

Mission: To protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice and assuring safe & ethical delivery of occupational therapy services.

OTLB News



Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

BOARD MEMBERS

- Linda Harthun Smith, OTR/L
Chair
- Sybil Hedrick Park, OTR/L,
CHT, CSCS, Vice Chair
- Kari Hill, COTA/L
- Erion Moore, Public Member
- Clyde Jenkins, Public Member

BOARD STAFF

- Nancy Schuberg
Executive Director
- Rachel Cillo
Licensing Specialist

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

2019 Legislative Ses- sion Update	1 & 2
Student Legislative Day	2
Is Dating a patient okay?	2
Have you completed your Pain Manage- ment CE?	3
OTAO Conference Dates	3
Arrested? Self- Reporting Require- ment.	3
Has Your Name Changed?	3

April 2019

2019 Legislative Session Update

Here are some of the bills affecting occupational therapists the Board has been following. Any bill that has any hope of passage must have been voted out of its first committee by **April 9th**. The exception is if a bill is in a joint committee and is also true of a Ways and Means committee.

SB 808/HB 2813 This bill requires licensees of certain boards (including OTLB) to complete continuing education related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management in the amount of 3 to 6 credits every six years. Completion must be reported to the board. SB 808 w/-2 amendment pass committee 4/8.

HB 2011: Requires health professionals (including OT's/OTA's) to complete CE on Cultural Competency as a requirement of every other renewal (every 4 years). Effective July 2021. HB 2011 w/-3 amendment passed committee 4/9.

SB 855: Directs licensing boards to develop pathways to licensure for persons who are immigrants and refugees. The -3 Amendment: each board must study the manner in which immigrants and refugees become licensed and develop ways to reduce barriers to licensure. SB 855 w/-3 amendment passed committee 4/9.

HB 5022: OTLB budget bill. No fee increases anticipated for the 2019-21 budget. Governor signed bill into law. 4/10

HB 3030: Creates new law that allows the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the US stationed in this state, who hold a valid license for the same occupation in another state, to be approved to practice in this state under the issuing state's license for as long as the spouse is deployed in Oregon. HB 3030 w/-2 amendment passed committee 4/8.

HB 2454: Allows out-of-state applicant seeking an occupational license in Oregon more time to meet Oregon standards if applicant is already licensed in another state and is seeking to work in Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region. Bill with dash 1 amendment passed committee 4/8.

Bills that did not advance:

HB 2985 : OTAO bill. Directs the Dept. of Education to adopt rules for provisions of occupational therapy to students who have IEP programs, including establishing limits on the number of children to whom the OT/OTA may provide services. Although the bill is not moving forward OTAO has been working all session to ensure that the concept is getting airtime. OTAO is participating in discussion with the Joint Student Success committee and other health-related education stakeholders and Lobby Day is April 12 to continue discussions with legislators in 1:1 meetings.

Continued on Page 2

2019 Legislative Session Update - Continued from page 1

SB 124: Subjects certain persons to the statutes governing massage therapy. Closes the loophole that all massage is regulated in the state. Public Hearing held 2/4.

HB 3344 :- Requires health care providers to include CPT codes in bills sent to consumers and insurers.

SB 236 / SB 587: They are the same bill except SB 236 refers to 7 visits without no prior authorization and SB 587 refers to 10 visits. Prohibits policy or certificate of health insurance from requiring prior authorization for coverage of specified treatment by participating physical or occupational therapist if treatment is medically necessary and falls within quantitative treatment limits of policy or certificate. Patient is denied treatment on the same day they receive the evaluation. Therapeutic associates testified at the public hearing on 2/6. All stakeholders need to come to the table and workout a consensus.

If you have interest in viewing the public hearings, work sessions or tracking the bills, please visit oregon.legislature.gov.

Student Legislative Day

On March 8th, OTD students from Pacific University and OTA students from Linn-Benton Community College headed to Salem to take part in “**Student Legislation Day**”. The annual event was started in 2003, by Pacific University in close collaboration with the OT Licensing Board and your Association (OTAO). In 2012, Linn-Benton joined the event.

In the morning, the students came together and through various activities discussed the relationship and interaction between OTs and OTA’s. They attend a capitol building tour and view the legislative session.

In the afternoon the students had lunch while OTLB and the OTAO lobbyist present on the legislative process and meeting with legislators. Students were already prepared with handouts to give to their legislators and ready to advocate for occupational therapy. By the end of the day, legislators were well informed of issues affect OT’s today and students were empowered by their understanding of the public policy process.

Licensees can take part in **OTAO Legislation day for OT Practitioners this year on April 12th. Earn 6 CE points.** Visit www.otao.com for details.

**Happy
Occupational Therapy
Month!
(April 1st-30th)**

Is Dating a Patient Okay?

No... Oregon Administrative Rule 339-010-0020:

- (1) Unprofessional conduct relating to patient/client safety, integrity and welfare includes:
- (a) Intentionally harassing, abusing, or intimidating a patient/client, either physically or verbally;
 - (b) (Intentionally divulging, without patient/client consent, any information gained in the patient relationship other than what is required by staff or team for treatment;
 - (c) Engaging in assault and/or battery of patient/client;
 - (d) Failing to respect the dignity and rights of patient/client, regardless of social or economic status, personal attributes or nature of health problems;
 - (e) Engaging in sexual improprieties or sexual contact with patient/client;
 - (f) Offering to refer or referring a patient/client to a third person for the purpose of receiving a fee or other consideration from the third person or receiving a fee from a third person for offering to refer or referring a patient/client to a third person.
 - (g) Taking property of patient/client without consent.
 - (h) Failing to follow principles and related standards of conduct as defined in the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics (2015), by the American Occupational Therapy Association, to the extent they do not conflict with ORS 675.210 through 675.340.

AOTA Code of Ethics: OT personnel shall:

- G. Avoid engaging in sexual activity with a recipient of service, including the client’s family or significant other, student, research participant, or employee, while a professional relationship exists.

WHAT'S COMING UP

April 12, 2019 OTA0 Legislative Day

May 3, 2019 Board Meeting

July 26, 2019 Board Meeting

Oct 4-5, 2019 OTA0 Conference @ Chinook Winds.

November 1, 2019 Board Meeting

State Holiday Closure Schedule

2019

- May 27 Memorial Day
- July 4 Independence Day
- Sept. 2 Labor Day
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 29 Day after TG
- Dec. 25 Christmas

Occupational Therapy Licensing Board
 800 NE Oregon St.
 Suite 407
 Portland, OR 97213

(971) 673-0198
 (971) 673-0226 FAX

Website:
www.oregon.gov/otlb
Email:
Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us
 -or-
Rachel.Cillo@state.or.us

Have you completed your Pain Management CE?

Send an e-mail to [board staff](#) when you have completed the one-time pain management requirement. Give the date and class(es) you took for the six hour + one hour online requirement. For a list of providers on the OTLB website: [click here](#).

The legislative requirement is due within 2 years of licensure.

If you are not sure if you have completed the requirement, or would like more information, send an email to [board staff](#).



SAVE THE DATE: 2019 OTA0 Conference

October 4-5 at Chinook Winds in Lincoln City.

For more information: [CLICK HERE](#)



Oregon Licensee Count

As of 4/10/19

OT's: 2,205

OTA's: 531

Total: 2,736

Self-reporting Requirements

If you are arrested you must notify the Board within **10 working days** of a conviction of a misdemeanor, 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.