

Senior Professional and Technical Examination for Occupational Therapists—Internship Accreditation Criteria

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The accreditation criteria is divided into two stages. Internship subjects, course details, minimum duration, internship sites, and makeup internship are stipulated as follows:

The stage one criteria is applicable for candidates graduating between June 1, 2013 and July 31, 2017.

I. Internship subjects, details, and minimum duration

Subject	Details	Minimum Duration
OT for physical dysfunction	Assessments, treatment planning, and interventions for neurological disorders, musculoskeletal disorders, and other types of physical dysfunction. Services include inpatient and outpatient OT treatment.	9 weeks (360 hours)
OT for psychiatric conditions	Assessments, treatment planning, and interventions for schizophrenia, affective psychiatric, and other mental disorders. Services include OT treatment during acute and rehabilitation stages.	9 weeks (360 hours)
OT for Developmental Disabilities	Assessments, treatment planning, and interventions for development delay, autism, cerebral palsy (CP) and other types of developmental disabilities. Services include inpatient and outpatient OT treatment.	9 weeks (360 hours)
OT for community or long-term care	Assessments, treatment planning, and interventions for patients out of medical facilities. Services include direct service and consulting and may take place in schools, psychiatric rehab facilities, social welfare facilities, occupational rehabilitation facilities, long-term care facilities,	9 weeks (360 hours)

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	or the patient's home.	
Overall duration	The applicant must have taken at least three of the four subject areas and spent at least 9 weeks (360 hours) each for a total of 27 weeks (1,080 hours).	27 weeks (1,080 hours)

- II. Internship site: Internship sites must be hospitals which have been recognized as qualified teaching hospitals by Ministry of Health and Welfare and must provide OT services.
- III. "Internship" herein refers to hands-on learning experience caring for patients and does not include demonstrations, job shadowing, or visits to relevant institutions.
- IV. To qualify as the internship program manager, occupational therapists must have practiced full-time in a teaching hospital for a minimum of 5 years.
- V. To qualify as an internship supervisor, occupational therapists must have practiced full-time in a teaching hospital for a minimum of 2 years.
- VI. The internship site supervisor to student ratio must not fall below 1:3. In other words, one supervisor may not coach more than 3 students at any given time.
- VII. Requirements for makeup internship: If an internship does not meet all required fields or falls short of time requirements, test takers may apply to the Taiwan Occupational Therapy Association for an internship placement. The Association may provide documents proving internship completion.
- VIII. The format for internship and make-up internship certificates is stipulated by MOEX in Appendixes 1 and 2.

The stage two criteria is applicable for candidates graduating after August 1, 2017. The definitions of internship and requirements for supervisor to student ration and makeup internships are the same with those in stage one.

I. Internship subjects, details, and minimum duration

Subject	Details	Minimum Duration
OT for physical dysfunction	<p>Assessments, treatment planning and interventions, as well as follow-up assessments for adult patients with neuromuscular, sensory, or perceptual cognitive dysfunctions, or difficulty in occupational functioning (including daily activities, job-related or productive activities, and leisure or entertainment activities). Service targets include and do not limit to patients with central neuropathy and injury, peripheral neuropathy and injury, musculoskeletal diseases, degenerative diseases, burns, amputated limbs, or cardiopulmonary dysfunction.</p> <p>Services will include all recovery phases, from acute to rehabilitation, chronic or stability stages. Service mostly takes place in medical facilities (including ICUs, general wards, OT department, and the outpatient department). Other locations include home and communities.</p>	12 weeks (480 hours)
OT for psychiatric conditions	<p>Assessments, treatment planning and interventions, as well as follow-up assessments for patients with mental conditions such as schizophrenia, affective psychosis, delusional disorder, dementia, substance abuse, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, adjustment disorders, or behavior problems.</p> <p>Service locations include ICUs in the psychiatry department, acute medical wards, day-care wards, chronic medical wards (rehabilitation wards), outpatient department, and communities.</p>	12 weeks (480 hours)
OT for developmental disabilities	<p>Assessments, treatment planning and interventions, as well as follow-up assessments for the age group from newborns to adolescence suffering from developmental disabilities or learning difficulties caused by congenital diseases, chromosome abnormalities, permanent damage of the central nervous system during prenatal, delivery, or postnatal periods, negative environmental stimuli, or abuse.</p>	12 weeks (480 hours)

Subject	Details	Minimum Duration
	<p>Service targets include and do not limit to those suffering from cerebral palsy (CP), mental retardation (MR), Down syndrome, chromosome abnormalities, autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), behavioral and emotional disorders, muscular dystrophy, brain injury, spinal cord injury, or physical frailty.</p> <p>Major service locations are medical facilities. Other locations include development centers, schools, and the children's homes.</p>	
OT for community or long-term care	<p>Assessments, service planning and interventions, as well as follow-up assessments for those suffering from physical or functional disabilities or limited occupational functioning due to health conditions, aging, or disadvantageous social and cultural environments. Services include direct service and consulting. Service locations may be schools, psychiatric rehab facilities, social welfare facilities, occupational rehabilitation facilities, assistive device centers, long-term care facilities, communities, or the patient's home.</p>	12 weeks (480 hours)
Overall duration	<p>The applicant must have taken at least three of the four subject areas and spent at least 12 weeks (480 hours) each for a total of 36 weeks (1,440 hours).</p>	36 weeks (1,440 hours)

- II. Internship site: At least 24 weeks during the internship should be spent in hospitals which have been recognized as qualified teaching hospitals by Ministry of Health and Welfare.
- III. To qualify as the internship program manager, occupational therapists must have practiced full-time in a teaching hospital for a minimum of 5 years. To qualify as the internship program manager for OT for community or long-term care, occupational therapists must have practiced in OT for community or long-term care for a minimum of 5 years.
- IV. To qualify as an internship supervisor at medical facilities, occupational therapists must have practiced full-time in a teaching hospital for a minimum of 3 years or have been recognized as qualified clinical instructors after completing the general OT training (PGY). To qualify as an internship supervisor for OT for community or long-term care, occupational therapists must have practiced full-time in OT for community or long-term care for a minimum of 3 years.

V. The format for internship and make-up internship certificates is stipulated by MOEX in Appendixes 3 and 4.