

**DISTRICT OF  
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REGULATIONS  
for  
OCCUPATIONAL  
THERAPY**

## **CHAPTER 63 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

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### **6300 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 6300.1 This chapter shall apply to applicants for and holders of a license to practice as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.
- 6300.2 Chapters 40 (Health Occupations: General Rules) and 41 (Health Occupations: Administrative Procedures) of this title shall supplement this chapter.

### **6301 TERM OF LICENSE**

- 6301.1 Subject to § 6301.2, a license issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of September 30 of each odd-numbered year.
- 6301.2 If the Director changes the renewal system pursuant to § 4006.3 of chapter 40 of this title, a license issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of the last day of the month of the birth date of the holder of the license, or other date established by the Director.

### **6302 EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

- 6302.1 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an applicant for a license to practice occupational therapy shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board, in accordance with § 504(g)(1) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.04(g)(1),

that the applicant has done the following:

- (a) Has successfully completed an educational program for occupational therapists that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE); and
- (b) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where the applicant fulfilled his or her academic requirements.

6302.2 Except as provided in § 6303, an applicant for a license as an occupational therapy assistant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board, in accordance with § 504 (f) (2) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.04(g)(3)(A) (2001), that the applicant has done the following:

- (a) Has successfully completed an educational program for occupational therapy assistants, in an educational program, accredited by ACOTE; and
- (b) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where the applicant fulfilled his or her academic requirement

6302.3 Repealed

### **6303 APPLICANTS EDUCATED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

6303.1 The Board may grant a license to practice to an applicant who has his or her exam scores submitted from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) to the Board and who has completed an educational program in a foreign country whose program is approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

6303.2 The applicant shall be currently certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

6303.3 In lieu of meeting the requirements of § 6302.1(a) an applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist shall submit evidence of successful completion of the occupational therapy certification examination developed by NBCOT for occupational therapists, to the Board.

6303.4 In lieu of meeting the requirements of § 6302.2(a) an applicant for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant shall submit evidence of successful completion of the occupational therapy assistant certification examination developed by NBCOT for occupational therapy assistants, to the Board.

6303.5 An applicant shall arrange for the evaluation required by § 6303.2 or § 6303.3 to be sent directly from NBCOT to the Board.

6303.6 Repealed

## **6304 NATIONAL EXAMINATION**

- 6304.1 To qualify for licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, the applicant shall pass the certification examination as developed by the NBCOT.
- 6304.2 The passing score on the national examinations shall be the passing score established by NBCOT.
- 6304.3 An applicant shall submit a completed application to the Board and arrange for examination results to be sent by NBCOT, directly to the Board.
- 6304.4 An applicant who is working under a supervised practice letter and who has failed the national examination shall immediately cease working as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.

## **6305 SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

- 6305.1 An occupational therapist shall exercise sound judgment and provide adequate care within the practice when using methods that include but are not exclusive of the following American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) standards for the scope of practice:
- (a) Establishment, remediation or restoration of skill or ability in a client;
  - (b) Compensation, modification, or adaptation of activity or environment to enhance performance;
  - (c) Maintenance and enhancement of capabilities without which performance in everyday life would decline;
  - (d) Health and wellness promotion to enable or enhance performance in everyday life activities; and
  - (e) Prevention of barriers to performance, including disability prevention.
- 6305.2 An occupational therapist shall exercise sound judgment when evaluating factors affecting activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, education, work, play, leisure, and social participation. These factors may include:
- (a) Body functions and body structures;
  - (b) Habits, routines, roles, and behavior patterns;
  - (c) Cultural, physical, environmental, social, and spiritual contexts and activity demands that affect performance; and

- (d) Performance skills including motor, process, and communication or interaction skills.

