



OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

BOARD MEMBERS:

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Mission Statement & Statutory Authority

**The Board's mission is to protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice.
The Board is charged with assuring safe and ethical delivery of occupational therapy services.**

There will be an OT Day at the Legislature
Thursday Jan. 29, 2009

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Board or OTAO.
Occupational Therapists will talk to legislators and others to explain the OT profession.
Students from Pacific University will also be there.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Some legislative proposals affecting OT licensing, that will be discussed during the 2009 session are:

- public members and appointments to health licensing boards
- greater oversight of the health licensing boards
- impaired practitioner or monitoring programs
- fingerprinting; and criminal history checks
- Use of competency exams in disciplinary cases
- A new State Hospital Commission

**The next meeting of the Licensing Board is Friday, Feb. 7, 2009
Room 445 Portland State Office Building. Contact Felicia Holgate, for an Agenda.**

The web site has been updated and improved. We take all comments to improve our services seriously.

* Please keep your address and e-mail current with the Board. *

One of the OT board positions for the Licensing Board will be open in 2010

If you or someone you know is interested, contact the Director.



PAIN MANAGEMENT

Send an e-mail to Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us when you have completed the one-time requirement. Advise us what date and class(es) you took for the six hour requirement and date when you completed the 1 hour online class
Deadline is April 30, 2010

This is a one time requirement is for OT and OT Assistants. **For more information go to the web site at www.oregon.gov/DHS/pain .**

At the November board meeting there were questions about whether classes that deal with reducing pain would count toward the requirement. Contact the Director or check the pain web site for the curriculum which you can compare to see if the pain topics are included in the class you want to take to see if they will count. Keep all CE certificates for 4 years. If you are chosen for random CE audit, you will need to show your Pain requirement is met as part of the required 30 points of CE.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The four rules on OTs in Education, CE Pain Management, deleting the requirement that Supervision document be notarized, and renewal fees being non-refundable, have been filed for final adoption with the Secretary of State to be effective Jan. 1, 2009.

PRIVATE PRACTICE

A group of Occupational Therapists met at the OTAO conference to talk about emerging practice and to discuss mutual concerns about working in private practice. If you are interested in joining this group, please e-mail Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us and perhaps a “list serve” can be developed through OTAO.

PTLB adoption of PT definition in Rule

The OTOA board members, Pacific University, School of OT professors and the OT Licensing Board asked the PT Licensing Board to make some amendments to their proposed definition of PT to add what the OTs felt was clarification in their definition of Physical Therapy. Some may say it is semantics, but the OTs felt strongly that the changes should be adopted. At a special phone conference on Friday, Nov. 24, the PT Licensing Board did **not** agree to adopt any changes. The language of the PT Board PT definition to PT is at <http://www.ptboard.state.or.us> go to the right menu bar under Proposed Rule changes to see the wording. The OT Association will consider what to do next to have further consideration of the definition of PT in Oregon that takes into consideration the concerns by the OT Community.