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Don't Miss the 2018 OTAO Annual Conference

By Kori Hasti, Association Manager, OTAO

Please join us for the 2018 Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon's Annual Conference! This year's conference, themed "Diversity in Practice", is set for **October 5th and 6th** at the Holiday Inn Portland-Airport. Attendees can earn up to 16 CE credits over the course of these two educational filled days.

Friday's opening keynote speaker, Cristina Reyes-Smith, OTD, OTR/L will focus on "Moving Towards Vision 2025 for all People, Populations and Communities". Friday's closing keynote speaker Ann Yoshida will focus on Adaptive Sports and Saturday's opening keynote speaker, Larry R. Martinez, PhD, will discuss Ally Skill-Building. The conference closing keynote presentation, by Halley Read, MOT, OTR/L, QMHP; Elizabeth Martin, OTD, MHA, OTR/L; Mason Munson, ITD, OTR/L; and Irisa Grimes, will focus on the "Current State of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Occupational Therapy". The Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board has brought in Joanna Tucker-Davis, Senior Assistant Attorney General for the Oregon Department of Justice. In between these powerful speakers, attendees will find a wide range of topics to select from including Kawa Model, Normal vs Abnormal: Memory Deficits through the Aging Process, Universal Design Implementation: Aging in Place, Kinesiology Taping for Patients Affected by Stroke, Collaborating in the Midst of Pandora's Box: A Paradigm Shift in Thinking about Therapeutic Relationships, and Functional Impacts of Cortical Visual impairment in Children.

Along with these, and other insightful and valuable courses, attendees will be able to participate in Wellness Sessions, poster sessions, round table discussions, a business meeting, and a Legislative Update. Friday evening will highlight the annual OTAO Social and Live Auction – complete with a live DJ!

We encourage you to take advantage of all the benefits this year's conference has to offer you in both your professional and personal growth.

Registration is now open – sign up today to receive your early bird discount! You can go to the OTAO website at www.otao.com to secure YOUR spot at the conference!

OT Discipline Cases on the Rise!

The OT Licensing Board has historically seen a low number of discipline cases, relative to other health boards. However in 2018, there has been a sharp increase, not only in the total number of cases, but also in the severity of violations.

The Board has invited attorney Joanna Tucker-Davis from the Dept. of Justice to present at the OTAO Conference to discuss how actions outside the workplace can affect your practice, licensees duty to report, and professional licensing case law across the country.

The Board presentation will be held on **Friday, October 5th at 12:45 pm.**

Good to know: Tips on Continuing Education

If you are NBCOT certified, your CE automatically meets the state requirement. (OAR 339-020-0010). If you are not certified, please read on for advice regarding your CE. This information has been updated by the Board and added to the OTLB website: www.oregon.gov/otlb/Pages/Continuing-Education.aspx. Click the "Advice on CE" tab.

As we begin the next licensing cycle, it's a good time to remind licensees of the Oregon CE requirements, what the Board will and will not accept. The Board recently completed its 2018 CE audit and there were some issues that resulted in disciplinary action. Next renewals will be **March 1-May 1, 2020** and licensees must have at least 30 points of CE or be NBCOT certified.

- **CE must be specifically related to your OT practice and be at practice level.**
- **Annual trainings** for your job, universal precautions, or common health care safety training **are not accepted** .
- **CE on emerging practice** must have evidence-base support in addition to the completion certificates to count.
- **Management**: The Board recognizes that enhancing professional skills, although not clinically based in terms of patient care, demands more in terms of management so educational management courses will be approved.
- **Self-help courses**: Although helpful to the licensee, these would not count as CE toward your license.
- **Medicare training** may be approved depending on documentation and how it related to OT.
- **In-services**: Keep track of the information needed in the log form, the date, who provided it, and how it specifically related to OT at the practice level. If your facility does not do this then you must obtain the documentation. Since you do not know ahead of time if you will be audited, it is prudent for you to keep records in a file if you plan to use them for CE and are audited.
- **For CE to count**, you must submit the CE completion certificate that includes **your name**, the **name of the course**, the **date**, the **number of CE points**, and **who it was given by**.
- **Do not leave it for the last minute.** Most practitioners get more than the required 30 points.
- If you have **over the required 30 points** in the last licensing period and obtained it in March, April or May, you can use these points for the next renewal period. You cannot use CE from March, April, May twice, so if you used these CE points for the previous renewal, you cannot use them again.
- **Waiver / Extension for CE**: The Board may, in individual cases involving physical disability or illness, or undue hardship, grant waivers of the minimum CE requirements or extensions of time within which to fulfill the same or make required reports. **Applications for waivers shall be made to the Board in writing at least two months prior to license expiration**. If you are requesting a waiver for medical reasons, you must provide letter from treating physician. OAR 339-020-0090.
- You are required by rule to keep your CE information for **four** years. OAR 339-020-0080 (2)
- **Pain Management Requirement CE:** does count toward the 30 points.
- For a list of CE Categories and Points please visit the OTLB website: www.oregon.gov/otlb/Pages/Continuing-Education.aspx.

WHAT'S COMING UP

October 5-6 OTAO Conference—Holiday Inn– PDX Airport.

November 2, 2018 Board Meeting

February 1, 2019 Board Meeting

May 3, 2019 Board Meeting

August 2, 2019 Board Meeting

November 1, 2019 Board Meeting

State Holiday Closure Schedule

2018
Nov. 12 Veterans Day
Nov. 22 Thanksgiving
Nov. 23 Day after TG
Dec. 25 Christmas

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AOTA: Know When your State License Expires: The Ethics of Keeping your License Current

Do you know when your OR license expires? Click on the link below to find out why it's important to stay on top of your state licensure renewal. AOTA's Ethics Commission explains how to avoid unnecessary ethical and legal problems.

Visit this website to view the video: https://www.aota.org/Practice/Ethics/video-license.aspx

Common Credentialing Program Suspended

The Oregon Common Credentialing program was established to create a database for credentialing organizations to access the information necessary to credential all health care practitioners in the state. On July 26, 2018 it was announced that the program has been suspended.

Originally mandated by SB 604 from 2013, the intention was to simplify the administrative process related to credentialing, reduce the burden on practitioners, and eliminate duplication for credentialing organizations. However, due to a budget shortfall and the lack of support by stakeholders it will not go forward.

For more information, visit this website: https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/OHIT-OCCP/Pages/index.aspx

Arrested?

If you are arrested you must notify the Board within **10 working days** of a conviction of a misdeameanor, or an arrest for or conviction of a felony. OAR 339-010-0020 (5)(d).

Did your legal name change?

To change your name: Go to www.oregon.gov/otlb for the name change form or send an email to board staff. Email or fax us the legal document showing the name change. OAR 339-010-0018

Are You Moving?

Change your contact information within 30 days: Go to www.oregon.gov/otlb and complete the address change form or send an email to board staff. OAR 339-010-0018

To order a verification to be sent to another state: email board staff and give the exact address where it needs to be sent. There is No Charge. We do not need their form. We will email you back when it is done.