6305.3

An occupational therapist shall exercise sound judgment and provide adequate care to a client when administering interventions and procedures to promote or enhance safety and performance in activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, education, work, play, leisure, and social participation, which may include the following:

- (a) Therapeutic use of occupations, exercises, and activities;
- (b) Training in self-care, self management, home management, and community work reintegration;
- (c) Development, remediation, or compensation of physical, cognitive, neuromuscular, sensory functions, and behavioral skills;
- (d) Therapeutic use of self including one's personality, insights, perceptions, and judgments as part of the therapeutic process;
- (e) Education and training of individuals, involved in the care of the client;
- (f) Care coordination, case management, and transition services;
- (g) Consultative services to groups, programs, organizations, or communities;
- (h) Modification of environments and adaptation of processes, including the application of ergonomic principles;
- (i) Assessment, design, fabrication, application, fitting and training in assistive technology, adaptive devices and orthotic devices, and training in the use of prosthetic devices;
- (j) Assessment, recommendation, and training in techniques to enhance mobility including wheelchair management;
- (k) Driver rehabilitation and community mobility;
- (l) Management of feeding, eating, and swallowing to enable eating and feeding performance; and
- (m) Application of physical agent modalities, and use of a range of specific therapeutic procedures to enhance performance skills.

## **6306**

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

6306.1

This section shall not apply to applicants for an initial license by examination, reciprocity, or endorsement, nor does it apply to applicants for the first renewal of a license granted by examination.

- 6306.2 A continuing education contact hour shall be valid only if it is part of a program or activity that the Board approves in accordance with § 6307.
- 6306.3 Practitioners applying for license renewal shall complete contact hours of qualified activities for maintaining continuing education during the two (2) year period preceding the date the license expires in the following manner:
- (a) Occupational therapists shall complete a minimum of twenty-four (24) contact hours; and
  - (b) Occupational therapy assistants shall complete a minimum of twelve (12) contact hours.
- 6306.4 An applicant under this section shall prove completion of required continuing education contact hours by submitting with the application the following information with respect to each program:
- (a) The name and address of the sponsor of the program;
  - (b) The name of the program, its location, a description of the subject matter covered, and the names of the instructors;
  - (c) The dates on which the applicant attended the program;
  - (d) The number of contact hours claimed;
  - (e) Verification by the sponsor of the applicant's completion, by signature or stamp of the sponsor; and
  - (f) The name of the attendee.
- 6306.5 An applicant for renewal of a license who fails to submit proof of having completed continuing education requirements by the date the license expired may renew the license up to sixty (60) days after expiration by submitting the proof pursuant to § 6306.4 and by paying the required additional late fee. The license shall be effective on the date of the renewal.
- 6306.6 The Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of the sixty (60) day period to renew after expiration if the applicant's failure to submit proof of completion was for good cause. As used in this section, "good cause" includes the following:
- (a) Serious and protracted illness of the applicant; or
  - (b) The death or serious and protracted illness of a member of the applicant's immediate family.
- 6306.7 If the license of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant lapses while serving in the military whenever the United States is engaged in active military operations against any foreign power or hostile force, and the required

continuing education hours were not earned during the earning period, the licensee shall be required to complete the required continuing education hours needed no later than six (6) months after discharge from active service, return to inactive military status, or return to the United States from an active war zone.

- 6306.8 The continuing education contact hours completed shall not be used for the next licensing period.
- 6306.9 The continuing education contact hours for the next licensing period shall not be prorated.
- 6306.10 Practitioners who are licensed to practice in a jurisdiction other than the District shall meet the requirements of this section in order to maintain licensure in the District. The licensee shall ensure that the continuing education courses fall within the relevant time period for the District of Columbia.
- 6306.11 Any applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who applies after the renewal date shall submit proof of having completed all continuing education requirements with the application.

## **6307 APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

- 6307.1 The Board may, in its discretion, approve continuing education programs and activities that contribute to the growth of an applicant in professional competence in the practice of occupational therapy and which meet the other requirements of this section.
- 6307.2 The Board shall approve continuing education programs and activities that are relevant to the practice or education of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants that document the following:
- (a) Current subject matter with course description;
  - (b) Content focus;
  - (c) Learning outcomes;
  - (d) Target audience;
  - (e) Satisfactory completion of the course by the course participant; and
  - (f) The number of contact hours or continuing education units.
- 6307.3 The Board shall approve the following types of activities provided that they are consistent with provisions of these regulations:

- (a) Activities sponsored by the state or local occupational therapy organizations;
- (b) Activities sponsored by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), and the American Society of Hand Therapists (ASHT);
- (c) Activities sponsored by AOTA approved providers;
- (d) Activities sponsored by an accredited healthcare facility; or
- (e) Activities sponsored by an accredited college or university.

