



Prince Edward Island Occupational Therapists Registration Board

Annual General Meeting
June 19, 2013
The Old Traingle, Charlottetown

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ANNUAL REPORT from ACOTRO REPRESENTATIVE
Fiscal year: May 1st, 2012 - April 30th, 2013

As representative of the PEIOTRB to ACOTRO, I have participated in the following meetings:

- a) ACOTRO - five teleconferences & six face to face ACOTRO business meetings/Harmonization project meetings, three teleconferences for the Mapping of the Essential Competencies to the Blueprint of the National Occupational therapy Certification Exam, representative for ACOTRO at Leadership meeting in Quebec City, and attendance at Canadian Network of National Associations of Regulators (CNNAR) Conference in Ottawa and two days developing policies;
- b) Health Human Resources Database Development – a full day meeting in September in Ottawa to discuss database activities with CIHI (Canadian Institute of Health Information) plus numerous teleconferences re submission & validation of PEI data; and
- c) Legislation - email conversations with legislative specialist within the P.E.I. government regarding the new Regulated Health Professions Act.

The focus of ACOTRO over the past year in summary has been the subprojects of the Harmonization Project:

- **Formal Identity:** logo & brand developed, ACOTRO website complete, working on 2nd phase of policies;
- **Map Essential Competencies to National Occupational Therapy Certification Exam (NOTCE):** draft has been presented to ACOTRO Board and Certification Exam Committee for their feedback; Advisory Committee meeting In July to finalize document, Steering Committee has teleconference and face to face meetings planned for Fall;
- **Pilot Test & Refine Certification Assessment Tool (CAT):** will include Behavior –based Interview (real job experience – action), Modified Triple Jump (hypothetical case-based activity – shows how) and Jurisprudence exam, all to be pilot tested;
- **Pilot Test & Refine Profession Specific Credential Assessment Tool (PSCA):** pilot test went well, policy, training, access to be sorted out;
- **Language Fluency:** Finalizing information from report and looking at when tests are to be administered and who is to be tested (exemptions?);
- **Academic Credential Assessment:** Each jurisdiction will be developing agreement with WES.

Table 1 ACOTRO Substantial Equivalence Framework

SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCE of an IEOT to CEOTs (WHY)	
Substantially Equivalent in Competencies + Capabilities Context	
= Qualification Recognition (WHY + WHAT)	+ Competence Verification (WHY + WHAT)
√ Academic Credential Assessment Tool (HOW)	√ Competence Assessment Tool (HOW)
√ Profession Specific Credentialing Assessment Tool (HOW)	

- Other pieces of work include -
 - Presentation at 2013 CAOT Conference in Victoria will be on topic of “Where r u @ Social Media & OT Practice”;
 - Essential Competencies (3rd Edition) Quick Reference Guide published;
 - Creation of Implementation Steering Council to move coordinate and consolidate Harmonization Project work and move it forward.

Highlight of the past year – progress on Harmonization Project.

Respectfully submitted,
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