

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

Occupational therapists plan and carry out individually designed programs of rehabilitation. They help people with physical or mental health problems improve their ability to care for themselves and participate in work and recreation. Occupational therapists work in a variety of areas including health care, education, industry, private practice and social agencies.

Occupational therapy is a regulated profession.

To practise occupational therapy in Manitoba you must:

- be registered with the College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba

You must complete the following steps:

STEP 1: Contact the College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba and tell them you are an internationally educated occupational therapist and would like information on how to become registered to practise in Manitoba.

College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba
7 - 120 Maryland Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G 1L1
Phone: 204-957-1214
Fax: 204-775-2340
E-mail: OTinfo@cotm.ca
Website: cotm.ca

STEP 2: Complete the College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba application form to establish academic eligibility.

You must submit the following:

- proof of identity that includes a photograph
- copy of all relevant degrees, diplomas or certificates
- course descriptions including contact hours
- curriculum vitae
- information regarding any continuing education courses completed
- official transcript of your occupational therapy education
- credentials assessment report
- initial application fee (\$50)
- academic equivalency assessment fee (\$225)

STEP 3: Submit the necessary documents to assess professional eligibility.

You must submit the following:

- evidence of English or French language proficiency
- statement of candidacy to write certification examination
- verification of your work history as an occupational therapist

- regulatory history form completed by the regulatory organization(s) with which you are or were registered
- criminal record check

STEP 4: Submit the necessary documents to assess employment eligibility.

You must submit the following:

- offer of employment in Manitoba
- proof of malpractice insurance coverage
- annual registration fee (\$350)

STEP 5: Complete the certification examination.

STEP 6: When all requirements have been met, the College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba will add you to the practising register and you can legally practise in Manitoba.

Other information

You may be eligible for provisional registration if you:

- are required to complete course or practical work to achieve academic equivalency
- have not yet successfully completed the certification examination
- are unable to proficiently practise in English or French but have achieved the minimum acceptable language competencies
- do not have the required work experience


Provisional registration is time limited. All provisional registrants must practise under supervision. Contact the college to determine if and when you may be eligible for provisional registration.

The certification examination is offered in July and November. The fee is \$431.42. Exam resource and procedures manuals are on the college website.

The certification examination must be successfully completed before you can be added to the register of practising members. You are urged to discuss with the college the most suitable time for you to write the examination as required by the Manitoba *Occupational Therapists Act* and regulations.

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Useful website:

 immigratemanitoba.com: employment support for New Manitobans, programs to help you get licensed, learn English for work, and more information and resources