6307.4 The Board may issue an update to a list of approved continuing competence programs.

6307.5 Any course or activity that does not meet the licensing requirements of § 6307.3 shall not be approved by the Board unless the license had prior approval from the Board, at least thirty (30) days before the course.

6307.6 The Board may approve the following continuing competence activities by an applicant:

- (a) Serving as an instructor or speaker at a conference;
- (b) Serving as an instructor at a seminar, workshop, or in-service training;
- (c) Serving as a clinical instructor for students of occupational therapy; and
- (d) Participation in research as a principal investigator or research assistant.

6307.7 The licensee shall be responsible for explaining to the Board why supervisory activities, professional volunteer activities, or serving as an instructor, speaker, publisher or editor are eligible for credit.

## **6308 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS**

6308.1 The Board may grant continuing education credit for whole hours only, with a minimum of fifty (50) minutes constituting one (1) credit hour.

6308.2 For approved undergraduate or graduate courses, each semester hour of credit shall constitute fifteen (15) hours of continuing education credit, and each quarter hour of credit shall constitute ten (10) hours of continuing education credit.

6308.3 The Board may grant a maximum of three (3) continuing education credits per year to an applicant who attends in-service education programs.



6308.4 The Board may grant continuing competence credit to an applicant who serves as an author of a self-study article or series or an instructor or speaker at a program or for preparation and presentation time of an academic course, peer-reviewed or non peer-reviewed workshop, seminar, in-service, electronic or web-based course subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) The maximum amount of credit which may be granted for preparation time is twice the amount of the associated presentation time or twice the amount of contact hours awarded for participants;
- (b) The maximum amount of credit which may be granted pursuant to this subsection is fifty percent (50%) of an applicant's continuing education requirement;
- (c) If an applicant had previously received credit in connection with a particular presentation, the Board shall not grant credit in connection with a subsequent presentation unless it involves either a different or a substantially modified program; and
- (d) The presentation shall have been completed during the period for which credit is claimed and includes documentation of the following:
  - (1) A copy of the official program or syllabus;
  - (2) The presentation title;
  - (3) The date of the presentation;
  - (4) The hours of the presentation;
  - (5) The type of audience addressed; and
  - (6) A verification of attendance signed by the sponsor.

6308.5 The Board may grant an applicant who is an author or editor of a published book, a published chapter in a book, or a published article in a professional journal or other nationally recognized publication six (6) continuing education credits, if the book, chapter, or article was published or accepted for publication during the period for which credit is claimed, and the applicant submits proof of this fact in the application.

6308.6 The Board may grant an applicant for renewal who acts as a clinical instructor for students of occupational therapy or students of any other health occupation one (1) continuing education credit for each hour of clinical instruction, up to a maximum of four (4) continuing education credits per year.

6308.7 The Board may grant an applicant for renewal up to six (6) contact hours for the renewal period, for participation as a primary clinical fieldwork educator for Level II occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant fieldwork students with the following documentation:

- (a) Name of student as verified by the school;
- (b) Name of the school;
- (c) Dates of the fieldwork; and
- (d) Signature page of student evaluation excluding evaluation scores and comments on student.

6308.8 The Board may grant an applicant for renewal up to six (6) contact hours for the renewal period for serving as a supervisor for an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who is in the process of reactivating his or her license. The supervisor shall provide the Board with a supervised practice letter.

6308.9 The Board may grant an applicant for renewal who successfully completes a course on management which is directly related to occupational therapy three (3) continuing education credits.

6308.10 The Board may grant continuing education credit to an applicant for renewal who participates in Board or committee work with agencies or organizations in professionally related areas to promote and enhance the practice of occupational therapy up to three (3) contact hours for one year of involvement for a minimum of eighteen (18) hours. The applicant shall provide the following documentation:

- (a) Name of the committee, board, agency or organization;
- (b) Purpose for service;
- (c) Description of duties and roles; and
- (d) Validation of service by an officer or representative of the organization.

6308.11 The Board may grant an applicant for renewal who is able to demonstrate participation in research, either as a principal investigator or as a research assistant, six (6) continuing competence credits.

