written or computerized examination designed to test the applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical services related to occupational therapy, occupational therapy techniques and methods and other subjects that may help to determine an applicant's fitness to practice. The board of occupational therapy shall approve an examination for occupational therapists and an examination for occupational therapy assistants and shall establish standards for acceptable performance on each examination. The board is authorized to use the entry level national examinations prepared and administered by NBCOT as the examinations used to test applicants for licensure as occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants and is authorized to use the standards of NBCOT in determining an acceptable score on each examination

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| Texas | OT<br>OTA | <p>"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy.</p> <p>"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed by the board as an occupational therapy assistant who assists in the practice of occupational therapy under the general supervision of an occupational therapist.</p> <p>PRACTICE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.</p> <p>(a) In this section, "diagnosis" means the identification of a disease from its symptoms.</p> <p>(b) A person practices occupational therapy if the person:</p> <p>(1) evaluates or treats a person whose ability to perform the tasks of living is threatened or impaired by developmental deficits, the aging process, environmental deprivation, sensory impairment, physical injury or illness, or psychological or social dysfunction;</p> <p>(2) uses therapeutic goal-directed activities to:</p> <p>(A) evaluate, prevent, or correct physical or emotional dysfunction; or</p> <p>(B) maximize function in a person's life; or</p> <p>(3) applies therapeutic goal-directed activities in treating patients on an individual basis, in groups, or through social systems, by means of direct or monitored treatment or consultation.</p> <p>(c) The practice of occupational therapy does not include diagnosis or psychological services of the type typically performed by a licensed psychologist.</p> | <p>Requirements for Licensure.</p> <p>(a) All applicants for initial Texas licensure shall:</p> <p>(1) submit a complete application form and non-refundable application fee as set by the Executive Council;</p> <p>(2) submit in paper or electronic form a current color photograph that meets the requirements for a U.S. passport. A photograph in electronic form must be of a high quality resolution comparable to that of a passport photograph in paper form;</p> <p>(3) submit a successfully completed Board jurisprudence examination on the Act and Rules;</p> <p>(4) have completed academic and supervised field work requirements of an accredited educational program in occupational therapy as per §454.203 of the Act (relating to Qualifications for Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant License) or if foreign-trained, have met substantially equivalent academic and supervised field work requirements as per §454.205 of the Act (relating to Foreign-Trained Applicants);</p> <p>(5) submit a complete and legible set of fingerprints in the manner prescribed by the Board for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information from the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and</p> <p>(6) either meet the requirements in §364.2 of this title (relating to Initial License by Examination) and apply by examination or meet the requirements in §364.4 of this title (relating to Licensure by Endorsement) and apply by endorsement.</p> <p>Examination--The Examination as provided for in §454.207 of the Practice Act (relating to License Examination). The current Examination is the initial certification examination given by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).</p> <p>Jurisprudence Examination--An examination covering information contained in the Texas Occupational Therapy Practice Act and Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners Rules. This test is an open book, online examination with multiple choice and/or true-false questions. The passing score is at least 70%.</p> | NBCOT<br>TX<br>Jurisprudence<br>Exam | <a href="https://www.ptot.texas.gov/page/home">https://www.ptot.texas.gov/page/home</a> |
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Vermont

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"Occupational therapist" means a person who is licensed to practice occupational therapy under this chapter.  
"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person who is licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of an occupational therapist.  
"Occupational therapy practice" means the therapeutic use of purposeful and meaningful occupations (goal-directed activities) to evaluate and treat individuals who have a disease or disorder, impairment, activity limitation, or participation restriction that interferes with their ability to function independently in daily life roles, and to promote health and wellness. Occupational therapy intervention may include:  
(A) remediation or restoration of performance abilities that are limited due to impairment in biological, physiological, psychological, or neurological processes;  
(B) adaptation of task, process, or the environment, or the teaching of compensatory techniques, in order to enhance performance;  
(C) disability prevention methods and techniques that facilitate the development of safe application of performance skills;  
(D) health promotion strategies and practices that enhance performance abilities

(a) To be eligible for licensure as an occupational therapist, an applicant:  
(1) shall have successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or its predecessor or successor organizations;  
(2) shall have successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where the applicant met the requirements set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection; and  
(3) shall pass an examination as provided in section 3357 of this title.  
(b) To be eligible for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant, an applicant:  
(1) shall have successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapy assistants accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or its predecessor or successor organizations;  
(2) shall have successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where the applicant met the requirements set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection; and  
(3) shall pass an examination as provided in section 3357 of this title.  
(c) Occupational therapist applicants must complete a minimum of 24 weeks of supervised fieldwork experience or satisfy any generally-recognized past standards that identified minimum fieldwork requirements at the time of graduation.  
(d) Occupational therapy assistant applicants must complete a minimum of 16 weeks of supervised fieldwork experience or satisfy any generally-recognized past standards that identified minimum fieldwork requirements at the time of graduation.  
  
