



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4755:1-2-02 Occupational therapy practice defined.

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For the purpose of division 4755:1 of the Administrative Code, the following definitions apply:

(A) "Occupational therapist" means a person who is licensed to practice occupational therapy and who offers such services to the public under any title incorporating the words "occupational therapy," "occupational therapist," or similar title or description of services.

(B) "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person who holds a license to provide occupational therapy techniques under the general supervision of an occupational therapist.

(C) "Student occupational therapist" means a student enrolled in an accredited or candidacy status entry-level occupational therapist education program or a student enrolled in a "World Federation of Occupational Therapy" accredited entry-level occupational therapist education program. A student occupational therapist shall be at least eighteen years old to participate in learning opportunities outside the classroom involving clients.

(D) "Student occupational therapy assistant" means a student enrolled in an accredited or candidacy status entry-level occupational therapy assistant education program. A student occupational therapy assistant shall be at least eighteen years old to participate in learning opportunities outside the classroom involving clients.

(E) "Level I fieldwork" means the introductory fieldwork experiences that are a component of an educational program in occupational therapy in which students develop a basic understanding of the needs of clients through directed observation and supervised participation in the occupational therapy process.

(F) "Level II fieldwork" means the in-depth fieldwork experiences that are a component of an educational program in occupational therapy that provide multiple occupational therapy services to a variety of clients in multiple settings.



(G) "Capstone" means the in-depth exposure in one or more concentrated areas that may include activities that meet developed goals/objectives required of an accredited or candidacy status doctoral program.

(H) "Unlicensed personnel" means any person who is on the job trained and supports the delivery of occupational therapy services by personally assisting the occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, student occupational therapist, and/or student occupational therapy assistant while the occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, student occupational therapist, and/or student occupational therapy assistant is concurrently providing services to the same client.

(I) "Supervising occupational therapist" means the occupational therapist who is available to supervise the occupational therapy assistant, the student occupational therapist, student occupational therapy assistant, or unlicensed personnel. The supervising occupational therapist may be the occupational therapist who performed the initial evaluation or another occupational therapist with whom that occupational therapist has a documented agreement.

(J) "Supervising occupational therapy assistant" means the occupational therapy assistant who is appropriately available to supervise the student occupational therapy assistant, the student occupational therapist who is completing the level I fieldwork experience, or unlicensed personnel.