

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROFESSION—CONTINUING COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS

State	Requirements ¹	Special Requirements
Alabama	<p>OT: 3.0 CEUs (or 30 contact hours) biennially</p> <p>OTA: 2.0 CEUs (or 20 contact hours) biennially</p>	
Alaska	<p>OT and OTA: If licensed for 12 months or more of the concluding licensing period, complete 24 contact hours. If licensed for less than 12 months of the concluding licensing period, complete 12 contact hours of continuing education during that licensing period.</p>	
Arizona	<p>OT: 20 clock hours for renewal of a 2-year license</p> <p>OTA: 12 clock hours for renewal of a 2-year license</p>	
Arkansas	<p>OT and OTA: 10 hours of continuing education each year</p>	
California	<p>OT and OTA: 24 PDUs for each biennial renewal period. A minimum of half of the required PDUs must be directly related to the delivery of occupational therapy services.</p>	
Colorado	<p>OT and OTA: Participate in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program involving completion of Reflective Self-Assessment Tool (RSAT) once per renewal period, execution of Learning Plan based on licensee's RSAT once per renewal period, and 24 Professional Development Activities (PDA) during each renewal period. Alternatively, obtain Deemed Status or an exemption for military service.</p>	
Connecticut	<p>OT: 24 contact hours biennially, prorated for new licensees</p> <p>OTA: 18 contact hours biennially, prorated for new licensees</p>	
Delaware	<p>24 hours per biennial period</p>	
District of Columbia	<p>OT: 24 hours of approved continuing education credit biennially</p> <p>OTA: 12 hours of approved continuing education credit biennially</p>	<p>2 credits of instruction on cultural competency or specialized training focusing on patients who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming, queer, or question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.</p> <p>10% of the required continuing education shall be in the subjects determined by the Director as public health priorities in the District, which shall be published every 5 years or as deemed appropriate.</p> <p>2 hours of CE on COVID-19 vaccines are required for OTs only and may be counted towards the public health priorities training requirement.</p>
Florida	<p>OT and OTA: 22 General Hours, 2 hours on prevention of medical errors, 2 hours on state OT Board laws and rules = 26 hours of continuing education per biennium (at least 14 hours must be in person or from interactive, real-time courses)</p>	<p>2 hour course on prevention of medical errors.</p> <p>2 hour course on State OT laws and</p>

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		<p>rules.</p> <p>Completion of 1 hour continuing education course on human trafficking which may be included in the total General Hours and must be completed by January 1, 2021.</p>
Georgia	<p>OT and OTA: 24 continuing education hours during each 2 year renewal period. At least 12 hours must be on a topic related to direct patient care. A maximum of 10 hours may be in “General” continuing education hours</p>	<p>At least 2 hours must be in the ethics of occupational therapy practice.</p>
Hawaii	<p>No requirements</p>	
Idaho	<p>OT and OTA: At least 2 CEUs and at least 10 hours of professional development units biennially</p>	
Illinois	<p>OT and OTA: 24 contact hours of continuing education (CE) relevant to the practice of occupational therapy completed in the 24 months preceding December 31 in the year of renewal.</p>	<p>One contact hour of ethics required in each renewal period.</p> <p>One hour course in sexual harassment prevention training required in each renewal period.</p> <p>One hour course in implicit bias training required for renewal of a license.</p> <p>One-hour course in training on the diagnosis, treatment, and care of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias required for renewal of a license. Requirement applies only to licensees who provide health care services to, and have direct patient interactions with, adult populations age 26 or older in the practice of their profession.</p>
Indiana	<p>OT and OTA: 18 continuing competency hours biennially, 9 of which must be in Category I courses. No hours are required if a license is valid for less than 12 months; if valid for 12-24 months, 9 hours are required.</p>	
Iowa	<p>OT: 30 hours of continuing education each biennium; minimum of 20 hours shall be directly and primarily related to the clinical application of OT. No requirement for individuals renewing their license for the first time.</p> <p>OTA: 15 hours of continuing education each biennium; minimum of 10 hours shall be directly and primarily related to the clinical application of OT. No requirement for individuals renewing their license for the first time.</p>	
Kansas	<p>OT and OTA: 40 contact hours of continuing education during the preceding 24 months. No evidence of continuing education shall be required for renewal in even-numbered years. At least 30 contact hours shall be obtained from one or more of Class I, IV, V, and VI.</p>	
Kentucky	<p>OT and OTA: 12 CCUs of qualified activities for maintaining continuing competence during the preceding annual renewal period; if license is issued for less than 12 months, number of CCUs required is prorated to 1 CCU for each month licensed.</p>	

