



Education and Fieldwork – Applicants with Canadian Education

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Applicable Category of Registration:

1. General Practising Certificate
2. Provisional Practising Certificate

Type of Requirement: Non-exemptible

Applicable Regulation: From Ontario Regulation 226/96: General, under the *Occupational Therapy Act, 1991*:

36 (1) The following are non-exemptible registration requirements for a general practising certificate of registration:

1. The Applicant must have,
 - i. a Bachelor of Science degree or Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy obtained in Ontario;
 - ii. an academic qualification considered by the Registration Committee to be equivalent to a degree described in subparagraph i; or
 - iii. a diploma in Occupational Therapy granted not later than 1973 by the University of Toronto or a diploma in Occupational Therapy granted not later than 1968 by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.
2. The applicant must have completed a minimum of 1000 hours of fieldwork or clinical practicum accepted by the Registration Committee.

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37 (1) The following are non-exemptible registration requirements for a provisional practising certificate of registration:

1. The Applicant must satisfy any of the following:
 - i. He or she has a Bachelor of Science degree or Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy obtained in Ontario.
 - ii. He or she has an academic qualification considered by the Registration Committee to be equivalent to a degree described in subparagraph i.



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- iii. He or she has been found by the Registration Committee to require minimal educational upgrading to achieve equivalent of a degree described in subparagraph i.
 - iv. He or she has a diploma in Occupational Therapy granted not later than 1973 by the University of Toronto or a diploma in Occupational Therapy granted not later than 1968 by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.
2. The applicant must have completed a minimum of 1000 hours of fieldwork or clinical practicum accepted by the Registration Committee.

For the purposes of subparagraphs 1. ii of subsection (1) an academic qualification is not equivalent unless,

- a) the curriculum includes courses within the basic sciences, the behavioural sciences, the clinical sciences, the managerial sciences and occupational therapy theory, practice and field work; and
- b) the nature, extent and scope of those courses are substantially equivalent to a Bachelor of Science degree or Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy obtained in Ontario.

Principle(s):

Successful completion of an approved occupational therapy program is one of the key indicators that applicants to the College possess the required competencies to provide the public with safe, effective and ethical care.

An approved occupational therapy program refers to a Canadian academic qualification the Registration Committee has determined is equivalent to a Bachelor of Science degree or Master of Science degree in occupational therapy obtained in Ontario.

The Registration Committee has determined that Canadian occupational therapy programs accredited by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) are approved programs.

A listing of Canadian occupational therapy programs accredited by CAOT may be viewed on CAOT's website at: <https://www.caot.ca/site/accred/otprograms?nav=sidebar>.

Decision Criteria:

An applicant who has graduated from a Canadian university occupational therapy program may meet the requirement by:



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1. Providing a final official transcript, stating that the degree has been granted, sent to the College directly from a Canadian university approved by the Registration Committee of the College; or
2. Providing, prior to official graduation, a letter of confirmation sent to the College directly from the head of a Canadian university occupational therapy program approved by the Registration Committee of the College, stating the applicant has successfully completed the occupational therapy program and will be allowed to graduate. The applicant must also arrange for a final official transcript to be sent from the school in the same format and manner as indicated in 1. above. The applicant should ensure that the College receives the transcript within 10 days of the school's convocation date.

Possible Outcomes:

1. An applicant who provides evidence acceptable to the Registration Committee of having successfully completed an approved program will be deemed to have met the education and fieldwork requirement; or
2. An applicant who provides evidence that they have failed an approved program and does not provide evidence acceptable to the Registration Committee of successfully completing another program will be deemed to have not met the education and fieldwork requirement; or
3. An applicant who provides evidence acceptable to the Registration Committee that they have successfully completed a Canadian occupational therapy program that is not an approved program will be referred to the Registration Committee for review. The Committee may require the applicant complete the Substantial Equivalency Assessment System (SEAS) to determine whether their education and fieldwork are substantially equivalent to a Bachelor of Science degree or Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy obtained in Ontario.