



OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

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**Mission Statement: To protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice.
The Board is charged with assuring safe and ethical delivery of occupational therapy services.**

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Some legislation being discussed in Salem that **will affect** Occupational Therapists include:

- Mandatory reporting of child abuse
- Mandatory duty to report misconduct and crimes by other therapists
- Make personal e-mails of licensees private
- Authority of boards to conduct competency exams in disciplinary cases
- Fingerprinting of applicants/licensees for prior crimes, including DUI



Other issues important to health licensing boards:

- Uniform Licensing Boards: appointments, public members, terms, hiring directors, per diem
- Additional oversight of the health licensing boards
- Collection of data in applications and renewals for healthcare workforce needs assessment
- Setting a uniform impaired practitioner programs for health care practitioners in the state
- Final disciplinary order authority taken from board and given to Administrative Hearings Officer

All health related board directors meet with the Governor's office and discuss mutual concerns.

The next meeting of the OT Licensing Board will be in Portland on Friday, July 17, 2009.
Please contact the Director for the Agenda.

The web site was updated and improved. We take all comments to improve services very seriously.

*** Keep the Board current on all your contact information (including e-mail) ***

PAIN MANAGEMENT



Send an e-mail to Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us when you have completed the one-time pain management requirement. Give the date and class(es) you took for the six hour requirement and the 1 hour online class [Deadline is April 30, 2010.](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/pain/training.shtml) The site is: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/pain/training.shtml>

As of April 2009 we only had 103 licensees who sent an e-mail on completion of the Pain CE.

New Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder

There is a lot of interest in this new Commission. Appointments will be made by the end of April. If you fit in the criteria for appointment, and are interested, please contact the Governor's office immediately. The Board would like to see an OT appointed.

The Commission is charged with creating greater coordination and planning to better engage and provide services for individuals experiencing ASD and their families.

The Commission will have 13 members knowledgeable about ASD and shall include:

. . .an individual diagnosed with autism; a parent with a child with autism and another who is a parent of an adult child with autism; a member who represents autism or disability advocacy organization; a member who represent the medical community, a public member.

For more information go to the Governor's web site at <http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/boards.shtml>
Please contact the Governors office immediately or contact Felicia Holgate at the Board office.

Licensing numbers

In 1979 there was a total of 280 therapists; 63 OT Assistants and 217 OTs

In 1999 there was a total of 1263 therapists; 273 OT Assistants and 990 OTs

In 2009 there was a total of 1590 therapists; 255 OT Assistants and 1336 OTs

There is no longer an OT Assistant school in Oregon but there is work to get one started again. We review about 150 new applications each year, though not all get licensed because many decide not to come to Oregon, plans change or the Board decides not to issue it due to background issues.