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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

ORAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Candidates scheduled for an oral examination will be allowed 20 minutes to look over the exam questions and write down notes before appearing before the Board. The examination process then takes approximately 45 minutes which includes both a review of your application and an oral examination. Your appearance before the Board will be tape recorded.

Please note that when you sign the Certification Statement upon admission to the examination, you agree not to discuss the questions or transmit any information about the examination in any form to any other person. When you have completed the oral examination, please leave the examination area. The Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board and the Department of Regulation & Licensing will investigate any break in security and initiate proceedings for discipline or denial of licenses where warranted.

The oral examination may include questions in the following areas:

1. **APPLICATION REVIEW:** Explanation and clarification of application information, discussion of any problems you have encountered in previous practice situations, etc.
2. **GENERAL PRACTICE QUESTIONS:** There will be 20 brief, occupational therapy related questions in the following key areas:
 - a. Human Development
 - b. Diagnosis and Symptoms
 - c. Evaluation and Treatment.

The oral examination is a general exam requiring that you answer questions which any Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant should be able to answer upon graduation from an occupational therapy education program. You will not be asked about specialty areas such as hand therapy or school system practices. Questions are drawn from general practice, physical rehabilitation, and mental health areas. You are encouraged to give more than the required minimum requested answers from a list when possible.

You will have 30 minutes to answer 20 questions. You must answer 15 of the 20 questions correctly or 75% in order to pass. There are no "trick" questions. All questions can be answered with a brief, straightforward response. You may be asked to define or explain a specific treatment technique or piece of equipment. If you do not understand the question, ask for clarification. If you do not know the answer, say so. The examiners will not give you feedback regarding your responses. You will not be told the results of the examination on the day of the exam. Examination results will be mailed to you following the next scheduled meeting of the Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

The following titles indicate a core list of references rather than a complete identification of all relevant sources. The Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association and/or any of the six Occupational Therapy educational programs in Wisconsin may be of assistance in locating resource materials for study.

SUGGESTED TEXTS: It is recommended that the candidate find a standard textbook to use as a basis for study. Suggested texts include:

Lorraine Williams Pedretti

Occupational Therapy Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction, 4th edition, C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1996.

Kathlyn L. Reed

Quick Reference to Occupational Therapy, Aspen Series in Occupational Therapy, Aspen Publishers, Inc. , Gaithersburg , Maryland, 1991.

Helen L. Hopkins and Helen D. Smith

Willard and Claire S. Spackman's Occupational Therapy, 8th edition, J.P. Lippincott, Philadelphia, 1993.

(OTA only)

Early, Mary Beth

Mental Health Concepts and Techniques for the Occupational Therapy Assistant, Raven Press, 1987.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES: Additional references you may wish to consult include:

American Occupational Therapy Association Publications/Documents

"Standards of Practice for Occupational Therapy"

"Uniform Terminology for Reporting Occupational Therapy", 3rd edition, 1994

American Psychiatric Association

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, (DSM-IV), 1994

Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association

Supervision Statements for Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants, 1985.