6308.12 The Board may request proof of a licensee's completion of continuing competence activities at the completion of a renewal period. A licensee shall:

- (a) Maintain the required proof of completion for each continuing competence activity as specified in these regulations; and
- (b) Retain documentation of continuing competence activity for a minimum of two (2) years following the last day of the license renewal period for which the continuing competence activities were earned.

## **6309 REACTIVATION**

- 6309.1 Reactivation shall apply to persons who are in inactive status.
- 6309.2 An applicant for reactivation of an occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant license that has been inactive five (5) years or less who does not hold a license in any other jurisdiction, shall submit proof pursuant to §6307 of having completed twelve (12) contact hours in clinical coursework in an approved continuing education program for each year that the applicant was not licensed, up to a maximum of sixty (60) hours.
- 6309.3 An applicant for reactivation of an occupational therapy license that has been inactive for more than 5 (five) years, who does not hold an active license in any other jurisdiction, shall submit proof pursuant to § 6307 of having completed the following:
- (a) Twelve (12) contact hours in clinical coursework in an approved continuing competence program for each year that the applicant was not licensed, up to a maximum of sixty (60) hours. Twenty-four (24) of those contact hours shall have been completed within two (2) years prior to the date the application is submitted; and
  - (b) One hundred sixty (160) hours of supervised clinical training by a licensed occupational therapist within the two (2) months prior to the date the application is submitted.
- 6309.4 An applicant for reactivation of a license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant that has been inactive for more than five (5) years, who does not hold an active license in any other jurisdiction, shall submit proof pursuant to § 6307 of having completed the following:
- (a) Six (6) contact hours in an approved continuing education program for each year that the applicant was not licensed, up to a maximum of thirty (30) hours. Twelve (12) contact hours within two (2) years prior to the date the application is submitted; and
  - (b) One hundred sixty (160) hours of supervised clinical training within the two (2) months prior to the date the application is submitted.
- 6309.5 An applicant for reactivation of an occupational therapy license who holds an active license in any other jurisdiction shall not be required to submit proof of continuing education contact hours with the application.
- 6309.6 An applicant for reactivation of an occupational therapy assistant license who holds an active license in any other jurisdiction shall not be required to submit proof of continuing education contact hours with the application.

6309.7 An applicant for reactivation of an occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant license whose license has been inactive for less than five (5) years and who holds a license in another jurisdiction shall not be required to submit proof of continuing education contact hours with the application.

## **6310 REINSTATEMENT**

6310.1 Reinstatement shall apply to persons with expired licenses.

6310.2 A person may not apply for reinstatement if his or her license has been expired for more than five (5) years.

6310.3 An applicant for reinstatement of a license to practice as an occupational therapist who holds an active license in any other jurisdiction shall submit proof of having completed twelve (12) contact hours in an approved continuing education program for each year that the applicant was not licensed, up to a maximum of sixty (60) hours. Twenty-four (24) hours must have been completed within two (2) years prior to the date the application is submitted.

6310.4 An applicant for reinstatement of a license to practice as an occupational therapist who does not hold an active license in any jurisdiction shall submit proof pursuant to § 6307 of having completed the following:

- (a) Twelve (12) contact hours in clinical coursework in an approved continuing education program for each year that the applicant was not licensed up to a maximum of sixty (60) hours. Twenty-four (24) contact hours shall have been completed within two (2) years prior to the date the application is submitted; and
- (b) One hundred sixty (160) hours of supervised clinical training by a licensed occupational therapist within two (2) months prior to the date the application is submitted.

6310.5 An occupational therapy assistant applicant for reinstatement who holds a current license in any other jurisdiction shall submit proof of having completed six (6) contact hours in an approved continuing education program for each year that the applicant was not licensed up to a maximum of thirty (30) hours. Twelve (12) contact hours must have been completed within two (2) years prior to the date the application is submitted.

6310.6 An applicant for reinstatement of a license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant who does not hold a current license in any other jurisdiction, shall submit proof pursuant to § 6307 of having completed the following:

- (a) Six (6) contact hours in an approved continuing education program for each year that the applicant was not licensed up to a maximum of thirty (30) hours. Twelve (12) contact hours must have been within two (2)

years prior to the date the application is submitted; and

- (b) One hundred sixty (160) hours of supervised clinical training within the two (2) months prior to the date the application is submitted.

