

TBOTE *★news*

The Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners

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Proposed Rule Amendment

The full text of the proposed (not adopted) rule is below, posted on the website, and will be published in the *Texas Register* in its December 22nd issue. Should you wish to comment on the proposed rules, send your comments by letter, fax or email during the 30 day period for public comment. The rule is eligible to be adopted at the next board meeting, scheduled for February 16, 2007.

§376.1 Facility Definitions.

(3) An OT linked facility is a facility in which PT services are already registered at the same location with the same owner(s). If the PT facility registration is not current, full OT registration must be paid.



Recent Rule Changes

1. The OT Linked Facilities information has been added to the online and paper forms. Whether a primary facility or additional, the application for OT facility registration and the renewal may be accomplished online.
2. The new Retired Status was adopted and is in the September 2006 Rules. Be sure that you read those rules if you are contemplating to change to the retired status.
3. OT Temporary Licensees must have documentation for their supervision hours. You can make your own form or use the COTA Log form to document those supervision hours.

You can change your work and/or home address from the ECPTOTE website homepage. [Click Change your Address under "online services."](#)

Documenting In-serviced for CE

In-services are a popular way to earn CE credits. If you are proving in-service training for TBOTE CE, we suggest having a sign-in sheet for those attending. Write the in-service title, the time frame, and the speaker's name as a sheet header. Have lines and columns for the attendees to sign in and list their name, their title and their license number. Upon completion of the training, you can offer your attendees either a certificate or a photocopy of the completed sign-in sheet for each attendee for his or her files.

When you are audited, this sign-in sheet will document your CE in-service. This in-service sign-in sheet also works as proof of credit for the presenter. Some facilities handle this electronically, but for those who don't use this easy method. Take a look at the newly revised and re-organized CE chapter 367.

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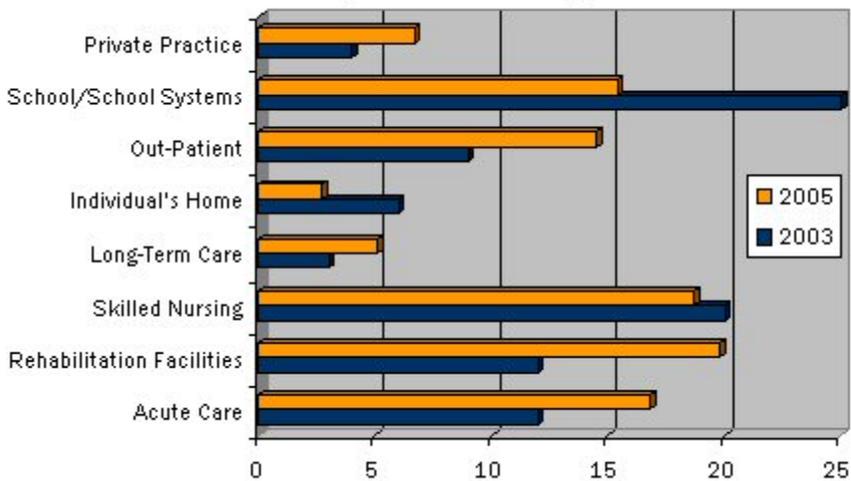
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Shift in Entry-Level Practice Trends from NBCOT

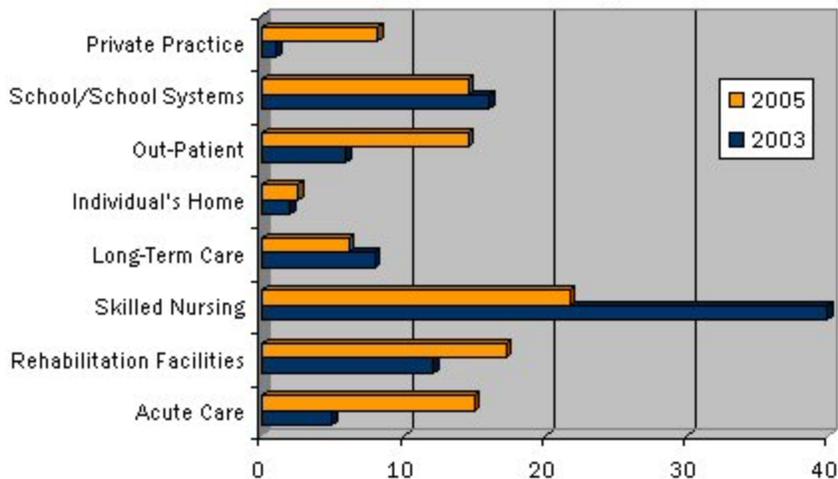
NBCOT continually monitors practice trends - including work-setting locations - of its OTR and COTA certificants. In 2003, school/school settings was the most popular work location for entry-level OTR practitioners with approximately a quarter employed in this setting. In 2005, the percentage of entry-level OTR practitioners working in school settings had dropped to about 15%, with rehabilitation hospitals and skilled nursing facilities identified as the most popular work locations for these OTRs. Since 2003, there have been increases in the percentage of entry-level OTR practitioners working in private practice, out-patient, long-term, and acute care facilities.

