

OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

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Please welcome **Nancy Schuberg** to the Board office. She works 10 hours a week and will be issuing licenses approved by the Board, sending you confirmation of supervision documents, and helping Board Director Felicia Holgate with the busy work of the Board.

**Please update your email & contact information to keep current with important news.
Your e-mail is kept confidential. You can provide a public e-mail if you wish.**

**Mission Statement: To protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice.
The Board is charged with assuring safe & ethical delivery of occupational therapy services**

Board Strategic Planning Meeting in August

The August strategic plan dealt with many areas, some of which included:

Legislative: Monitor changes proposed to health Boards: "sunset laws", type of consolidation, semi-independence. Support OT Day at the legislature with students and OTAO.

Discipline: Work on matrix for type of discipline to use in certain cases, including using civil penalties. Start random LEDDS (Law Enforcement Data System) criminal background checks

Ethics/law Exam: Finalize making Exam part of application process online

Presentation by Board at state conference: Board will present on supervision and discipline

PLEASE CHECK THE WEB SITE FIRST FOR INFORMATION

If you have a **name change:** FAX a copy of the legal document to 971-673-0226 – Make sure it shows the change, exactly how the name reads and other contact changes. You can scan and e-mail it to Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Graduate Certificate in Gerontology for Healthcare Professionals is hosting its fall workshop September 14 from 8:30am to 12:15pm for \$30, 3 CEU. **Linda Hunt** is one of the presenters on “Understanding Capacity & How It Affects the Discharge Process” on the importance of discharge decisions, civil capacity, functional capacity assessments, and how to advocate for discharge to the least restrictive environment. Kelly Hering khering@pacificu.edu 503-352-7345. Registration <http://www.pacificu.edu/gerontology/>

Brochure at http://www.pacificu.edu/ot/news/documents/2012-brochure-final_000.pdf

The OTA O annual conference will be the weekend of **October 27th in Hood River**. Go to www.otao.com for more information. The Board members and Director will be available to answer questions and talk with you. This is a great weekend for networking, learning and fun, at the luxurious Best Western Inn in Hood River. The Friday morning keynote is by **Dr. Donna Beegle**, nationally recognized poverty expert & author of “See Poverty, Be the Difference” and “An Action Approach to Educating Students Who Live in the Crisis of Poverty”. Learn how OTs can better serve people of all ages with complex issues that surround families living in poverty. Dr Beegle has been featured on PBS and has received many honors for her work. There will be a 2 hour workshop “Breaking Barriers: Concrete Tools for Working with Clients and families living in Poverty”.

There are 19 additional one, two and three hour workshops, & a dedicated Poster Session. OT4OT webinar will be from 6PM Friday thru 5PM Saturday with live presentations & discussions on OT from around the world. During lunch, there will be a half hour OTA O business meeting on Friday and a half hour License Board presentation Saturday.

Friday night is the OTA O Awards Banquet with live music & live auction. Don't miss the Vendors and a Vendor Drawing as well as the Silent Auction benefiting OT Student Scholarship Fund. Finally, join OTs for an after Conference Wine Event/Fundraiser. **For more details, including the full weekend schedule, accommodation & costs, please visit: www.otao.com**

Continuing Education and CE AUDITS done during renewals

For questions about your CE for 2014 next renewal [click here for the CE Categories and Credits](#). Here are common questions asked:

Do I need to do a Pain Management class? This is a one-time requirement. If you have not yet completed it go to <http://cms.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/Pages/pmc/index.aspx> If you did complete it then you are done and it is noted on your data base.

How many credits can I get for fieldwork? A limit of 14 of the required CE points may be accrued from categories 12-18. Student supervision is in categories 14 and 15, Level I and Level II Fieldwork: One point for 8 hours of supervision. See the link above for the other CE in 12 – 18.

How do I count my CE for credit for in-services? In-service training is in category 12: One point per hour of attendance. Note this counts toward the limit of 14 from categories 12 – 18.



How do I keep track of my CE? The easiest way is to keep all your CE in a file and perhaps write up a word document that you can copy for requirements. When you renew online you write in how many CE points you had in the last 2 years. **If you are picked for CE Audit** you must send in all certificates and send in a [Log Form](#) for each CE taken and indicate which number from the Categories and Credits applies.

Will I be audited? This is a random audit so we do not know who will be picked until just before renewals. You can be audited several times in a row; each year is a new random audit. This year the Board was asked and agreed to consider a request to that is a licensee was picked for random audit for the their time they can be excused with board approval not to have to do the 3rd audit.