3357. Examination  
(a) Written examinations shall be conducted under this chapter by a nationally recognized credentialing body approved by the Director. Examinations shall be conducted at least twice a year, except that examinations need not be conducted when no one has applied to be examined.  
(b) Examinations administered and the procedures of administration shall be fair and reasonable and shall be designed and implemented to ensure that all applicants are granted licensure if they demonstrate that they possess the minimal

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Virginia

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"Practice of occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of occupations for habilitation and rehabilitation to enhance physical health, mental health, and cognitive functioning and includes the evaluation, analysis, assessment, and delivery of education and training in basic and instrumental activities of daily living; the design, fabrication, and application of orthoses (splints); the design, selection, and use of adaptive equipment and assistive technologies; therapeutic activities to enhance functional performance; vocational evaluation and training; and consultation concerning the adaptation of physical, sensory, and social environments.

"Occupational therapy assistant" means an individual who has met the requirements of the Board for licensure and who works under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist to assist in the practice of occupational therapy.

An applicant who has received his professional education in the United States, its possessions or territories, shall successfully complete all academic and fieldwork requirements of an accredited educational program as verified by the ACOTE.

An applicant for licensure to practice as an occupational therapist shall submit evidence to the board that he has passed the certification examination for an occupational therapist and any other examination required for initial certification from the NBCOT.

An applicant for licensure to practice as an occupational therapy assistant shall submit evidence to the board that he has passed the certification examination for an occupational therapy assistant and any other examination required for initial certification from the NBCOT.

"National examination" means the examination prescribed by NBCOT for certification as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant and approved for licensure in Virginia.

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<http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Medicine/AbouttheBoard/RegulateProfessions/OccupationalTherapy/>

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"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy under this chapter.  
"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision or with the regular consultation of an occupational therapist.

"Occupational therapy" is the scientifically based use of purposeful activity with individuals who are limited by physical injury or illness, psychosocial dysfunction, developmental or learning disabilities, or the aging process in order to maximize independence, prevent disability, and maintain health. The practice encompasses evaluation, treatment, and consultation. Specific occupational therapy services include but are not limited to: Using specifically designed activities and exercises to enhance neurodevelopmental, cognitive, perceptual motor, sensory integrative, and psychomotor functioning; administering and interpreting tests such as manual muscle and sensory integration; teaching daily living skills; developing prevocational skills and play and avocational capabilities; designing, fabricating, or applying selected orthotic and prosthetic devices or selected adaptive equipment; wound care management as provided in RCW 18.59.170; and adapting environments for persons with disabilities. These services are provided individually, in groups, or through social systems.

(1) An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application on forms provided by the department showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant meets the requirements specified in this subsection.  
(a) The applicant shall be of good moral character.  
(b) The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board, with concentration in biological or physical science, psychology, sociology, and with education in selected manual skills.  
(i) For an occupational therapist, such a program shall be nationally accredited and approved by rules of the board.  
(ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, such a program shall be nationally accredited and approved by rules of the board.  
(c) The applicant shall submit to the board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution at which the applicant met the academic requirements.  
(i) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six months of supervised fieldwork experience is required.  
(ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two months of supervised fieldwork experience is required.  
(d) An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall pass an examination as provided in RCW 18.59.060.

Recognized educational programs—Occupational therapists. The board recognizes and approves courses of instruction conducted by schools that have obtained accreditation of the program in occupational therapy from the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education as recognized in the current Listing of Educational Programs in Occupational Therapy published by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.

