

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board

Rule No.: Chapter OT 3

Relating to: Continuing Education

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of its continuing education rules under ch. OT 3 to ensure consistency with current professional and academic practices and standards and applicable Wisconsin statutes. The evaluation will include consideration of a request from the Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association (WOTA) that the Board's rules be updated to require seminars, workshops, lectures, symposia, and professional conferences be sponsored or approved by acceptable health-related or other organizations, including WOTA, in order to qualify as acceptable continuing education.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Chapter OT 3 currently contains all of the rules of the Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board relating to continuing education. The Board has identified the need for a comprehensive evaluation of these rules to ensure they are consistent with current professional and academic practices and standards and applicable Wisconsin statutes.

The alternative of not evaluating these rules would be less beneficial to affected entities.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.085 (5) (b), Stats., provides that affiliated credentialing boards, such as the Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board, "shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains . . ."

Section 448.965 (1) (b), Stats., provides the Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board may promulgate rules that establish "[c]ontinuing education requirements for license renewal for an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant under s. 448.967 (2)."

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule :

80 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule :

Wisconsin licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule :

None.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The proposed rule will have minimal to no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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