Which classes will I get credit for? Classes are automatic when under (4) Attendance at educational sessions relating to occupational therapy sponsored by OTA, AOTA, AOTA approved providers, and NBCOT or professional academic institutions relating to occupational therapy: One point per hour of attendance. Certificate of attendance required. Otherwise the OT must show the class is at professional level and “It is the responsibility of the licensee to demonstrate how specific classes contribute to the development of the occupational therapy skills”.

I am a new licensee, how much CE do I need? A new graduate who just passed the exam does not need CE for the first year.

Can I do online classes? Yes

How do I know if a class will count for CE? If the class is at practice level and directly related to your OT practice you should have no problem. You can contact the Director to ask the Board members about a specific class.

Can I use CE from March, April, and May of 2012, for the 2014 renewal? Yes, but only IF it is over the required 30 points you needed for the 2012 renewal and was the CE classes were not used for the 2012 renewal. You cannot count CE for both licensing renewal periods.



SUPERVISION for Licensed OT Assistants

All OT Assistants working in Oregon by law must have a supervising OTR for licensing purposes. This means that an OT Assistant cannot work on their own. Current Statement of Supervisor form for LICENSING purposes must be filed with the Board prior to start of work. Assistants only need 1 licensing OT supervisor, unless they work in different facilities.

The Board continues to have many problems with OT Assistant not understanding their responsibilities. We cross-checked what the OT and OT Assistant put in the supervision box during renewals and there were still a lot of discrepancies. This licensing supervision continues to be misunderstood or ignored. It is the responsibility of the OT Assistant to send in a new Statement of Supervision form when there are changes.

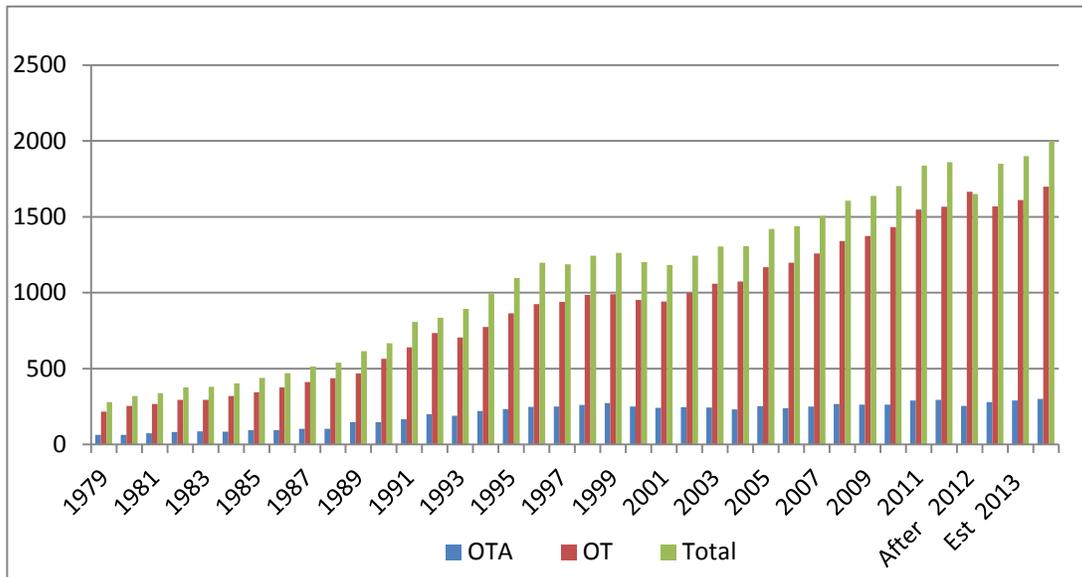
How to request a verification be sent to another state

How do I get a verification or letter of good standing sent to another state? We do not need the state form. Send an e-mail to Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us with the specific address where the verification needs to go, like a label, so we can copy it into the form we use. There is No charge and we will reply to let you know it is done. Generally it takes just a few days.

Congratulations to the new Graduated

Congratulations to the new applicants who just graduated from Pacific and Linn Benton Community College. There were 21 Limited permits issued for students waiting for their exam results. We average about 15 – 25 new licenses issued each month. In June, July and August there were an average of 28 new licenses issued each month. Half were new graduates, some from other states, getting their first license. The other half were coming from other states by endorsement.

OT License numbers continue to grow



Note: The drop for the “after 2012” is the usual 12 % of licensees who do not renew.

Please check the **web site** at www.oregon.gov/otlb for answers to your questions. There is a section on **Information Requests** and **Issues, Questions and Topics**.

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Skills for the job of living*