



OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

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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.**

Board members and the Director will be available during the OTA/O conference
October 24 and 25 to answer questions and provide information to you.

The next meeting of the Licensing Board is **Friday, November 7,**

in Room 445 of the Portland State Office Building.

Please call Felicia if you want a copy of the agenda.

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

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

New members needed for the Licensing Board in 2009 and 2010

In 2009 the OT Assistant position will be open in June.

In 2010 an OT position on the board will be open.

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 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 for completion is May 2010

OTAO continues to work hard to have CE classes available for you.

Keep in mind that your Association members are all volunteers.

See www.otao.com for the October 24-26 Conference held in Salem.

The Pain management web site is www.oregon.gov/DHS/pain .

WORKING IN EDUCATION

Education rules: The proposed rule changes were mailed to you in the August 2008 newsletter. All comments need to be made before the final Board hearing of these rules on Friday, November 7th in Portland. Contact Director, Felicia Holgate or see the web site at www.otlb.state.or.us under Proposed Rules to view the changes. OTAO SIS special interest group is also asked for their comments. Administrative Rule Procedures require the Board to publish copies of all proposed rules and send them to interested parties.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

There will be many proposals during the 2009 session dealing with legislation affecting licensing boards. Some of the issues will include:

- how many public members sit on health licensing boards
- how board members are appointed
- greater oversight of the health licensing boards
- impaired practitioner or monitoring program
- fingerprinting; and criminal history checks

Thursday January 19, 2009 is OT Day at the legislature.

There will an **OT Day** held on the main floor of the State Capitol.
We want Occupational Therapists to be there to talk to legislators to explain the OT profession.
Students from Pacific University will also be there.

WORKFORCE NEEDS IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Several committees of the legislature are looking at the future of Oregon health care needs. One important aspect of understanding future needs in health care is gathering data about each health profession. The Board asks various questions on your initial application and on the renewal forms. If you notice we are asking additional questions about your OT work, part of the reason may be to better understand the future needs for the state.

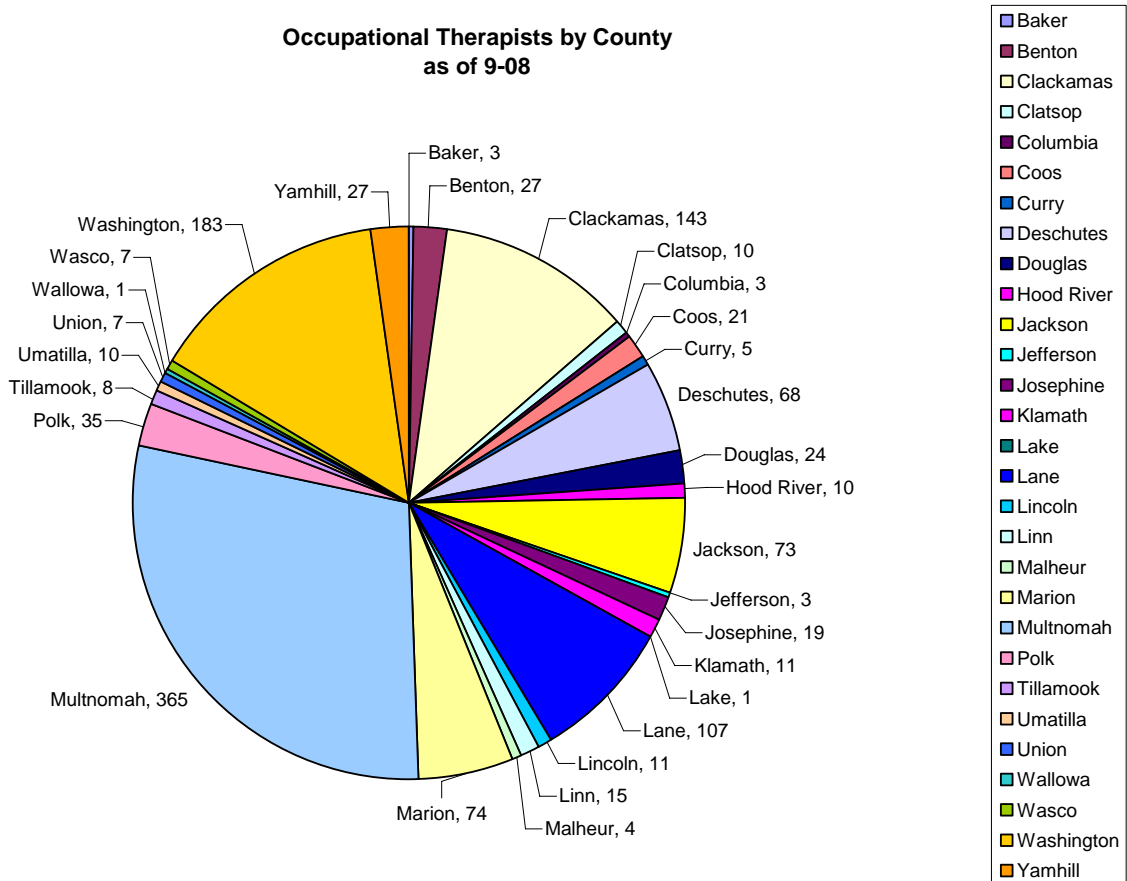
Occupational Therapists are proficiency in 27 languages

