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OTLB News

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Don't miss the 2025 OTAO Conference!

Courtesy of the OTAO Conference Committee



The 2025 Annual OTAO Conference will be held at the Seaside Convention Center this November 8th through 9th. The theme this year is Occupational Justice for All: Advancing Rights and Equity.

Register now and save up to \$50 in registration fees. Early Registration ends October 10th.

Don't forget to **nominate** an Oregonian OT practitioner who has contributed to our profession and clients for one of the conference awards. Awards will be given at the conference.

The Grace Black Award of Honor: Awarded in order to express special recognition to an OTP member of OTAO for long term contributions made to the advancement of the occupational therapy profession. Must be an OT practitioner with more than 10 years of experience, and have made an active and on-going contribution of OTAO for a period of more than 5 years.

The Sybil Hedrick Park Award of Merit: To recognize an OTP with more than 4 years of experience and active with OTAO for at least 2 years who has made a continuous contribution to the national/state/local OT community. These contributions can be through legislation, program/service development, management, public relations, promotion of occupational therapy, and recruitment.

The Award of Appreciation: To express the appreciation of the OTAO to an individual or group of non-OTs who have contributed to the advancement and/or recognition of the occupational therapy profession.

Join the OTLB at the OTAO Conference!

Saturday 11/8

The Oregon OT Licensing Board invites you to a presentation on **OTA supervision** and the vital collaborative relationship between OTs and OTAs. We will review Oregon rules and laws, AOTA guidelines, and address questions received from licensees. The session will conclude with a fun, interactive game: **Licensing Board Jeopardy**, where you can test your knowledge and win prizes.

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\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800

We look forward to seeing you there!

The OTLB Welcomes New OTA Board Member, Lisa Grebisz

OTA Lisa Grebisz was appointed to the OTLB by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate on Sept. 29th. Lisa replaces Kari Hill, who reached the end of her second term in June.

Lisa has served the occupational therapy profession since 1994 and spent many years working in schools, SNF's and home health. During this time she has led efforts to support COTAs, improve collaboration and advocate for equitable recognition.

Lisa's experience and broad background will make her an excellent member. She has already hit the ground running, observing board meetings and taking part in the conference presentation planning. Welcome to the OTLB Lisa, officially!



FREE Continuing Education Opportunity! **Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Postvention Trainings in Oregon**

Courtesy of the Injury & Violence Prevent Program / Public Health Division / OHA

Oregon healthcare professionals have access to a comprehensive range of suicide prevention, intervention and postvention trainings that qualify for a variety of continuing education credits. These evidence-based trainings are designed to enhance clinical competence in identifying, assessing, and supporting individuals at risk of suicide.

The Oregon Health Authority recently released its 2025 "[Suicide Prevention Training for Behavioral Health Providers: Data Report to the Legislature](#)," which demonstrates the growing impact of these training initiatives. The report outlines training participation rates across different healthcare professions and provides data on the effectiveness of Oregon's 2022 law requiring suicide prevention training for behavioral health workers.

Featured Training Addressing Firearm Safety with Patients at Risk of Suicide

<https://stcharleshealthcare.org/news/addressing-firearm-safety-patients-risk-suicide>

This training is particularly valuable for providers working in rural communities where firearm access is common. Developed based on [research](#) with rural Oregonians who own firearms with support from OHA, this 1-hour, self-paced online course provides practical, evidence-based tools for discussing firearm safety with patients in a culturally sensitive and trauma-informed manner. St. Charles Health Systems designates this live virtual activity for 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and **the training is an OHA-Approved Cultural Competence CE requirement**. Over 96% of participants felt the information provided was relevant to their practice or professional development and over 88% of participants would recommend the course to colleagues.

Additional OHA-Supported Trainings

The Oregon Health Authority supports the Big River Suicide Prevention suite of trainings that provide a comprehensive approach to the continuum of care: <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3548.pdf>

Advice on Continuing Education

As we near the beginning of the next renewal cycle, it's a good time to remind licensees of the Oregon CE requirements and what the Board will and will not accept.