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Louisiana	OT and OTA: 12 hours or 1.2 continuing education units (CEUs) annually	
Maine	OT: 10 hours of continuing education relevant to the practice of occupational therapy or interprofessional practice OTA: 6 hours of continuing education relevant to the practice of occupational therapy or interprofessional practice	1 hour of the total required shall be on ethics in the practice of occupational therapy.
Maryland	OT and OTA: minimum of 24 contact hours of competency activities obtained within the 2-year period preceding the application, consisting of a minimum of 16 contact hours related to OT principles and procedures and a maximum of 8 contact hours may be earned through role-related activities	Completion of an approved implicit bias training program required for first license renewal after April 1, 2022.
Massachusetts	OT and OTA: Minimum of 24 points of Board recognized activities for maintaining continuing competence during the preceding biennial renewal period	Two points in ethics, laws and regulations governing practice in the state or a combination thereof.
Michigan	OT and OTA: Not less than 20 continuing education contact hours approved by the Board earned during the 2 years preceding expiration date of the license.	1 hour of continuing education shall be earned in the area of pain and symptom management. One-time training in identifying victims of human trafficking required to be completed in the two years preceding renewal; training required for initial licenses starting in June, 2022. Beginning June 1, 2022, 2 hours of implicit bias training within 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license.
Minnesota	OT: 24 contact hours of continuing education in the 2 year licensure period; if license is issued for less than two years, contact hours are prorated based on number of months licensed; minimum of one-half of the required contact hours must be directly related to the occupational therapy practice. The remaining contact hours may be related to occupational therapy practice, the delivery of occupational therapy services, or to the practitioner's current professional role. OTA: 18 contact hours of continuing education in the 2 year licensure period; if license is issued for less than two years, contact hours are prorated based on number of months licensed; minimum of one-half of the required contact hours must be directly related to the occupational therapy practice. The remaining contact hours may be related to occupational therapy practice, the delivery of occupational therapy services, or to the practitioner's current professional role.	
Mississippi	OT and OTA: 20 contact hours (CH) or 2 Continuing Education Units (CEU) to be accrued during the licensure period. At least 30 percent (6 CH or .6 CEU) must be directly related to the clinical practice of occupational therapy and must be live face-to-face training. Of the remaining required 14 hours, 50 percent (7 hours) may be non-live face-to-face training.	
Missouri	OT and OTA: 24 continuing competency credits (CCC) for the 2 year license period. At least 50% of the CCCs must be directly related to the delivery of occupational therapy services and the	

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	remaining CCCs must be related to one's practice area or setting. Special rate for licensees who obtain a license during the renewal period.	
Montana	OT and OTA: 10 hours of continuing education annually	
Nebraska	OT: 20 hours of continuing education during the preceding 24 month period OTA: 15 hours of continuing education during the preceding 24 month period	
Nevada	OT and OTA: 24 hours of continuing education during a biennial renewal cycle. A person who obtains a standard license within 12 months of graduation from an educational program which is accredited by an agency approved by the Board and which includes a fieldwork program is required to obtain 12 hours of continuing education in order to the renew the license the first time.	
New Hampshire	OT and OTA: 24 contact hours continuing professional education per biennium if renewing an initial license in an even-numbered year or renewing a license already renewed once. At least half of the 24 hours shall relate directly to the clinical application of occupational therapy. The remaining contact hours shall relate to general occupational therapy theory and practice, including, but not limited to, supervision and consultation skills, curriculum development, and trans-disciplinary issues or skills. 6 contact hours are required if renewing an initial license issued between January 1 and August 31 of an odd-numbered year.	
New Jersey	No requirements	
New Mexico	OT and OTA: 15 continuing education contact hours annually.	
New York	OT and OTA: 36 hours of continuing competency learning activities each triennial registration period; 24 hours must focus on professional subjects (subjects that contribute to competent occupational therapy practice). The remaining 12 hours can focus on one or more related subjects (legal, ethical, regulatory, health care, reimbursement, supervision, business practices, professional conduct and other topics that relate to the occupational therapy profession or contribute to the health and welfare of the public.	
North Carolina	OT and OTA: 15 points for approved continuing competence activities between July 1 of the preceding year and June 30 of the current year.	15 points shall include 1 contact hour related to ethics in the practice of occupational therapy.
North Dakota	OT and OTA: 20 contact hours within the 24 months prior to the completed application for renewal of licensure. Initial licensees who obtain a license between July 1 and December 31 of the odd-numbered year must complete 10 contact hours, Initial licensees who obtain a license on or after January 1 of the even-numbered year has no requirement for that period only.	
Ohio	OT and OTA: 20 contact hours of continuing education activities within a 2-year renewal cycle, at least one contact hour of an ethics course. If license is valid for 12 months or less, the licensee must complete 10 contact hours within that renewal period, including 1 hour of ethics education.	At least one contact hour of ethics education per renewal cycle, jurisprudence, or cultural competence per renewal cycle. At least one contact hour of mental health and/or substance use education per renewal cycle.
Oklahoma	OT and OTA: 20 hours every 2 years	2 CE units in telehealth practice