Recognized educational programs—Occupational therapy assistants. The board recognizes and approves courses of instruction conducted by schools that have obtained approval of the occupational therapy assistant associate degree programs and occupational therapy assistant

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| <p>OT<br/>OTA</p> | <p>"Occupational Therapist" means a person licensed by the board under the provisions of this article to engage in the practice of occupational therapy.</p> <p>"Occupational Therapy Assistant" means a person licensed by the board under the provisions of this article to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the general supervision of an Occupational Therapist.</p> <p>"The practice of occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of everyday life activities or occupations to address the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory, and other aspects of performance of individuals or groups of individuals, including those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation or participation restriction, to promote health, wellness and participation in roles and situations in home, school, workplace, community and other settings.</p> <p>§30-28-4. Scope of practice; license and supervision requirements.</p> <p>(a) The scope of practice of occupational therapy includes, but is not limited to:</p> <p>(1) Methods or strategies selected to direct the process of interventions such as:</p> <p>(A) Establishment, remediation, or restoration of a skill or ability that has not yet developed or is impaired;</p> <p>(B) Compensation, modification, or adaptation of activity or environment to enhance performance;</p> <p>(C) Maintenance and enhancement of capabilities without which performance in everyday life activities would decline;</p> <p>(D) Health promotion and wellness to enable or enhance performance in everyday life activities; and</p> <p>(E) Prevention of barriers to performance, including disability prevention.</p> <p>(2) Evaluation of factors affecting activities of daily living (ADL), instrumental activities of daily living (IADL), education, work, play, leisure and social participation, including:</p> <p>(A) Client factors, including body functions and body structures;</p> <p>(B) Habits, routines, roles and behavior patterns;</p> <p>(C) Cultural, physical, environmental, social and spiritual contexts and activity that affect performance; and</p> <p>(D) Performance skills, including motor, process and</p> | <p>§30-28-10. Qualifications of applicants for license. To be eligible for a license to engage in the practice of occupational therapy, the applicant must:</p> <p>(1) Be of good moral character;</p> <p>(2) Have successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for Occupational Therapists or Occupational Therapy Assistants that is accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or its predecessor organizations;</p> <p>(3) Have successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where he or she met the academic requirements;</p> <p>(4) Have passed an examination approved by the board;</p> <p>(5) Have filed an application on forms provided by the board; and</p> <p>(6) Have paid the applicable fee.</p> <p>§30-28-11. Examination.</p> <p>(a) A person who has met the requirements of subsections (1), (2) and (3), section ten of this article, may make application for examination.</p> <p>(b) Each applicant for licensure shall be examined by written or computerized examination to test his or her knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences relating to occupational therapy, and occupational therapy theory and practice, including the professional skills and judgment of the applicant in the utilization of occupational therapy techniques and methods, and other subjects the board may require to determine the fitness for practice of the applicant. The examination may be administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT) or another nationally recognized credentialing body as approved by the board.</p> | <p>NBCOT</p> | <p><a href="https://www.wvbot.org/">https://www.wvbot.org/</a></p> |
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“Occupational therapist” means an individual who is licensed by the affiliated credentialing board to practice occupational therapy.  
“Occupational therapy assistant” means an individual who is licensed by the affiliated credentialing board to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of an occupational therapist.  
“Occupational therapy” means the therapeutic use of purposeful and meaningful occupations to evaluate and treat individuals of all ages who have a disease, disorder, impairment, activity limitation or participation restriction that interferes with their ability to function independently in daily life roles and environments and to promote health and wellness.

OT 2.02 Applications and credentials. (1) Every applicant for initial licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall submit all of the following:  
(a) A completed application form.  
Note: Application forms are available upon request to the board office at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708.  
(b) Evidence that the applicant is certified as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant by the national board for certification in occupational therapy; and that the applicant has completed an occupational therapist educational program, or an occupational therapy assistant educational program.  
(c) Written verification from the national board for certification in occupational therapy that the applicant has passed the examination required by this chapter.  
(2) Requests for verification from the national board for certification in occupational therapy shall be made by the applicant.  
(3) An application for licensure is not complete until the board has received both a completed application form and verification of initial certification from the national board for certification in occupational therapy.  
History:  
OT 2.03 Examinations, panel review of applications.  
(1) Applicants for licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall pass the certification examination for occupational therapist or the certification examination for occupational therapy assistant of the national board for certification in occupational therapy, and shall complete an open book examination on statutes and rules governing the practice of occupational therapy in Wisconsin.  
“Occupational therapist educational program” means an educational program and supervised internships in occupational therapy recognized by the board and accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education or a program approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapy.  
“Occupational therapy assistant educational program” means an educational program and supervised internships in occupational therapy recognized by the board and accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education or a program

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"Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy under this act;  
"Occupational therapy assistant" or "OTA" means a person licensed under this act to assist in the practice of occupational therapy and who works under the supervision of an occupational therapist to perform tasks requiring occupational therapy professional knowledge or judgment;

"Occupational therapy" means:.

