

OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

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Please update your contact information.

**We send updates and let you know of important changes by email and on the web site.
The private email is kept confidential, and you can also provide a public e-mail.**

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

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday **May 1, 2015** at the Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street. Contact the Director for the Agenda.

Work of the Board

A public **Board member** position will be open next year. If you know anyone who would be a good board member, lives in Oregon and understands OT, please contact Felicia Holgate.

Workgroup on Use of Aides: If you are interested in serving on a new workgroup looking at the current rules about OT using Aides please contact Felicia Holgate.

WORKGROUP for OTs in Education: The Board's workgroup is looking at issues affecting OT and OT Assistants working in school. Data on caseloads and workloads is collected. The group met with Dr. Nancy Golden, the Governor's Chief Education Officer, and will now meet with the Department of Education to adopt a Position Paper on Best Practices for OTs working with children.

Strategic planning: The Board will be reviewing its previous strategic planning initiatives and looking toward the future. If you have thought on the future work of the Board please contact us.

2015 Legislative session: The session has been busy. The Agency budget was already heard with OTA0 support. There are no fee increases anticipated for the 2015 - 2017 Biennial budget. There are many legislative bills being followed:

Loan Repayment: **HB 2048** allow OTs to participate in primary care provider **loan repayment**

Budget: **HB 5023:** This is the budget bill and had a public hearing and is waiting for its work session. **HB 2106** reduce allotments based on percentage governor's allotment

Tax compliance as condition to licensing: **HB 2164** pilot

Fingerprinting: **HB 2228; HB 2229; HB 2250 and SB 387**

Administrative: **HB 2438** transfer Hearings from Employment to DAS; **SB 104** E-Verify employment; **HB 2238** Transparency website adding requirements

Rules: **HB 2476** DAS to adopt uniform rules; **HB 2724** Waiver of fee; **SB 191** writing rules; **SB 358** rules submit to Leg counsel;

Behavior Analysts: **HB 2563** expands board; coursework

Health care workers: Caregivers skills **HB 2756;** assault health care provider **SB 132;** workforce data; **SB 230;** DHS facilities request ADLs by sex **SB 307;** discrimination **SB 309;** Health quality outcomes **SB 440**

False swearing when testifying before legislature **HB 2790**

Music therapy licensing board in HLO **HB 2796**

Oversight of Boards: **SB 101** fee data; **SB 105** Sunset of OTLB; **SB 289** periodic Board review; **HB 2975** Fees approved by legislature; **SB 541** Sunset review

Telemed services: **SB 151, SB 144**

Semi Independence **SB 279** for Medical board only

Final Discipline Orders to OSB **SB 372;** Dentistry discipline removed from website **HB 2683;** **HB 3174** Pharmacy discipline

Legislative amendments identify who proposes changes **SB 435**

Mental health programs **SB 465;** Children **HB 2297**

Credentialing **SB 594**

Autism Spectrum Disorder: **SB 696**



OTA0 and students from both Pacific University and Linn Benton CC were at the legislature on **Thursday the 26th of February, 2015.** The OT and OT Assistant students met together and learned about legislation affecting your profession and the legislative process.

Introducing the NBCOT OT Gaming Platform™

Continuing competency reflection is moving into a whole new era—a virtual one. The NBCOT OT Gaming Platform™, will be available for OTR® and COTA® certificants in **early 2015**. This revolutionary approach to continuing competency provides an engaging and fun virtual environment where NBCOT certificants can **verify their practice strengths and receive custom feedback and recommended evidence-based reading resources**.

The OT Gaming Platform offerings include games, case simulations and practice quizzes which span pediatrics, rehabilitation, home health, mental health, skilled nursing, orthopedics, school-based practice, work and industry, and education and research practice.

After completing modules within the platform, certificants can earn professional development units (PDU) toward their next renewal cycle—all while reflecting upon evidence-based practice. **Get a sneak peek through this animated tour!** Hold Ctrl plus click to see the video on the continuing competency program.

- Overview & Detailed Tour (*combined version*): <https://vimeo.com/120630402>
- Overview Animation Only: <https://vimeo.com/120586947>
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NBCOT Certification counts for two year CE Requirement

The Board reviewed the proposed rule to allow current NBCOT certification to count for your CE requirement when you renew your license. The Board considers certification an important part of professionalism, and many facilities and insurance carriers require certification. You cannot use the “R” in OTR or the “C” in COTA unless you have current NBCOT certification. A hearing was held during the Board meeting at 1 pm and comments about the proposed rule changes were also reviewed.

339-020-0010 CE Requirements for Current Licensees

(1) All current licensees shall obtain a minimum of 30 points of CE from Board approved categories during the two years immediately preceding the date of the license renewal; **or**
(2) **The Board recognizes the maintenance of current NBCOT Certification (National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy) as fulfilling the requirements for CE under (1).**

(3) Exceptions:

(a) Current licensees who have **their first NBCOT certification do not need CE for their first year.**

(b) **Current licensee who have their second year of NBCOT certification** shall obtain a minimum of 15 points of CE from Board approved categories **for their** license renewal.

Felicia Holgate, Executive Director (in the middle on the panel) talking about the Oregon Telehealth rule at the NBCOT conference.



LEDS checks prior to renewals

All initial license applicants must report any prior arrests or criminal history. Renewal applicants must report any arrests or criminal action since their last renewal. These reporting requirements apply even if the arrest resulted in a diversion program or if the charges were dropped or dismissed. If you believe that you do not have to report a criminal action because the action was expunged, you are encouraged to first confirm that fact with the court. Completing a diversion agreement is not the same as have records expunged. Before renewals start the Board will conduct a LEDS (Law Enforcement Data System) check.

Reporting requirements for health professionals in Oregon

All convictions or felony arrests must be reported within ten days: Oregon state law (ORS 676.150) specifies that a licensee (or limited permit holder) who is convicted of any criminal offense, or arrested for a felony offense, must report the criminal conviction or felony arrest to their health licensing board within ten days of the conviction or arrest. The statute specifies that failure to report may be cause for disciplinary action by their licensing board.

Oregon state law in ORS 676.150 specifies that a licensee or limited permit holder who has reasonable cause to believe that another licensee or permit holder has engaged in prohibited or unprofessional conduct is required to report the conduct to the health licensing board within ten working days. The statute specifies that failure to report may be cause for disciplinary action by the licensing board.

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