

**WAC 246-847-135 Standards of supervision.** The following are the standards for supervision of occupational therapy assistants, limited permit holders, and occupational therapy aides:

(1) A licensed occupational therapy assistant must be in regular consultation, as defined by WAC 246-847-010, with an occupational therapist licensed in the state of Washington. Regular consultation must be documented and the documentation must be kept in a location determined by the supervising occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.

(2) A limited permit holder:

(a) Who is waiting to take the examination for licensure must work in association with an occupational therapist licensed in the state of Washington with a minimum of one year of experience. "In association with" includes consultation regarding evaluation, intervention, progress, reevaluation and discharge planning of each assigned patient at appropriate intervals and documented by cosignature of all notes by the supervising occupational therapist.

(b) Who has failed the examination must be directly supervised by an occupational therapist licensed in the state of Washington with a minimum of one year of experience. Direct supervision must include consultation regarding evaluation, intervention, progress, reevaluation and discharge planning of each assigned patient at appropriate intervals and documented by cosignature of all notes by the supervising occupational therapist.

(3) An occupational therapy aide must be supervised and trained by an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant licensed in the state of Washington. Professional supervision must include documented supervision and training.

(a) The occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall provide professional supervision as defined in WAC 246-847-010 to the occupational therapy aide on client and nonclient related tasks.

(b) When performing client related tasks, the occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant must ensure the occupational therapy aide is trained and competent in performing the task on the specific client.

(c) The documentation must be maintained in a location determined by the supervising occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.

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