

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, §30-28-3(n) as shown below, with the Scope of Practice further defined in §30-28-4.

"The practice of occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of everyday life activities or occupations to address the physical, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory, and other aspects of performance of individuals or groups of individuals, including those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation or participation restriction, to promote health, wellness and participation in roles and situations in home, school, workplace, community and other settings.

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