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OTLB News



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September 2016

NBCOT coming to OTAO Conference!

A representative from the NBCOT will join the OT Licensing Board presentation at the **OTAO Conference** to demonstrate the **new Navigator tool**. The presentation is **Saturday, Oct. 8th at Noon**.

Using Navigator, a groundbreaking interactive tool launched in June of 2015, the licensee can verify practice strengths and take control of his/her own professional development. All areas of OT are addressed, including home health, health and wellness, skilled nursing, admin and management, in and out patient rehab, orthopedics, work and industry, education and research, school system and pediatrics.

Licensees current on their certification receive custom feedback and recommended evidence-based reading resources. This is done through case simulations, practice quizzes and games. Certified licensees can earn up to 14 PDUs toward their next NBCOT renewal cycle through Navigator.

Once a tool is completed, the PDUs are automatically filled in the log with a certificate available.

Oregon Licensing Board has adopted a new rule recognizing

continuing maintenance of NBCOT certification as fulfilling the CE requirement.

As of 2016 renewals, 78% of all OTs/OTAs licensed in Oregon are currently certified.

***The Annual OTAO
Conference is happening
Oct 7-8 in Clackamas!***

***Did you know this about
your state Association?***

- Your OTAO advocates for you. Their lobbyists (totally funded through the OTAO) and legislative group monitors hundreds of bills during the legislative session.
- OTAO partners with Pacific University to provide exciting and worthwhile educational events to members.
- OTAO provides fun networking opportunities throughout the state in the way of pub nights.
- Attend the Annual OTAO conference in October for an awesome weekend of networking, learning and fun.
- Proceeds from OTAO conference Silent Auction will go toward the student scholarship fund.
- For more information go to www.OTAO.com.

What's new on the OTLB website?

Go to the www.oregon.gov/OTLB home page to find the following new posts:

- **Board Strategic Plan 2016**
- **Questions and Answers: Early Education.**

[Find answers to these questions and more:](#)

- 1) Is it required for OTs to do the testing if it requires adding OT services to IFSP?
- 2) If a child is evaluated and found eligible for

services in general, but an OT is not on the evaluation team, does the OT, who will be the service provider, need to complete an evaluation prior to offering services.?

- 3) Does this vary if the services are a one-time general consultation vs direct and continual services?
- 4) Can an OTA review IFSP goals and enter it into the IFSP if it is just a review or a present level of progress?



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Proposed Administrative Rule Change:

The Board voted in favor of the amending rule 339-010-0005 to acknowledge use of telehealth for routine and general supervision. This creates consistency with the telehealth rule 339-010-0006(9). Any comments need to be received by 10/21/16.

339-010-0005

Definitions

(1) "Supervision," is a process in which two or more people participate in a joint effort to promote, establish, maintain and/or evaluate a level of performance. The occupational therapist is responsible for the practice outcomes and documentation to accomplish the goals and objectives. Levels of supervision:

(a) "Close supervision" requires daily, direct contact in person at the work site;

(b) "Routine supervision" requires the supervisor to have direct contact in person at least every two weeks at the work site **or via telehealth as defined in OAR 339 - 010 - 0006 (9)** with interim supervision occurring by other methods, such as telephone or written communication;

(c) "General supervision" requires the supervisor to have at least monthly direct contact in person with the supervisee at the work site **or via telehealth as defined in OAR 339 - 010 - 0006 (9)** with supervision available as needed by other methods.

HELP WANTED:

OTLB Public Board Member

There will soon be an opening on the Board for a Public member. Must reside in Oregon and ideally a recipient of OT services. If you know of anyone who is interested, please contact us.

HELP WANTED:

CE Work Group

Review current OR CE categories vs. NBCOT CE for auditing NBCOT certified licensees. Consider modifying rules to accept CE on case management, Navigator and volunteering. Please contact Nancy Schuberg if you are interested.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

October 7-8:
OTAO Conference.
Monarch Hotel, Clackamas.

November 7:
OTLB Board Meeting @
Pacific University.

State Holiday Closure Schedule:

Sept. 5, Labor Day
Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 25 Day after
Dec. 26 Christmas

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Q & A:

NBCOT Certified vs. Not Certified

Q: In Oregon, is it required that I maintain my NBCOT certification?

A: No. OTLB does not currently require licensees to maintain their NBCOT certification, although some employers or insurers may require it.

Q: How do I sign documents if I am certified? Not certified?

A: You can only use the “R” in OTR and the “C” in COTA if you are currently certified by the NBCOT. If you are not certified, then sign documents, OT/L or OTA/L.

Q: What are the Oregon licensure CE requirements if I am currently certified at the next license renewal period.? What if I am not certified?

A: If you maintain your NBCOT certification you have fulfilled the state CE requirement. If you are not-certified 30 points of CE is required at license renewals, within the last two years.

Q: What is required to keep up NBCOT certification?

A: \$65 fee and 36 PDU's are required at time of your certification renewal. Check the NBCOT website for more details, www.nbcot.org.



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 Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us. Fax us the legal document showing the name change at 971-673-0226.

Are You Moving?

To change to your contact information: Go to www.oregon.gov/otlb for the address change form or send an email to Rachel.Cillo@state.or.us.

To order a verification to be sent to another state: email Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us 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.