



Certification Examination Committee National Occupational Therapy Certification Examination

Annual Report: 2016

The purpose of the National Occupational Therapy Certification Examination (NOTCE) is to assess the written application of academic knowledge and professional behaviour of individuals entering the occupational therapy profession in Canada. With the help of the Certification Examination Committee (CEC) and experts from a testing agency, the NOTCE has been developed and maintained to provide an objective and reliable assessment. The NOTCE is administered twice a year, in July and November.

NOTCE 2016 Writers

- Total Writers*: **723**
- English Writers: **697**
- French Writers: **26**
- Pass: **692**
- Fail: **31**
- Special Accommodations: **21**

Number of Writers by Exam Sites

- Vancouver, BC: **105**
- Edmonton, AB: **71**
- Calgary, AB: **36**
- Regina, SK: **5**
- Saskatoon, SK: **9**
- Winnipeg, MB: **48**
- Hamilton, ON: **47**
- London, ON: **33**
- Toronto, ON: **188**
- Kingston, ON: **17**
- Ottawa, ON: **46**
- Montreal, QC: **44**
- Québec City, QC: **3**
- St. John's, NL: **5**
- Saint John, NB: **8**
- Halifax, NS: **53**
- Additional Sites: **5**

NOTCE 2016 Highlights

CEC Chair, Chair-elect and Director of Standards participated in national forum, September, 2016. Representatives of occupational therapy regulators, educators and the national association met to discuss a vision for the future of processes around Occupational Therapy competency documents, examinations and educational accreditation of the professional programs. The outcome of the forum was very positive and resulted in an increased understanding of the needs of all three sectors, as well as plans to continue to engage in further discussions within each sector. Commitment was made to maintaining the momentum in a spirit of collaboration.

CEC reviewed new items for the NOTCE study resources: Trail Occupational Therapy Examination Manual (TOTEM), Trial Occupational Therapy Examination (TOTE) and Occupational Therapy Examination Module (OTEM). The new items are planned to be released in 2017.

Individual exam results were permitted to be released directly to provincial regulators for the purpose of determination of eligibility to register, if consent is provided by the candidate.

CEC approved distribution of at least one French exam version every exam site, whether requested or not.

CEC reviewed appeals and requests made for rewrite attempts to ensure fairness.

CAOT would like to recognize the dedication and work of all CEC members. We welcome new Chair-elect Maura DuLong and renewing members Leanne Leclair, Patti Plett, and Debbie Rudman.



* Total Writers include repeaters and special accommodations