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		each reporting period for OTs and OTAs providing therapy services via telehealth as a service delivery mode.
Oregon	OT and OTA: 30 points of CE for the 2 years preceding the date of the license renewal	One-time requirement of 7 points of CE on pain management prior to next renewal or within 2 years of licensing in the state, whichever comes first At least 1 hour of CE in cultural competency during each license renewal cycle. Beginning in 2024, licensees must demonstrate completion in a format prescribed by the Board during every other license renewal. Cultural competence CE counts towards required 30 hours for renewal of a license.
Pennsylvania	OT and OTA: 24 contact hours per biennium	At least 3 hours of approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting for initial applicants, at least 2 hours is required for renewal of a license.
Puerto Rico	OT: 30 contact hours OTA: 24 contact hours	2 hours in Cultural Competence in Services to the LGBTQ Population, 2 hours COVID-19, 3 hours in ethics.
Rhode Island	OT and OTA: 20 hours biennially	
South Carolina	OT and OTA: 16 hours of continuing education credit per biennium and must maintain continuing competence in compliance with NBCOT	
South Dakota	OT and OTA: 12 continuing competency points in one year period in professional education activities updating competency in occupational therapy practice	
Tennessee	OT and OTA: 24 continued competency credits for the 2 years preceding the date of the 2 year license renewal. 12 must be directly related to the delivery of occupational therapy services.	1 hour of the 24 shall pertain to the AOTA Code of Ethics; 1 hour of the 24 shall pertain to the state OT practice act and rules. Starting January 1, 2020, all active licensees must complete a minimum 2-hour training by a Board-approved provider relative to suicide prevention at least once every 4 years. Hours earned count towards meeting the 24-hour CE requirement.
Texas	OT and OTA: 24 contact hours of continuing education every two years	Complete one training course per renewal period on human trafficking. Maximum credit that can be earned is 2 contact hours. The human trafficking course counts towards the minimum hours of required continuing education for each renewal.

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Utah	OT and OTA: 24 hours of continuing education. If a renewal cycle is extended or shortened, the required continuing education hours are increased or decreased proportionally	Minimum of 2 hours must be related to legal and ethical principles of practice.
Vermont	OT and OTA: 20 hours of continuing competence requirements during the preceding two-year period. An OT or OTA renewing for the first time after initial licensure shall complete 10 hours of continuing competence per full year of licensure. If the license has been held for one year or less, no continuing competence is required. If held for more than one year, but less than two, 10 hours is required.	
Virginia	OT and OTA: 20 contact hours of continuing education activities every 2 years. At least 10 hours shall be in Type 1 activities. No more than 10 hours shall be in Type 2 activities.	Law passed in 2023 authorizes the Board of Medicine to select a CE topic of up to 2 hours in satisfaction of the CE requirement for the renewal of a license. The Board voted to chose human trafficking for all licensees for the 2024-2025 renewal cycles.
Washington	OT and OTA: 30 hours of continuing education every two years. A minimum of twenty hours must directly relate to the practice of occupational therapy.	3 hours of training every 6 years in suicide assessment. Beginning, January 1, 2021, a health care professional who provides clinical services through telemedicine, shall complete telemedicine training. As of January 1, 2024, OTs and OTAs must obtain at least 2 hours in health equity CE every 4 years. These hours are counted towards the required 30 hours of CE.
West Virginia	OT and OTA: 24 contact hours of continuing education and competency activities obtained within 2 year period	
Wisconsin	OT and OTA: 24 points of continuing education in the 2 years preceding renewal of the license. At least 12 of the points shall be accumulated through professional development activities related to occupational therapy	
Wyoming	OT and OTA: 24 hours of continuing education every 2 years	