If you are NBCOT certified when you renew, your CE automatically meets the state requirement. ([OAR 339-020-0010](#)). In the renewal, click that you ARE certified and you are not required to enter the 30 points of CE.

If you are not NBCOT certified when you renew, please read on for advice regarding your CE. This information has been added to the OTLB website under the [Continuing Education](#) tab. Click on "Advice on CE".

Next renewals will be held from March 1-May 31, 2026 and licensees must have at least 30 points of CE or be NBCOT certified. Licensees not NBCOT certified will be required to enter the course and completion certificate into the online renewal. ([OAR 339-020-0010](#)).

Advice on CE:

- **CE must be specifically related to your OT practice and be at practice level.**
- **Annual trainings** for your job, universal precautions (CPR), 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 accepted.
- **Self-help courses:** CE on personal development/self-care is accepted. ([OAR 339-020-0020 \(18\)](#)).
- **Medicare training** may be approved depending on documentation and how it relates to OT.
- **In Services:** Keep track of the information needed, the date, who provided it, number of hours and how it specifically related to OT at the practice level. If your facility does not do this then you must obtain the documentation.
- **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 had **over the required 30 points** in the last licensing period and obtained CE in March, April or May of 2024, you can use these points towards the 2026 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 \(2\)](#))
- **Mandatory Legislative Requirements:** All licensees must complete the [FREE OHA Pain Management module](#) and 1 hour on Cultural Competency (you choose the course). They do count toward the 30 points.
- For a list of CE Categories and Points please check the OTLB website under the [Continuing Education](#) tab.



WHAT'S COMING UP

2025

Nov. 7 Board Meeting
Nov. 8-9 OTOA Conference

2026

Feb. 6 Board Meeting

April—OT Month

April 23-25 AOTA Aspire

May 1 Board Meeting

Aug. 21 Board Meeting

Nov. 13 Board Meeting

State Holiday Closure Schedule

2025

Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Nov. 27 Thanksgiving
Nov. 28 Day after TG
Dec. 25 Christmas

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Scam Alert! Please read

A notice to all licensees: The OTLB continues to receive reports from licensees that they are receiving fraudulent calls from scammers claiming to be Board staff. In some cases, the calls appear to be coming from the Board or another official agency because the scammers are “spoofing” telephone numbers. These scammers will pretend that you are under investigation with the Board and will threaten loss of license and will demand payment or personal info. We also have heard from other health boards that their board letterhead is being used so it appears to be an official letter from the board.

There was one report that an OT clinic where the licensee works received an email from someone impersonating them with their credentials (written correctly, but from an email that was not theirs) and asking the clinic to change their bank account info to redirect their direct deposited paycheck. Fortunately, the clinic reached out to the licensee. Licensees should notify their clinics to be aware of this scam.

If you receive any of these calls or a letter and you are unsure if it is legitimate, please hang up and either call the Board at 971-673-0198 or send an [Email](#).

2016-2024 Workforce Data

Visit the OHA Health Care Workforce Reporting Program (HWRP) website for data on Oregon's licensed health care workforce by clicking [here](#).

From there you can click on the “data dashboard” for data from 2016 through 2024.

Use the drop-down menus to filter by discipline and occupation.



Licensee Self-reporting Requirement

[OAR 339-010-0020 \(5\)\(d\)](#)

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. Email the [Director](#).

Name Change

[OAR 339-010-0018](#)

To change your name: Log into the [License Portal](#) and submit a name change request. You can also complete the [name change form](#) on the website. [Email](#) us or fax us a copy of the legal document showing the name change.

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[OAR 339-010-0018](#)

Log into the [License Portal](#) and update your address, or complete and submit an [address change form](#).

Order a verification to be sent to another state

To order a verification to be sent to another state: click [here](#). (We do not need their form). We will email you when it is done. The fee is \$25.