

Questions 21 – 22 Continuing Education (CE) Citation OAR 339-020-0000, 339-020-0010, 339-020-0025, 339-020-0020, 339-020-0080, 339-020-0090

339-020-0000 Continuing Education Defined

Continuing education (CE) is participation in courses, classes, workshops and other means for the purpose of developing and updating professional skills to provide appropriate occupational therapy services.

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;

(2) Maintenance of current NBCOT Certification (National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy) may be used to satisfy the requirements for CE under subsection (1) of this rule but may not be used to satisfy the cultural competency CE requirements of OAR 339-020-0025 or the pain management CE requirements of OAR 339-020-0015.

339-020-0015 CE on Pain Management

(1) Beginning in 2022, all applicants for license renewal must complete the Oregon Pain Management Commission's pain management course during each license cycle.

(2) Beginning in 2024, as part of the renewal process, all applicants for renewal must demonstrate completion of the Oregon Pain Management Commission's pain management course in a format prescribed by the Board during every license renewal.

(3) This required CE on pain management may also be used towards satisfying the Occupational Therapy CE requirement under OAR 339-020-0010.

339-020-0025 CE in Cultural Competency

(1) Effective July 1, 2020, all currently licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants must complete at least one hour on Cultural Competency during each license renewal cycle.

(2) Beginning in 2022, demonstration of completion of required Cultural Competency CE must be provided in a format prescribed by the Board during every license renewal.

(3) This required CE in Cultural Competency may also be used towards satisfying the Occupational Therapy CE requirement under OAR 339-020-0010.

(4) The Board encourages all licensees to obtain Cultural Competency CE from the approved list, promulgated by the Oregon Health Authority. The Board shall also accept Cultural Competency CE that is not obtained from the Oregon Health Authority's approved list, to the extent the Board determines that Cultural Competency CE claimed teaches the Cultural Competency skills recognized by the Oregon Health Authority in rules that are effective at the time the Cultural Competency CE is obtained. However, the Board will not pre-approve Cultural Competency CE outside the approved list promulgated by the Oregon Health Authority.

339-020-0020 CE Categories and Points

These numbers refer to a two year total of 30 points. Credit for CE shall be calculated on a point basis in the following categories and must relate to occupational therapy services. It is the responsibility of the licensee to demonstrate how specific classes contribute to the development of the occupational therapy skills. "Application to OT Services" (CE Log) must be included for credit. Unless stated otherwise, one point equals one contact hour. Sixteen to 30 required CE points must come from categories 1-10. A limit of 14 of the required CE points may be accrued from categories 11-18, unless noted otherwise.

(1) Attendance at university, college or vocational technical adult education courses at or above practice level: Four points per credit hour. Documentation of successful completion required.

(2) Attendance at seminars, workshops, or institutes: One point per direct hour of content.

(3) Completion of online educational courses: Points as awarded by certificate or per credit, see (1). Certificate of successful completion required.

(4) Satisfactory completion of educational activities relating to occupational therapy approved by the AOTA Approved Provider Program, sponsored by OTA/O, AOTA and NBCOT or professional academic institutions relating to occupational therapy: One point per hour of attendance. Certificate of attendance required.

(5) Publication -- Copy of publications required.

(a) Publication of article in non-peer reviewed publication (e.g. OT Practice, SIS Quarterly, Advance, etc.): Five points per article.

(b) Publication of article in peer-reviewed professional publication (e.g. journals, book chapter, research paper): Ten points per article.

(c) Publication of chapter(s) in occupational therapy or related textbook: Ten points per chapter.

(d) Authoring a book related to the practice of occupational therapy. 14 points.

(6) Professional presentation (person presenting): Presentation must be at practice level for credit, e.g. CNA training would not be acceptable: Two points per hour with no additional points for subsequent presentation of same content. Course outline must be provided.

(7) Development of alternative media (computer software, video or app): Three points/hr of finished product. Outline required.

(8) Completing requirements for occupational therapy specialty certification (initial or recertification one time only for each specialty): 12 points. Copy of certificate required.

(9) Research, provided an abstract of the research is retained to prove participation: Principal -- Eight points. Associate -- Six points.

(10) Development and implementation of a school approved Level II student program (one time only and completed within a year): Four points. Copy of program must be provided.

(11) In-service training: One point per hour of attendance.

(12) Attendance at videotaped presentations of educational courses, seminars, workshops or institutes (group viewing with discussion): One-half point per direct hour of viewing with additional points for discussion, not to exceed seven points.

(13) Student supervision, Level I: One point per student. (Up to 4 points).

(14) Level II Fieldwork and Doctorate student supervision, OT Experiential level work: One point for 8 hours of supervision. (Up to 14 points).

(15) Mentoring; as defined in OAR-339-010-0005(5): One point for every two hours contract mentoring with documentation. Points may be obtained for both the mentor and the mentee.

(16) Professional leadership on a Board or Commission relating to OT -- Volunteer services to organizations, populations, and individuals that advance the reliance on and use of one's occupational therapy skills and experiences to the volunteer setting or experience: 10 hours equal two points. Up to four points a year with documentation.

(17) Re-Entry Supervisors: Therapists providing supervision under OAR 339-010-0016: One point for 8 hours.

(18) Personal Development/Self Care: Up to four points.

339-020-0080 CE Certification

(1) Persons seeking to renew their license or to restore a lapsed license shall submit with their application a statement certifying that they have completed CE requirements set forth in these rules that are applicable to them. If persons seeking renewal practiced in Oregon at any point during the prior licensing period, they are required to obtain Cultural Competency CE as stated in 339-020-0025(1).

(2) Licensees must maintain a record of continuing education for a minimum of four years and provide these records to the Board upon request.

339-020-0090 Waiver

The Board may, in individual cases involving physical disability or illness, or undue hardship, grant waivers of the minimum continuing education requirements or extensions of time within which to fulfill the same or make the required reports. Applications for waiver shall be made to the Board in writing at least two months prior to license expiration.

339-020-0100 Mentorship between licensees for CE Credit

For purposes of mentorship between licensed occupational therapy practitioners, in order to obtain CE credit:

(1) Enter into a written mentorship agreement signed by both parties that includes a detailed description of the planned and collaborative experience and the goals to be achieved under the plan;

(2) Provide written documentation signed and dated by both parties that the mentorship was successfully completed, if requested by the Board.

(3) Both the mentor and the mentee may obtain CE credit under OAR 339-020-0020.