

West Virginia Board of Occupational Therapy



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POSITION STATEMENT

SUBJECT: LICENSURE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATORS/UNIVERSITY FACULTY POSITIONS

Occupational Therapists or Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants who are serving as educators or holding faculty positions teaching in the O.T. curriculum are **not** required to obtain or maintain WV Occupational Therapy licensure for that role.

It is essential that **licensure be obtained and maintained** when the therapists or certified assistant's role/duties involve any aspect of patient care and/or service delivery. These areas of evaluation and treatment are defined in the West Virginia Occupational Therapy Practice Act, page 387 (d).

“Occupational therapy” means the evaluation, treatment and aid in diagnosis of problems interfering with functional performance in persons impaired by physical illness or injury, emotional disorder, congenital or developmental disability, or the aging process in order to achieve optimum functioning and for prevention and health maintenance. Specific OT services include, but are not limited to, activities of daily living (ADL); the design, fabrication and application of splints; sensorimotor activities; the use of specifically designed crafts; guidance in the selection and use of adaptive equipment; therapeutic activities to enhance functional performance; prevocational evaluation and training; and consultation concerning the adaptation of physical environments for the handicapped. These services are provided to individuals or groups through medical, health, educational and social systems and for the maintenance of health through these systems.

West Virginia Occupational Therapy licensure for academicians is only required if the educator fulfills patient contact/clinical assignments within their specific scope of duties.

