

2023 Kansas Statutes

65-5402. Definitions. As used in the occupational therapy practice act:

- (a) "Board" means the state board of healing arts.
- (b) "Practice of occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of purposeful and meaningful occupations or goal-directed activities to evaluate and treat, individuals who have a disease or disorder, impairment, activity limitation or participation restriction that interferes with their ability to function independently in daily life roles and to promote health and wellness.
 - (1) Occupational therapy intervention may include:
 - (A) Remediation or restoration of performance abilities that are limited due to impairment in biological, physiological, psychological or neurological cognitive processes;
 - (B) adaptation of tasks, process, or the environment or the teaching of compensatory techniques in order to enhance performance;
 - (C) disability prevention methods and techniques that facilitate the development or safe application of performance skills; and
 - (D) health promotion strategies and practices that enhance performance abilities.
 - (2) The "practice of occupational therapy" does not include the practice of any branch of the healing arts or making a medical diagnosis.
- (c) "Occupational therapy services" include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) Evaluating, developing, improving, sustaining, or restoring skills in activities of daily living (ADL), work or productive activities, including instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) and play and leisure activities;
 - (2) evaluating, developing, remediating, or restoring sensorimotor, cognitive or psychosocial components of performance;
 - (3) designing, fabricating, applying, or training in the use of assistive technology or orthotic devices and training in the use of prosthetic devices;
 - (4) adapting environments and processes, including the application of ergonomic principles, to enhance performance and safety in daily life roles;
 - (5) applying physical agent modalities as an adjunct to or in preparation for engagement in occupations;
 - (6) evaluating and providing intervention in collaboration with the client, family, caregiver or others;
 - (7) educating the client, family, caregiver or others in carrying out appropriate nonskilled interventions; and
 - (8) consulting with groups, programs, organizations or communities to provide population-based services.
- (d) "Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy as defined in this act.
- (e) "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of an occupational therapist.
- (f) "Person" means any individual, partnership, unincorporated organization or corporation.
- (g) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.
- (h) "Occupational therapy aide," "occupational therapy tech" or "occupational therapy paraprofessional" means a person who provides supportive services to occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in accordance with K.S.A. 65-5419, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 1986, ch. 323, § 2; L. 2002, ch. 203, § 4; L. 2005, ch. 117, § 2; L. 2011, ch. 114, § 58; L. 2022, ch. 20, § 4; July 1.