

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT & PHYSIOTHERAPIST ASSISTANT EDUCATION ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Update: July 2014

The Occupational Therapist Assistant and Physiotherapist Assistant Education Accreditation Program (OTA & PTA EAP) operates in collaboration with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) and Physiotherapy Education Accreditation Canada (PEAC) as the accrediting agency for occupational therapist assistant and physiotherapist assistant education programs in Canada.

Here are the highlights of the work completed since the last update in November 2013.

Newly Accredited Programs

Three programs were accredited in the spring of 2014. Please see the complete list of accredited programs on our website.

[English](#)
[French](#)

Programs with Candidacy Status

One program was awarded candidacy status in the spring of 2014. Please see the complete list of programs with candidacy on our website.

[English](#)
[French](#)

Policy update

Policy ACC-03 Accreditation Decisions has been revised and updated. Please take some time to review it for your own information.

[English](#)
[French](#)

New Resources:

The following new resources are now available.

GUIDE-06	Supervision of OTA/PTA Students During Fieldwork	English French
GUIDE-09	PRT Chair – Tips and Responsibilities	English French
GUIDE-10	General Tips for Preparing a Self Study Report	English French : translation in progress

Reminder of existing resources

Sample Reports	English French – translation in progress
Program Handbook	English French
PRT Handbook	English French

Resources in development

GUIDE-07	Quality and Substantial Equivalency of Distance Education
GUIDE-08	Role-Emerging Fieldwork Placements

June 18, 2014 Education Session – Edmonton AB

All powerpoints, a summary of the discussions that took place, and any handouts provided are now available on the website:

<http://www.otapta.ca/english/resources/education-sessions-01.php>

The session included:

- an update regarding policies and resources
- a brief review with tips regarding writing a Self Study Report
- responsibilities/commitments and benefits of volunteering to be a Peer Reviewer (it is now required that each program nominate one eligible individual to join the pool of PRT members)
- a description and discussion about developing a conceptual framework for a program curriculum (accreditation requirement – see criterion 1.8.1)
- an open Q&A about current accreditation issues, both general and specific to the OTA & PTA EAP

Thank you to everyone to attended – Stay tuned for details about next year’s session!

PEAC Annual Report

PEAC has just published its Annual Report, which includes details about the OTA & PTA EAP in 2013 as well as the results of the education program’s annual report survey (remember all those questions you completed online back in January?). It can be found on the OTA & PTA EAP website.

<http://www.otapta.ca/english/about-us/news.php>

Questions?

Please ask Kathy Davidson, Program Manager, if you have any questions about anything anytime!

kathy.davidson@otapta.ca 250-494-0677