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OTLB News



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September 2019

Don't Miss the 2019 OTAO Annual Conference!

By the OTAO Conference Committee

The time has come again for the OTAO conference! This year it will be held on **October 4 and 5** at Chinook Winds in Lincoln City. Please look online for more information regarding registration, lodging, speaker topics: <https://www.otao.com/annual-conference>.

We are still accepting poster presentations, please submit online.

Merchandise will be sold online both prior to and during the conference for all OTs/COTAs across Oregon whether or not you are attending conference.

Help us spread the word about occupational therapy by purchasing some merch! If you are going to conference, you can pick it up there! If you are not attending, you can still purchase some wonderful apparel! <https://imagesport.com/m-211-occupational-therapy-association-of-oregon.aspx>

OTLB Presentation: Kristen Neville from AOTA State Affairs to discuss the future of the OT Licensure Compact:

The Journey Toward Licensure Portability

Kristen will discuss the future of licensure portability and the development of a licensure compact for Occupational Therapy. How do compacts work? How to get a compact implemented? What is driving the push for increased licensure portability? Kristen will address these questions and give you a look into the future of licensure.

The presentation will be on **Friday, October 4th, @ 12:45-1:45 pm.**



**Speaker Kristen Neville,
State Affairs Manager, AOTA**

SCAM ALERT! Therapists please be aware:

Dear Licensees: One of your OT colleagues was contacted by someone claiming that he was an investigator from the Medical Board and that she was under investigation. He claimed her license was about to be revoked within 30 minutes for "suspicious activity related to illegal drug trafficking." The number that appeared on her caller ID was the actual Medical Board number, and the caller identified himself as the Board investigator. He later phoned her again, leaving a message with a number to call him back.

The scammer was likely after personal information. The Medical Board let us know that they have been hearing about this intermittently from others, including a pharmacist. If this happens to you the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) wants the information to be sent to them: https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/pressreleases/extortion_scam.htm.



DEA Warns Public of Extortion Scam by DEA Special Agent Impersonators

The Drug Enforcement Administration is warning the public, including the DEA registrant community, about criminals posing as DEA Special Agents, DEA Investigators, or other law enforcement personnel as part of an international extortion scheme.

The criminals call the victims (who in most cases previously purchased drugs over the internet or by telephone) and identify themselves as DEA agents or law enforcement officials from other agencies. The impersonators inform their victims that purchasing drugs over the internet or by telephone is illegal and that enforcement action will be taken against them unless they pay a fine. In most cases, the impersonators instruct their victims to pay the "fine" via wire transfer to a designated location, usually overseas. If victims refuse to send money, the impersonators often threaten to arrest them or search their property. Some victims who purchased their drugs using a credit card also reported fraudulent use of their credit cards. **Another scheme involves criminals contacting doctors and pharmacists and stating that they are the subject of an investigation and demanding money to clear up the matter.**

The public should be aware that no DEA agent will ever contact members of the public by telephone to demand money or any other form of payment.

For more information, visit https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/pressreleases/extortion_scam.htm.

AOTA/ACOTE Education Mandate—No longer in Effect.

In a joint statement by ACOTE/AOTA on May 13, 2019, the mandate that entry level degree requirements for OTs to move to doctoral level and entry level degree requirements for OTA's to move to baccalaureate is now no longer in effect. This statements can be found on the AOTA webpage at the following link: <https://www.aota.org/AboutAOTA/Get-Involved/BOD/News/2019/Joint-AOTA-ACOTE-Statement-Entry-Level-Education-April-2019.aspx>

WHAT'S COMING UP

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

November 1, 2019 Board Meeting

State Holiday Closure Schedule

2019

- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 29 Day after TG
- Dec. 25 Christmas

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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](#).

Oregon Licensee Count

As of 9/4/2019

OT's: 2,323
OTA's: 559
Total: 2,882 - All-time High!

LICENSE RENEWALS

March 1—May 1, 2020

Here is the Oregon rule on CE:

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 maintenances of continuous professional development hours as evidenced by current NBCOT Certification (National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy) as fulfilling the requirements for CE under (1).

Check to see if your NBCOT certification is current: <https://www.nbcot.org>

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.