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Thursday, April 29 – Saturday, May 1, 2010

AOTA Member Resource Center (MRC) – Come by the MRC in the Expo Hall to meet and ask questions of already certified practitioners and staff.

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Pre-Conference Seminar: (AOTA) The Ins And Outs Of AOTA Board And Specialty Certification

- Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 12:00 noon - 6:30 pm
- Session ID: S002 – See full description below
- Cost is \$35 to register, but the entire amount will be applied to your Board or Specialty Certification application fee!
- [Register online](#)

Speakers

Mary Kay Currie, OT, BCPR, Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, Detroit, MI; **Suzanne Holm**, MA, OTR, BCPR, Medical Center of the Rockies, Loveland, CO; **Jennifer Kaldenberg**, MSA, OTR/L, SCLV, CLVT, New England College of Optometry & New England Eye Institute, Boston, MA; **Natalie Leland**, PhD, OTR/L, BCG, Brown University Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research, Providence, RI; **Dory Sabata**, OTD, OTR/L, SCEM, University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS; **Joan Tunningley**, MEd, OTR/L, BCP, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH; **Maria Elena Louch**, OT, The American Occupational Therapy Association, Bethesda, MD.

Learning Objectives

1. Describe the relationship between established certification competencies and their underlying criteria.
2. Differentiate between a reflective self-appraisal portfolio and a generic portfolio and understand how to apply the Standards of Continuing Competence to professional development.
3. Articulate an understanding of the certification process and identify resources that support applicants in the development of their own certification application.

Abstract Synopsis

The application process for AOTA Board and Specialty Certification is unlike anything occupational therapy practitioners have previously experienced. It requires engagement in a professional development process that includes, among other things, the development of a reflective self-appraisal portfolio. Many who have completed the application process believe it is one of the most professionally validating things they have done. This session is meant to support practitioners in the development of their own certification application. Through large and small group discussion and activity, participants will be able to ask in depth

questions and receive in-depth answers to guide them in the development of an individualized plan for demonstrating achievement of certification requirements. Participants are encouraged to read the certification application handbook and view the web-based application prior to the session for maximum benefit (www.aota.org/certification). Feedback on applications in-progress can be provided.