



## **NBCOT<sup>®</sup> Announces Eligibility Criteria for OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST REGISTERED OTR<sup>®</sup> (OTR) Candidates Effective December 31, 2006**

(GAITHERSBURG, Maryland – October 28, 2004) The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT<sup>®</sup>) Board of Directors announced the eligibility criteria for OTR certification candidates effective December 2006. “I believe the eligibility criteria that the Board of Directors approved for OTR candidates effective December 31, 2006, is fair and consistent with the revisions to entry-level education requirements for occupational therapists,” said Dr. Randy Strickland, Board Liaison to NBCOT’s Certification Standards Committee and member of the NBCOT Board of Directors.

Candidates applying for certification as an OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST REGISTERED OTR<sup>®</sup> on or before December 31, 2006, with a bachelors’ degree in Occupational Therapy must:

1. Have successfully completed an accredited\* occupational therapy professional program recognized by NBCOT;
  2. Have been awarded and verified that their degree in Occupational Therapy is on or before December 31, 2006;
  3. Have completed all fieldwork requirements;
  4. Agree to abide by the NBCOT Candidate/Certificant Code of Conduct; and
- Approved candidates who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Occupational Therapy must complete the certification examination by December 31, 2007.
  - If a candidate is unsuccessful on his initial certification examination attempt or subsequent attempts by December 31, 2007, the candidate must complete the eligibility requirements for candidates applying for their initial certification after January 1, 2007.

Candidates applying for certification as an OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST REGISTERED OTR<sup>®</sup> after January 1, 2007, must:

1. Have successfully completed and graduated from a post-baccalaureate accredited\* occupational therapy professional program recognized by NBCOT;
2. Have completed all fieldwork requirements; and
3. Agree to abide by the NBCOT Candidate/Certificant Code of Conduct.

\*Accredited occupational therapy programs recognized by NBCOT include education programs accredited by:

1. The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association; or
2. The World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT).

Foreign-educated candidates must also complete the NBCOT pre-screening requirements prior to being eligible to take the NBCOT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST REGISTERED OTR<sup>®</sup> Certification Examination and complete the obligatory U.S. Department of Homeland Security requirements to be issued on a health care work Visa.