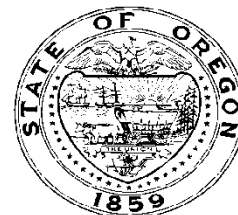


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NEWSLETTER

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Staff change: **Felicia Holgate & Nancy Schuberg** will job share the Director position starting in January. The job announcement for the half-time administrative position to start in January [is found here](#) or on the web site home page.

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. You can also provide a public e-mail.

Recently a licensee came before the Board for working in Oregon without filing a supervision form and not sending a current address to the Board.

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 **Monday Feb. 1, 2016** at the Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street, Room 445. Contact the Director for the Agenda.

Work of the Board

Renewals start in March 2015: Are you ready? What you need to know?

If you have been licensed over 3 years and you are currently NBCOT certified when you renew - you are fine with your CE. You need to confirm that your certification with NBCOT is current. Do that at <https://my.nbcot.org/OnlineCredentialVerification/>

If you just obtained your NBCOT certification in the last year you do not need CE for the first year. For those who passed in 2013 you need to show you have 15 points.

One-time PAIN MANAGEMENT requirement

If you got licensed in the last two years and still need to complete this one-time legislative requirement find information on the web site at www.oregon.gov/otlb or here: http://www.oregon.gov/otlb/Pages/CE.aspx#PAIN_MANAGEMENT_CE.



Email Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us with the dates, name of class and hours so we can add the information on your data base and it will show as done when you renew next year.

Workgroup for OTs in Education: The Board's workgroup is looking at issues affecting OT and OT Assistants working in schools. Data was collected on caseloads and workloads. The group met with several employees of the Department of Education. The group wants to adopt state Standards and Best Practices for OTs working with children in Oregon. There was a lot of discussion at the OTA conference. It is important to have therapists work as members of the Association. **Consider joining OTA** to promote this important initiative.

Workgroup on Use of Aides: The workgroup is met in August to start a review of rules of how OTs work with Aides. This will include use of aides in schools, as well as supervision of new behavior analyst "interventionists". If you have any questions please contact Nancy Schuberg at 971-673-0202 or email her at Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us.

Felicia Holgate made a presentation at the OTA conference about how the board and licensing has changed in the last twelve years, including double the number of licensees. Thank you all for your support and appreciation of my work as your Director.

Your responsibilities as a therapist in Oregon

The Board wants to remind you that as a licensed therapist in Oregon you are held to a higher standard. Actions in your private life can affect your practice. A reminder as we approach the holiday season – don't let temptations result in your having to appear before the Board. You must report any arrest for a felony or conviction of a misdemeanor within ten days.

When you renew you will also need to report any charges, convictions, abuse of alcohol or controlled substances, disciplinary investigations, or conditions which could impede you ability to practice safely. If you have any questions feel free to contact Felicia Holgate, Director.

CHECK THE WEB SITE www.oregon.gov/otlb for address change form

Use the form on the web site or fax to 971-673-0226. We need a copy of the legal document showing a name change. You can scan and e-mail to Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us. Make sure it shows exactly how the name reads and changes to address, e-mail, and telephone.

If you need license **verification** sent to another state, e-mail to Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us and give the exact address where it needs to be sent. There is No charge. We do not need their form. We will e-mail you back when it is done.

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