

Oregon Psilocybin Services

Facilitator Scope of Practice

OPS administrative rules are minimum requirements designed to promote client safety and provide psilocybin facilitators with a clear scope of practice. This fact sheet provides a summary of facilitator requirements and their scope of practice.

For more information about OPS, please go to: www.oregon.gov/psilocybin

A **Facilitator license** is required for individuals who provide psilocybin services to clients, which include preparation, administration, and integration sessions. The Oregon model creates opportunities for a new workforce in Oregon, specifically for licensed facilitators from diverse backgrounds who may support the health of their communities through culturally responsive and equity centered services.

The model requires a non-directive approach to psilocybin services, which means that facilitators will be present with clients to support them without projecting or directing the client experience. Beginning January 1, 2026, licensed facilitators who are licensed under the following professional licensing boards may provide health care and behavioral health services during preparation and integration sessions:

- Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists
- Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
- Oregon Board of Psychology
- Oregon Medical Board
- Oregon State Board of Nursing
- Oregon State Board of Licensed Social Workers
- Oregon State Board of Pharmacy



Facilitators may not practice on any other professional license while providing administration sessions to clients. For more information about practicing under dual licensure, please read the HB 2387 Dual Licensure Fact Sheet.

Facilitator Requirements

Prior to applying for a license, facilitators must complete an OHA approved psilocybin facilitator training program, which includes core training and practicum, a comprehensive skills exam, and a regulations exam.

Required curricula for psilocybin facilitator training programs include instruction on facilitator awareness of bias, appropriate emotional and sexual boundaries between facilitators and clients, financial conflicts of interest, boundaries related to consent and touch, understanding racial and cultural dynamics that may affect interactions between facilitators and clients, and historical and contemporary abuse of power associated with psychedelics including sexual, emotional, and physical abuse. Once licensed, facilitators are required to complete four hours of continuing facilitator education every license year.

In Oregon, administrative rules allow psilocybin facilitator training programs to offer accelerated credit to lineage or legacy practitioners. Accelerated training hours may be awarded based on professional credentialing, prior training and education, or relevant experiences such as practicing in established plant or fungi-based healing traditions.

Applicants for all license types, including facilitator licenses, must submit a <u>social</u> <u>equity plan</u> as part of license requirements. Social equity plans ensure that licensees consider how communities have been disproportionately harmed by systemic inequities and how they will work to address inequities in their business practices. Upon renewal of an OPS license, a licensee must submit an <u>social equity plan</u> <u>evaluation report</u> that documents how their social equity plan was implemented over the past year. To support representation of facilitators from diverse lived and professional experiences, Oregon Psilocybin Services offers a reduced fee for facilitators who qualify as low-income or as veterans.



Facilitator Ethics and Scope of Practice

Supporting a strong network of facilitators with diverse lived and professional experiences creates opportunities to align services with varying client needs. Trained and licensed facilitators work within their scope of practice and level of expertise to identify potential safety risks and support the client through psilocybin services.

Facilitators are required to provide a preparation session to all clients. Preparation sessions are important opportunities for facilitators to conduct client intake and determine eligibility, review <u>informed consent</u> and <u>client bill of rights</u>, discuss accessibility needs, <u>safety and support planning</u>, and <u>transportation planning</u>.

Facilitators discuss <u>Psilocybin Product Potency information</u> and support their clients in making decisions about doses they will plan to purchase at the service center.

Facilitators are required to share any culturally or linguistically responsive services they offer. Facilitators must also make their social equity plans and evaluation available to clients and prospective clients upon request.

It is important for clients to work with a facilitator who meets their cultural, linguistic, and other specific needs. During the preparation session a facilitator listens to the client's needs and considers any client requests for culturally or linguistically responsive services. It is the facilitator's responsibility to decline services if the client is ineligible, or if the client's specific needs exceed the facilitator's expertise. Licensed facilitators may also refer clients to other licensed facilitators who may have more experience serving specific client needs.

During administration sessions, facilitators are prohibited from handling, selling, administering, or consuming psilocybin products while providing psilocybin services to clients. Facilitators may use supportive touch based on prior consent of the client as described in the <u>Client Consent for Use of Supportive Touch</u> form.

Facilitators disclose any conflicts of interest with clients and have a duty to put clients' interest above their own and to use a standard of care that other reasonable facilitators would use under similar circumstances.



Facilitator Responsibilities to Protect Client Confidentiality

A facilitator may not disclose any information that may be used to identify a client, or disclose any communication made by a client related to psilocybin services or selling psilocybin products to a client to any person including other clients, except with a client's written consent.

If a facilitator chooses to voluntarily share data to a third party, they must first receive client consent prior to or during a preparation session using the <u>Notice and Opt-Out of Disclosure of De-identified Data</u> and <u>Authorization to Disclose Personal Identifiable</u> <u>Information forms.</u>

No client records, or copies of client records, may be stored at a location other than the service center where the client participates or intends to participate in an administration session. A licensed facilitator may only access client records for clients to whom they have provided preparation, administration, or integration sessions. A licensed facilitator may not access the client records of any other client unless the client has provided prior written consent, and the facilitator accesses the records for the purpose of providing services to the client.

Video or audio recording of an administration session requires prior written consent from every client, facilitator, client support person and practicum student who will be present during a recorded administration session. After a client administration session has been recorded, OPS rules require that the recordings be stored and maintained at the service center in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the individuals recorded.

For more information on data privacy and security requirements, please see the <u>OPS</u> Data Privacy and Security fact sheet.

Facilitator Conduct

Licensed facilitators may not provide psilocybin administration sessions outside of a licensed service center. During administration sessions all licensed facilitators, including those who hold dual licensure, must provide non-directive services that allow a client to explore their experience without interpreting, diagnosing, or guiding



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outcomes. Clients have the right to receive services in a manner that considers their individual preferences and sensitivities. Clients must provide prior consent for music or other sensory enhancements used during administration sessions and may withdraw their consent at any time. Facilitators are trained to be responsive and to assist clients if their experience during an administration session becomes uncomfortable or challenging.

Within 72 hours after the administration session, the facilitator is required to attempt to check-in with the client and offer optional integration sessions. During integration sessions, facilitators may review their client's safety and support plan, offer resources, referrals, or other integration options to the client.

For a more comprehensive understanding of the facilitator role and regulations, please refer to ORS 475A and OAR 333-333 and the resources listed below.

For more information, please refer to the following resources:

- OPS Guidance on Administrative Rules
- Dual Licensure and HB 2387 Fact Sheet
- Facilitator License Fact Sheet
- Client Bill of Rights

