

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS



Occupational Therapy is a regulated profession in Canada, and to practice as an Occupational Therapist (OT) you must be licensed, and registered with the appropriate provincial or territorial regulatory college. To practice in British Columbia (BC), and use the title Occupational Therapist (OT), you must have full or provisional registration with the College of Occupational Therapists of BC (COTBC).

Provisional registration may be granted to qualified applicants who are registered to write the National Occupational Therapy Certification Examination (NOTCE). In order to qualify for provisional registration you must have a confirmed supervisory employment arrangement with a fully registered OT in BC.

CANADIAN OTS

Recent graduates from a recognized Canadian OT program will likely be eligible for registration with COTBC. New graduates usually apply for provisional registration which allows them to apply for jobs, and practice under general supervision while waiting to write, and pass the NOTCE.

OTs who are registered, and in good standing with a regulatory body in another Canadian jurisdiction, may be eligible to apply to COTBC under the Labour Mobility Support Agreement (LMSA) if they meet the minimum practice requirements.

INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED OTS

Internationally educated OTs must meet specific licensing requirements before they can practice in BC. This includes Canadians educated outside of Canada.

Prior to applying to COTBC, internationally educated OTs must have their credentials assessed by applying to the Association of Canadian Occupational Therapy Regulatory Organizations (ACOTRO) to start the Substantial Equivalency Assessment System (SEAS).

The SEAS process will be used to determine if your education and competencies are substantially equivalent to those of a Canadian educated OT. SEAS is a multi-step process that can be started from anywhere in the world, but the final step, the Competency Assessment, must be completed at a testing site in Canada.

SEAS includes both qualification recognition, and competency verification. It is comprised of four main components:

- ACA - Academic Credential Assessment
- PSCA - Profession Specific Credential Assessment
- JKAT - Jurisprudence Knowledge Assessment Test
- Competency Assessment.

It is recommended that you start the SEAS process before leaving your home country so that your practice hours are as current as possible.

It is also important to note that you will need to complete an English language assessment if your OT education, primary education, or secondary education was not instructed in English.

Once you have met the SEAS requirements, and are deemed substantially equivalent you will be granted eligibility to write the NOTCE, and can contact the COTBC to continue with the registration process.

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA (BC), CANADA

You will find that British Columbia (BC), Canada is the perfect place to advance your career AND live the life you've always wanted.

Choose from a variety of positions in both rural communities and urban areas, where you can make a real impact on patient care. Rewarding career opportunities are available for OTs throughout the province, and no matter where you choose to live, you'll feel in awe of the power and beauty of nature. The pursuit of a balanced lifestyle is taken seriously in BC - the spectacular scenery, unlimited recreational activities, rewarding career opportunities and safe, caring communities create an inspiring backdrop for everything you do.

DON'T YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF TO CONSIDER BC?

DISCOVER THE PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME

Interested in matching your lifestyle with exciting career opportunities? We're here to help! Health Match BC is a **free recruitment service** for health professionals funded by the Government of British Columbia (BC), Canada. We facilitate the recruitment of OTs on behalf of BC's publicly funded health employers. Our specialized Allied Health Recruitment Team is here to help you find a job at any stage of your career by providing you with personalized guidance, advice, and information.

REGISTER ONLINE SO OUR ALLIED HEALTH RECRUITMENT TEAM CAN:

- Guide and support you through the professional licensing and registration process.
- Work with you to determine where you want to focus your search efforts, and identify the communities where you would most like to live, and work, and that will work best for you and your family.
- Match your skills and interests to job vacancies in regions and facilities of your choice, and connect you with prospective employers.
- Provide you with personal, and professional support from the initial stages of expressing interest to receiving an offer of employment, and beyond.
- If needed, we will also provide information and guidance on the immigration process.



TO EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS, VISIT OUR
WEBSITE AT [HEALTHMATCHBC.ORG](https://healthmatchbc.org).
UPLOAD YOUR CV, AND ANSWER A FEW
SIMPLE QUESTIONS TO CREATE AN
ACCOUNT SO THAT WE CAN GET TO
KNOW YOU BETTER, AND ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

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