## **6311 ENDORSEMENT**

6311.1 The Board shall issue a license by endorsement to an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant who has a valid unrestricted license in good standing from another jurisdiction of the United States and who meets all other requirements of this section.

6311.2 An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapist assistant by endorsement shall submit with a completed application the following:

- (a) Official, certified proof of active licensure in at least one (1) jurisdiction;
- (b) Proof of good standing from all jurisdictions in which the occupational therapist ever held a license in the United States;
- (c) Official, certified proof, from the body administering the examination, that the applicant has passed the Board-approved occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant national licensure examination (as relevant to the license); and
- (d) Proof that the applicant is a graduate of a professional occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant education program, as relevant to the license, accredited by an agency that the United States Department of Education recognizes for that purpose, or that the Board approves.

## **6312 RESPONSIBILITIES**

6312.1 An occupational therapist shall exercise sound judgment and provide adequate care in the performance of duties in accordance with nationally recognized standards of practice while treating patients or supervising the treatment of patients.

6312.2 An occupational therapist shall be responsible for managing all aspects of the occupational therapy care of each patient. An occupational therapist shall provide the following:

- (a) The initial evaluation and treatment plan for each patient and all supporting documentation;
- (b) Periodic reevaluation for each patient and all supporting documentation; and

- (c) The documented discharge of the patient, including the response to the intervention at the time of discharge.

6312.3 An occupational therapist shall:

- (a) Directly supervise all students training to be occupational therapists or
- (b) Countersign all documentation that the students draft.

6312.4 An occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant supervising a student shall be responsible for all of the students' actions performed within the scope of practice during the time of supervision and shall be subject to disciplinary action for any violation of the Act or this chapter by the person supervised.

### **6313 STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS**

6313.1 An occupational therapy assistant shall exercise reasonable judgment and provide adequate care in the performance of duties in accordance with nationally recognized standards of practice.

6313.2 An occupational therapy assistant may only practice under the general supervision of a licensed occupational therapist who is authorized to practice in the District of Columbia. The occupational therapist must be available on an as-needed basis and must be available to be on-site in the event of a clinical incident within two (2) hours.

6313.3 An occupational therapist shall provide the following:

- (a) Direct supervision of an occupational therapy assistant prior to initiating treatment programs and before planned discharges for patients;
- (b) An initial and, at a minimum, bimonthly direction to the occupational therapy assistant; and
- (c) Documentation for verification of supervision and direction.

6313.4 A supervising occupational therapist shall delegate duties and responsibilities for the care of patients to the occupational therapy assistant with consideration given to the following:

- (a) The level of skill shown by the occupational therapy assistant;
- (b) The ability to use identified intervention in a safe and effective manner;
- (c) Experience of the occupational therapy assistant and work setting demands; and

(d) The complexity and stability of the patient population to be treated.

6313.5 An occupational therapy assistant shall assist in the collection and some of the documentation of patient information pertaining to the evaluation and treatment of a patient. The extent of this involvement shall be based on the demonstrated competency of the occupational therapy assistant. This demonstrated competency shall be documented and maintained on file by the supervising occupational therapist.

6313.6 An occupational therapy assistant shall not supervise another occupational therapy assistant.

6313.7 An occupational therapy assistant shall immediately inform the supervising occupational therapist and discontinue treatment if the procedure appears to be harmful to the patient.

## **6314 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AIDES**

6314.1 An occupational therapy aide shall be permitted to do the following:

- (a) Under direct supervision, set up materials for treatment for the occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant or Level II fieldwork students; and
- (b) Under immediate supervision of an occupational therapist, activities of daily living, transfer activities, hot or cold packs, and paraffin baths.

6314.2 An occupational therapy aide shall not be permitted to do the following under any circumstance:

- (a) Interpret care plans;
- (b) Participate in care conferences;
- (c) Provide any hands-on care except as specified above;
- (d) Interpret referrals;
- (e) Perform evaluation procedures;
- (f) Initiate or adjust treatment programs;
- (g) Assume responsibility for planning treatment care; or
- (h) Document care given to include checklists or other forms of documentation as appropriate.