In 2003, 40% of entry-level COTA practitioners identified skilled nursing as the most popular work location. While skilled nursing remained the most popular setting in 2005, the percentage of entry-level COTAs employed in this location had reduced by nearly half - to just over 20%. In comparison, there have been increases in the percentages of entry-level COTA practitioners working in rehabilitation hospitals, acute care, out-patient facilities, and private practice since 2003.

OTR Entry-Level Practice Setting Trends 2003-2005



COTA Entry-Level Practice Setting Trends 2003-2005



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OT Board Formal Disciplinary Actions

Taken November 17, 2006

- (1) **May Apticar, COTA #208863 (Houston)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (2) **Helen Brown, OTR #108800 (Houston)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days and required a one-hour school presentation.**
- (3) **Kewisha Gray, COTA #394427 (Ruston, La.)** – practiced with an expired temporary license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order required sixty (60) hours of community service.**
- (4) **Lillian Sanchez, COTA #209592 (Mathis)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended her license for forty-five (45) days and required a one-hour school presentation.**
- (5) **Sheryl Fontana, OTR #109069 (Irving)** – failed to properly renew her license (**CE audit**). Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended her license for sixty (60) days and required the lacking CEUs.**
- (6) **Amy Haverkamp, COTA #205004 (Gainesville)** – practiced in a detrimental manner by fraudulently documenting treatments notes – signing the OTR’s name to discharge notes and an evaluation. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days.**
- (7) **Dayna Silva, OTR #107383 (Katy)** – failed to properly renew her license (**CE audit**). Violation of Section 454.301 and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended her license for sixty (60) days and required the lacking CEUs.**

(8) **Barbara Poudrier, COTA #208892 (Spring)** – practiced in a detrimental manner by documenting treatments as provided on dates that no such services were rendered. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days.**

(9) **Omar Santos, COTA #209691 (Amarillo)** – practiced occupational therapy without a valid license to practice. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act. **Board Order suspended his license for fifteen (15) days and required a one-hour school presentation.**

(10) **Ma. Charito Del Rosario- Basa, OTR #104135 (Houston)** – practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to timely document treatment notes – failing to document a physician’s verbal order. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**

(11) **Timothy Devlin, OTR #110941 (South Padre Island)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended his license for twenty-one (21) days.**

Unethical or Unlicensed Practice Hotline: 800-821-3205 or 512/305-6900

Other state laws affect your license! We cannot renew a license where the licensee is in default with child support or student loan payments.

Hurricane Affects in Texas

Thirty-two OTRs and COTAs applied for licensure in Texas in the aftermath of last year’s hurricanes. Because of an edict by the governor to give evacuees special consideration, TBOTE granted provision licenses or restored previous Texas licenses to evacuees to expedite the process in the emergency situation. They benefited from the opportunity to work in their new home, and Texas benefited by having a new supply of therapists. It’s been more than a year now and have you been wondering what has happened? Thus far fifteen have let their Texas license expire (it is likely that they have moved back home or have moved on), and seventeen have renewed their Texas license.

The continuing education you complete every two years for your Texas license renewal requirement also satisfies the requirement for renewing your NBCOT certification.



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Texas Occupational Therapy Association (TOTA)

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American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Specialty certification, student fieldwork, national issues, etc.

301/652-2682 telephone

www.aota.org

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)

National certification exam, and score reports

301/990-7979 telephone

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www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/

Medicare and Medicaid

Trailblazer Health Enterprises
(Medicare Program Administrator)
www.the-medicare.com

Medicare Part A

888/7639836 (Rehab Dept, hospital)

Medicare Part B

903/463-0720 (independent practitioners)

Medicaid 800/252-8263

SHARS

www.tea.state.tx/interagency/shars.html

Texas Dept. Aging and Disability Services (DADS)

800/458-9858 Long term care

800/252-8016 Nursing homes

512/719-3521 Licensing boards

800/228-1570 Home health agency

www.dads.state.tx.us

Texas Dept. of State Health Services (TDSH)

512/834-6650 Hospital licensing

www.tshs.state.tx.us

Texas Online Services

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