

MOTION SUBMISSION FORM

I. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

A. TODAY'S DATE: 1/9/2020

B. TITLE OF MOTION: Clarifying Points of Entry to the Occupational Therapy
Profession

C. ORIGINATOR(S):

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D. STATE RA REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

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- Has the RA Rep been contacted and involved in the formulation of this motion?
Yes No

II. BODY OF MOTION:

I move the Speaker appoint an ad hoc committee of key stakeholders to develop a resource document that describes the purpose, intent, roles, differences and similarities, and relationships among the different points of entry to the profession. The ad hoc committee will make an initial report to the fall 2020 RA meeting with final recommendations presented at the spring 2021 RA meeting.

III. RATIONALE:

- The decision to maintain multiple points of entry to the profession has been widely debated over the past decade. Membership clearly spoke last year in support of maintaining multiple points of entry and the RA has voted twice in recent years to maintain the multiple points of entry. Support was so overwhelming that ACOTE reversed a decision to move to a single point of entry and has mandated that we continue with the dual points of entry to both OTA and OT practice. ACOTE has fulfilled their role, now we need to fulfill ours by creating the documents that define the purposes of the points of entry.
- Since adopting dual points of entry to both the OTA and OT levels of practice, there has been much confusion regarding the differences and purposes of each point of entry, yet no official documents have been developed to address these questions. Clearly defining each point of entry and the relationships among them will reduce ambiguity and confusion both within the profession and for those we work with. This is of national

importance and relevance, as well as relating to all AOTA members, as it affects the reputation of the profession across all areas of practice.

- Other health care professions, such as nursing and psychology, have successfully had multiple points of entry for decades without the confusion and controversy that has plagued the OT profession since the inception of the dual points of entry to both OTA and OT practice. Using these models as templates will help our profession to move forward rather than continually revisiting the same question of single point of entry vs. dual points of entry, as we have done in recent years. Only our national professional organization can address an issue this broad reaching and important.
- Continuing to debate single vs. dual points of entry is damaging our profession both within and without. The question has been asked and answered multiple times with overwhelming support for maintaining dual points of entry to both OTA and OT levels of practice. Creating documents to support moving forward is critical at this stage.
- In order to achieve Vision 2025, the profession needs clear guidelines regarding our paths to entry into the profession. Vision 2025 identifies that OTs provide effective solutions and yet we as a profession continue to revisit the same question without creating guiding solutions that serve to help us move forward. How can we as a profession build the trust of our stakeholders that we are providing effective solutions when we haven't followed through and solved our own issues effectively? We need to follow through on the decisions made and create the documents that support success.
- This motion directly supports the Board of Directors first three strategic goals. Having clearly defined points of entry is essential to being able to advocate for and promote

occupational therapy's distinct value (goal 1) as we will not be respected if we can't even agree on how individuals enter the profession. In order to be agents of change to foster excellence in practice (goal 2), we first need to agree on how individuals enter practice. In order to connect, engage, and inspire our community (goal 3), the association should take the lead to create the documents that will unite our profession on the path that has been chosen by the membership, the RA, and ACOTE.

IV. RESOURCES: Please indicate which of the following resources you think will be needed to conduct the work to accomplish the mission of this motion.

AOTA Staff (e.g., number of staff, lawyers, consultants, authors, and/or subject matter experts) At least one staff member to coordinate meetings, provide documents, and connect the ad hoc with potential resource persons.

Outside Services (please explain)

Volunteers (please indicate type and number anticipated) There will need to be sufficient volunteers to staff the ad hoc. Potentially 6-10 members.

Face-to-Face Meetings (reasons why in-person meetings will be necessary, and how many meetings will be needed)

Conference Calls (please estimate the number of audio and/or web-based calls, and the duration of each call) 4-6 conference calls. Length and method of conference calls will need to be determined by the members of the ad hoc.

Printing (please explain what will be necessary)

Other resources not listed above that may be necessary to accomplish the outcome of the motion (please explain)