## **6315 CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT**

- 6315.1 The Board may audit up to twenty percent (20%) of the number of licensees to determine compliance with the continuing education contact hour requirements.
- 6315.2 Upon notification by the Board that a licensee has been selected for an audit, the licensee shall submit the required documentation within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice.

## **6316 LAWFUL PRACTICE**

- 6316.1 An occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant licensed to practice in the District of Columbia shall adhere to the AOTA's Code of Ethics for the practice of occupational therapy as it may be amended from time to time.
- 6316.2 An occupational therapist may purchase, store, and administer topical and aerosol medications as part of the practice of occupational therapy as defined herein, as long as the purchasing, storing, and administration of these medications are carried out pursuant to all laws and regulations of the Federal Government and the District of Columbia.
- 6316.3 An occupational therapist shall use the letters "OT", "OTR", "LOT", "OTR/L" or any other similar title or description in connection with the occupational therapist's name or place of business to denote licensure pursuant to the Act.
- 6316.4 A business providing and billing for occupational therapy services pursuant to the Act shall only advertise or otherwise promote an occupational therapist that is licensed.
- 6316.5 An occupational therapy assistant shall use the letters "OTA", "COTA", "OTA/L", "COTA/L", or any other similar title or description in connection with the occupational therapy assistant's name or place of business to denote licensure pursuant to the Act.
- 6316.6 An applicant for licensure shall not engage in any type of practice until an application for licensure and a supervised practice form are submitted to the Board.
- 6316.7 An applicant may practice for no more than sixty (60) days under a supervised practice form. The supervised practice form shall not be renewed.
- 6316.8 An occupational therapy aide shall not be permitted to use any credentials.
- 6316.9 Students shall identify themselves as such to patients. An occupational therapy student shall sign all documentation with the notation "occupational therapy



student” or “OT student,” and occupational therapy assistant students shall sign all documentation with the notation “occupational therapy assistant student” or “OTA student.”

## **6399**      **DEFINITIONS**

6399.1      As used in this chapter, the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed:

**Applicant** - a person applying for a license to practice as an occupational therapist, or to practice as an occupational therapy assistant, under this chapter, as the context requires.

**Board** - the Board of Occupational Therapy, established by § 206 of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.06 (2001).

**Contact hour** - means fifty (50) minutes of continuing education credit.

**Direct supervision** - supervision in which an occupational therapist is personally present and immediately available within the treatment area to give aid, direction, and instruction when occupational therapy procedures or activities are performed.

**General supervision** - supervision in which the supervisor is available on the premises or by communication device at the time the supervisee is practicing, and can be on-site in the event of a clinical emergency within two (2) hours.

**Immediate supervision** - oversight of an individual through face-to-face observations and in physical proximity to the individual being supervised.

**Level I Fieldwork** - Enrichment of didactic coursework through direct observation and participation in selected aspects of the occupational therapy process to enable students to develop a basic comfort level with and understanding of the needs of clients.

**Level II Fieldwork** - Development of competent entry-level, general occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants through exposure to in-depth experiences in delivering occupational therapy services to a variety of clients.

**Occupational therapist** - a person licensed to practice occupational therapy under the Act.

**Occupational therapy-** (i) The therapeutic use of everyday life activities with individuals or groups, with or without compensation, for the purpose of participation in roles and situations in homes, schools, workplaces, communities,

and other settings to promote health and welfare for those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction; (ii) Addressing the physical, cognitive, psycho-social, sensory, or other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts to support engagement in everyday life activities that affect health, well-being, and quality of life; (iii) The education and training of persons in the direct care of patients through the use of occupational therapy; and (iv) The education and training of persons in the field of occupational therapy.

**Occupational therapy aide** - a person who has received on-the-job training in occupational therapy and is employed in an occupational therapy setting under the immediate supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

**Occupational therapy assistant** - a person licensed to practice as an occupational therapy assistant under the Act.

6399.2 The definitions in § 4099 of Chapter 40 of this title are incorporated by reference and apply to this chapter.