

Occupational Health Practitioner Certificate

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where may I submit an inquiry about the OHP Program?

Answer: Please email orthoisc@orthopt.org.

2. Is this certificate program geared only towards currently practicing clinicians?

Answer: No. The OHP Certificate is intended to support best practices and recognize the expertise of physical therapists and occupational therapists engaged in a variety of roles for focus areas that are aligned with monograph topic areas covered by prerequisite independent study courses. Other occupational health roles include *Clinical Researcher, Disability Case Consultant, Education Clinical Instructor, Education Program Instructor, Employer Consultant, Expert Witness for Litigation, Lifestyle Health Coach, and Provider Consultant*. The OHP Individual Profile and Search is intended to drive service opportunities for direct clinical care as well as other roles relevant to occupational health.

3. Is the content of this program specifically related to PT/OT practice or does it also look at broader concepts and non-clinical aspect?

Answer: The 1st and 2nd Step Independent Study Courses contains useful educational content for consideration by a broad range of workplace health and safety professionals who support *Total Worker Health*® Protection and Promotion Programs. Profession other than physical or occupational therapists that may benefit from taking these independent study courses include professionals include occupational health nurses, industrial physicians, environmental health and safety professionals, human resource professionals, and vocational rehabilitation professionals with responsibilities for preventing needless work disability from personal or work-related health conditions.

4. May I register for 32.W3 Course if I have not completed both pre-requisite independent study courses?

Answer: Yes; however, physical therapists and occupational therapists will not be assigned to a mentor for a selected focus area until a certificate has been issued for both prerequisite independent study courses and initial application materials have been received.

5. Are guests permitted to listen to the Capstone Presentation Webinars for Course 32.W3?

Answer: Yes; however, we are still developing guidelines for advance notification. You are expected to present your capstone to your mentor before making your final capstone presentation at the webinar.

6. When will I be notified that I “Passed” my Capstone Presentation and satisfied the course expectations to receive the OHP Certificate of Achievement?

Answer: Review of your capstone webinar presentation for acceptability and completion of the Webinar Course review is required before a certificate of competency will be issued. You will be generally notified within 10

business days of completing all required steps. If your capstone presentation is graded as unacceptable or not completed within the allotted time frame, then you will meet with your mentor to develop a plan for addressing any deficits.

7. How will OHSIG members who earned the OHP Certificate of Achievement be promoted to external stakeholders?

Answer: OHSIG Members in good standing as an AOPT Member or Individual Partner who achieve the OHP Certificate of Achievement may opt in to be promoted in an outward facing search to external stakeholders. There is a link to [Occupational Health Practitioner \(OHP\) Directory](https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/occupational-health) at the OHSIG home page, <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/occupational-health>. OHSIG members must sign in at the OHSIG home page to update their OHSIG Member Profile and opt in to be searched by viewed by external stakeholders. This is an OHSIG member benefit of belonging that encourages networking, presentations, research, and referral opportunities to OHSIG members who have completed the OHP Certificate.

8. Is there an option for me to receive mentorship and peer review to verify my competence in additional focus areas after completing the OHP Certificate?

Answer: OHSIG has established an option for members to receive peer review and recognition of competency for additional focus areas. The cost for peer review of an additional focus area is \$245. This service may be initiated by emailing orthoisc@orthopt.org.

9. Are PTAs eligible for OHP certification?

Answer: PTAs may register and take the OHP independent study courses, but are not eligible to register for the 3rd step capstone course to qualify for the OHP Certificate. The Steering Committee for OHP has been considering offering an option of a certificate path for PTAs that is appropriate for their scope of practice related to occupational health, eg, "Occupational Health Therapist Assistant."

10. How do I order a wall certificate?

Answer: After completing the OHP certificate process, you may order a wall certificate frame. The cost is \$50. This request may be initiated by emailing orthoisc@orthopt.org