Although we know a majority of Occupational Therapists are women, another aspect of diversity, is shown by how many languages therapists speak. The following is a list of the 27 languages Occupational Therapists speak in Oregon:

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| Afrikaans | American Sign Language | Amharic |
| Arabic | Cantonese | Cebuana |
| Chinese | Dutch | Filipino |
| French | German | Hebrew |
| Ilocano | Indian | Irish |
| Italian | Japanese | Korean |
| Norwegian | Persian | Russian |
| Scandinavian | Spanish | Swedish |
| Tagalog | Taiwanese | Thai |

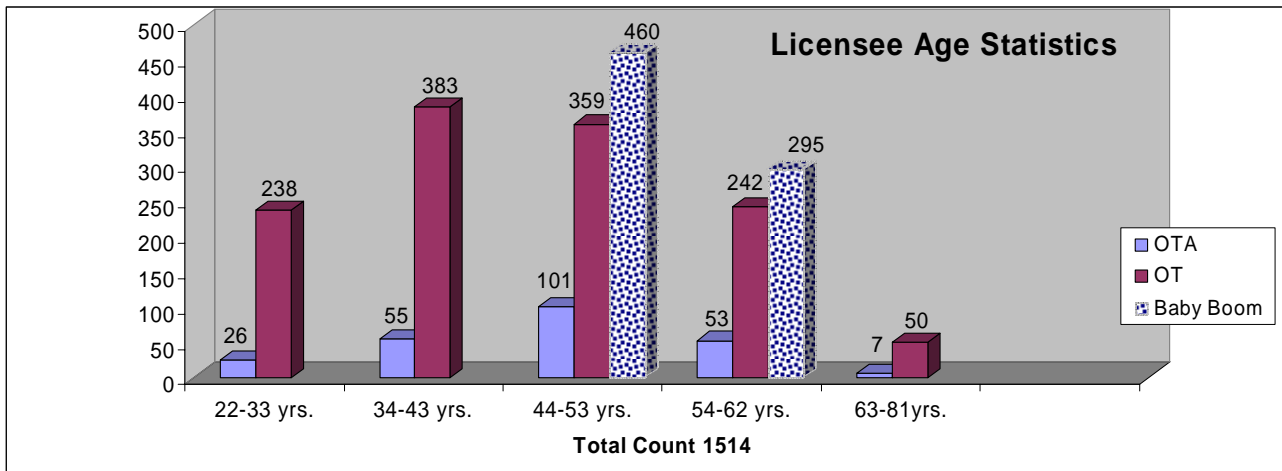
Many of you may use a language you speak for your work. The Board may also be contacted to help Oregonians. For example the Director was asked whether there was an occupational therapist who spoke Korean and was able to find one for a patient who spoke only Korean at the facility.

Trends and numbers give us a better overall view of the need of therapists around the state. The following chart below shows where OTs work. The greatest needs are often in the smaller communities.



AGE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

The following chart shows age of licensees. There continues to be an increase in the need for OT services. At the same time that the need for Oregon therapists continues to grow in Oregon, older therapists in Oregon may retire just when the need rises. On the other hand, depending on what happens with the economy the result may mean fewer jobs and therapists putting off retirement.



SUPERVISION of OT ASSISTANTS

As you know, Statements of Supervision forms no longer have to be notarized. Do not forget that all OT Assistants working in Oregon **must have a supervising OTR**. An OT Assistant **cannot work in Oregon without a supervising OT**. It is the law and the rules clearly state what is required of the OTR and OTA. AOTA document clearly describe the **collaborative relationship**.

We are working to make the supervision documentation be part of the renewal form.

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Please feel free to contact the Director at 971-673-0198 or by e-mail Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us with any questions. We post all applications forms and other information on the web site at www.otlb.state.or.us and update the materials often.