(J) the therapeutic use of occupations including everyday life activities with individuals, groups, populations or organizations to support participation, performance and function in roles and situations in home, school, workplace, community and other settings;

(K) The provision of services for habilitation, rehabilitation and the promotion of health and wellness to those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation or participation restriction;

(M) Addressing the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory-perceptual and other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts and environments to support engagement in occupations, contexts and environments that affect physical and mental health, well-being and quality of life;

(N) Performing the tasks of occupational therapy through personal interaction or appropriate use of telecommunication services and other communication technologies;

(O) Performing the tasks of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant commensurate with his education, training and experience;

(P) The practice of occupational therapy which includes:

(I) The evaluation of factors affecting activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, rest and sleep, education, work, play, leisure and social participation;

(II) The use of methods or approaches to direct the process of interventions; and

(III) The use of interventions and procedures to promote or enhance safety and performance in activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, rest and sleep, education, work, play, leisure and social participation.

Initial License.  
(a)The applicant shall submit:  
(i)Completed application and fee;  
(ii)Verification of passing scores of the national certification examination, administered by NBCOT or current national examination recognized by the board;  
(iii)Verification of all licenses held, active or inactive, in any healthcare professions; and  
(iv)Verification of lawful presence in the United States.

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| DC | OT<br>OTA | <p>(9) (A) "Practice of occupational therapy" means:</p> <p>(i) The therapeutic use of everyday life activities with individual persons without compensation, for the purpose of participation in recreational, educational, or occupational activities in schools, workplaces, communities, and other settings to provide support and resources to those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction;</p> <p>(ii) Addressing the physical, cognitive, psycho-social, sensory, and environmental factors that affect health, well-being, and quality of life;</p> <p>As of 6/2015 23</p> <p>(iii) The education and training of persons in the direct care of occupational therapy; and</p> <p>(iv) The education and training of persons in the field of occupational therapy.</p> <p>(B) An individual licensed as an occupational therapy assistant under this chapter may assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the direct supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.</p> <p>(C) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as preventing the practice, services, or activities of an occupational therapist from being performed under the immediate supervision of a licensed occupational therapist, or the practice, services, or activities of an occupational therapy assistant, and whose activities do not require advanced knowledge in the anatomical, biological, psychological, and social sciences related to occupational therapy.</p> | <p>(a) Successfully completed an educational program for occupational therapists that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE); and</p> <p>(b) Successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where the applicant fulfilled his or her academic requirements.</p> | NBCOT | <a href="https://dhealth.dc.gov/node/157592">https://dhealth.dc.gov/node/157592</a> |
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“Practice of occupational therapy” means the evaluation and treatment of individuals whose ability to manage normal daily functions is threatened or impaired by developmental deficits, the aging process, poverty and cultural differences, physical injury or illness, or psychological and social disability, utilizing task-oriented activities to prevent or correct physical or emotional disabilities and enhance developmental and functional skills rendered on the prescription of or referral by a licensed physician, osteopath, dentist, or by a licensed registered nurse certified to practice as an advanced registered nurse as authorized pursuant to Section 2 of this chapter. Specific therapeutic and diagnostic techniques used in occupational therapy include:

- (1) self-care and other activities of daily living;
- (2) developmental, perceptual-motor, and sensory integrative activities;
- (3) training in basic work habits;
- (4) prevocational evaluation and treatment;
- (5) fabrication and application of splints;
- (6) selection and use of adaptive equipment, and exercise and other modalities to enhance functional performance; and
- (7) performing and interpreting manual muscle and range of motion tests.
- (8) an individual working as an occupational therapy assistant pursuant to this chapter may assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of or in consultation with a licensed occupational therapist.
- (9) nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as preventing or restricting the practices, services, or activities of an occupational therapy assistant who works only under the direct supervision of a licensed occupational therapist, and whose activities do not require advanced training in the basic anatomical, biological, psychological, and social sciences involved in the practice of occupational therapy.

An individual licensed to practice occupational therapy pursuant to this chapter may apply to the director of health for authorization to evaluate and treat patients without prescription or referral as required in paragraph (h). Such authorization may be granted by the director of health, at his discretion, to an individual occupational therapist, for a specified period of time, and under such limitations and conditions as the director of health deems appropriate.

Provide the board with evidence of eligibility for licensure to practice occupational therapy in United States, Canada, Papua-New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, Switzerland, France, Belgium, West Germany, Norway, Sweden, or Denmark and further, the applicant shall be required to furnish proof of having satisfactorily completed a minimum of six months of post-graduate work experience in a clinical setting of an accredited occupational therapy training institution.

