



Kerala Occupational Therapists' Association

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POSITION STATUS

The Kerala Occupational Therapists' Association has diligently worked to uphold the consistent standards of practice and education within the field of Occupational Therapy, as stipulated by the All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA). The AIOTA's academic council establishes stringent guidelines for the Occupational Therapy curriculum, encompassing extensive theoretical study and clinical practice. These guidelines are designed to equip aspiring professionals with the latest knowledge and best practices requisite for effective Occupational Therapy practice.

The meticulous accreditation procedures overseen by the AIOTA ensure that only graduates who have completed accredited baccalaureate coursework are deemed certified and eligible to provide Occupational Therapy services. This accreditation process serves to safeguard the quality and reliability of care extended to the general public.

It is imperative to recognize that occupational therapy services rendered by individuals lacking Occupational Therapist certification may prove ineffective and potentially hazardous to public welfare. Therefore, we firmly advocate against endorsing or facilitating short-term courses, practical experiences, home training programs, or bridge programs for professionals such as Physiotherapists or Special Educators as substitutes for therapy administered by duly certified Occupational Therapists, notwithstanding the shortage of certified practitioners within the state.

Should the association become cognizant of institutions or individuals offering such coursework as a replacement for occupational therapy practice, it shall be compelled to pursue legal recourse against said entities.

We urge the public to familiarize themselves with our policy stance and acknowledge the significance of seeking services exclusively from certified Occupational Therapists, thereby ensuring access to safe and dependable therapy services.

Best Regards

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