

Webinar Resources

Working Well with Physiotherapy Assistants: A Fireside Chat with Dominique Bailey, Preston Sloan and Michèle Vaillant

Provided links may reference occupational therapists as well as physiotherapists. We understand that there are differences in scope of practice and skill sets between the two professions but some of the content contained within the resources is valuable information physiotherapists can apply to their work with physiotherapist assistants.

Canadian Occupational Therapist Assistant and Physical Therapist Assistant Educators Council:

<http://copec.ca/>

OTA and PTA accreditors, and list of accredited programs:

<https://otapta.ca/english/accreditation/affiliated-education-programs.php>

Essential competency profile for PTA's in Canada:

<https://otapta.ca/pdfs/PTA-Essential-Competency-Profile-2012.pdf>

The next two links are OTA specific resources, however given that graduates of these programs are dually trained, it's worth understanding the program graduate's complete set of skills. Regardless of the OTA's skills, the PT can only assign those activities that they, themselves, are competent to perform. The last resource has many positive messages that can apply to physiotherapy assistants.

Essential competency profile for OTA's in Canada (note that an updated version will be available in 2024):

https://caot.in1touch.org/uploaded/web/Accreditation/OTAProfile_Update2018.pdf

Working Together for Optimal Outcomes: Occupational Therapists (OTs) and OT-Assistants in Canada:

<https://working-together-for-optimal-outcomes-ot-ota-collaboration-sv.tiiny.co/#/>