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| Guam                     | OT<br>OTA | <p>(t) Practice of Occupational Therapy means the treatment provided to people whose lives have been disrupted by physical injury or illness, developmental problems, the aging process or psychosocial difficulties in order to assist each individual to achieve and/or return to an independent and productive life by teaching the individual techniques to prevent disability, by assisting the individual in recovery from illness or accident, and by promoting the development of functions which have been impaired or delayed. The treatment provided may include, but shall not be limited to, the adaptation of the environment and selection, design and fabrication or assistive and orthotic devices, and other technology to facilitate development and promote the acquisition of functional skills.</p> | <p>Occupational Therapists. In addition to qualifications established by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners pursuant to § 12700 of this Article, any person representing himself or herself as an occupational therapist shall meet all of the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) be a graduate of an occupational therapy curriculum that is accredited by the American occupational Therapy Association, the World Federation of Occupational Therapy, or another nationally recognized accrediting agency; and</p> <p>(2) meet the following requirement:</p> <p>(A) be certified, or eligible for certification, by the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board.</p> <p>(b) Occupational Therapy Assistant. Any person representing himself or herself as an occupational therapy assistant shall be a person who is certified, or eligible for certification, by the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board as a certified occupational therapy assistant, and shall meet the qualifications for occupational therapy assistants prescribed by regulations pursuant to § 12700 of this Article.</p> | National Exams | <a href="http://www.guamcourts.org/justicedocs/index.html">http://www.guamcourts.org/justicedocs/index.html</a> |
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(b) Occupational therapist.— Is the licensed professional, certified and recertified to practice the occupational therapy profession in Puerto Rico. He/she evaluates, analyzes, interprets and intervenes with the needs and expectations of the consumer of the services, in the community context as well as in the medical model, using appropriate evaluation methods that identify the needs that hinder the achievement of optimal functioning in the occupational performance of the person. His/her other functions are to educate and offer consulting services to promote health and prevent any type of situation that may affect the health and well-being of the individual.

(c) Occupational therapy assistant.— Means the person who, under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist, performs selective tasks or activities specific to occupational therapy. He/she shall be licensed, certified and recertified to practice the occupational therapy profession in Puerto Rico.

(d) Occupational therapy.— Means the science that studies occupation by means of the therapeutic use of activities of daily living (occupations) with individuals or groups of individuals so that they may participate in their roles and situations at home, in school, at work, in the community and in other scenarios. Occupational therapy services are provided with the purpose of promoting health and well-being for those who have developed or are at risk of developing illnesses, injuries, disorders, conditions, disabilities, deficiencies, limitations in activities or social participation restrictions. Occupational therapy addresses physical, cognitive, and sensory aspects, as well as other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts to support participation in daily living activities that affect health, well-being and quality of life.

Any applicant for an occupational therapist or assistant in occupational therapy license shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be of legal age if applying for an occupational therapist license, or be eighteen (18) years of age or older in the case of an assistant in occupational therapy.

(2) Have resided in Puerto Rico for the six (6) months prior to the examination application, except for sporadic trips out of the country.

(3) All occupational therapists shall present before the Board a diploma or graduation certificate, as well as an official academic record transcription, attesting that the applicant has passed or satisfactorily completed a program of studies in an educational institution recognized by the Council on Higher Education of Puerto Rico, or in an educational institution of the United States or abroad that is recognized or accredited by the corresponding authority and that meets, to the satisfaction of the Council on Higher Education, the minimum requirements of an occupational therapy study program.

(4) All assistants in occupational therapy shall present before the Board a diploma or graduation certificate, as well as an official academic record transcription, attesting that the applicant has passed or satisfactorily completed an assistant in occupational therapy study program in an educational institution recognized by the Council on Higher Education of Puerto Rico, or in an educational institution of the United States or abroad recognized or accredited by the corresponding authority and that meets, to the satisfaction of the Council on Higher Education, the minimum requirements of an assistant in occupational therapy study program.

§ 1036. Examinations

The following provisions shall apply to the revalidation examinations offered by the Board for those persons who intend to practice the profession of occupational therapy or assistant in occupational therapy:

The Board shall offer an examination on theory at least twice a year on the date determined by the Board. Such examinations shall cover the subjects, and shall be administered in the manner provided by the Board through regulations. The examination shall be offered in Spanish or English, for the aspirant to choose. The Board may, upon request of the aspirant, accept the final scores of the examination offered by the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board in lieu of the revalidation examination. The candidate shall be responsible for requesting that the examination final scores be sent to the Board. The Board shall

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