



# Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

## NEWSLETTER

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There is a new State Agency look for the OT web site: [www.otlb.state.or.us](http://www.otlb.state.or.us)

Recently I e-mailed an OT in Oregon who was asking about a change on our web site and learned something interesting that I would like to pass on to you. On her personal OT web site she links to the OTLB web site on licensees for verification of her current license. To verify yours just check on the web site under licensees.

Consider getting a personal e-mail to use professionally. Eventually more will be done online. This is what the future holds. Anyone can now verify your license online (though we do send out paper verifications when this is required) and eventually you will be renewing your license online.

Be sure to let us know of any name, address or E-mail changes. If you have a name change, send in a copy of official papers showing this.

If you have ideas about how the OT Licensing Board can better serve you using technology, (or in any other way) please contact me: [Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us](mailto:Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us)

### BOARD NEWS

The next OT Licensing Board meeting will be Friday, October 15, 2004 at 4 pm. in the Burlingham Room, Alumni Center on the OSU campus. The meeting will be held during the OTA conference in Corvallis and everyone is encouraged to attend. The Board business includes ratifying licenses, fiscal issues, mentorship, disciplinary matters and questions from licensees.



### CONTINUING EDUCATION



Have you started to think about CE requirements? Even though you will not need to complete your CE until April or May of 2006 when you next renew, start on collecting that total of 30 points of CE now.

There are some exceptions. If you are a new graduate licensee you need to show CE points in the year immediately preceding the date of the third year of licensure during your renewal period. If you were licensed in 2004 you will not need to show CE at your 2006 renewal; but you will need 30 points of CE in the 2008 renewal period. If you were licensed in 2003 you will need to show that you have 15 points of CE during the 2006 renewal period, and then 30 points during the 2008 renewal.

If you became licensed from another state, by endorsement you need to show that you have at least 15 points of CE during the time immediately preceding your first license renewal which is now in even numbered years.

**“You can teach an old dog new tricks!”**

**D**uring license renewals it was interesting to see how many OT and OT Assistants earned much more than the mandatory CE points. One OT that got over 100 points said “we should not lock ourselves into thinking ...[about] the amount” of CE we need, “but rather that this is the bare minimum”. “I’m always looking for new information that will fill in and illuminate some of the ‘cherished believes’ that I hold” she states. With all the new research on neurological system for example, she feels it is an OTs responsibility to become familiar with the most recent information available and use it.

## WHAT CE WAS NOT APPROVED?

If you are not sure about CE or need a copy of the CE categories and credits, check on the web site under CE or call (503) 731-4048 or e-mail [Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us](mailto:Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us)

The Board does not pre approve CE credits, but if you attend OT classes provided by OTA/O, AOTA or AOTA providers, or NBCOT and they specifically contribute to the development of occupational therapy skills you will get credit. Just be sure that the CE relates to occupational therapy services.

For most categories one point of attendance equals one point of CE credit. Some classes might offer 12 hours for 1.2 CEU's which under our rules translates to 12 hours of CE. Keep the certificates you receive.

If you are audited you will need to send in a copy of the certificate with your log form where you keep track of your hours. Under the rules you must keep these records for four years.

Some credits that have not been approved include credit for CPR, for workshops on time management, performance appraisal workshops, and courses that are part of a basic OT or OT Assistant degree curriculum.

If you need a **CE LOG Form** you can download it from the web [www.otlb.state.or.us](http://www.otlb.state.or.us) under CE. You can also e-mail us at [otlb.info@state.or.us](mailto:otlb.info@state.or.us) or call the office at 503-731-4048.

Members of the OT Licensing Board will be available during the October OTA/O conference in Corvallis. In addition to the Board meeting you can talk to the Board members during the Saturday poster session and they will have presentations on Friday evening as well as Sunday morning.



### **Board Members:**

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