THE ROLE OF EVERY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST IN DRIVER REHABILITATION

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Course Location:
Columbia University
Programs in Occupational Therapy,
New York, New York.

Registration Information
Course Fees:
$150

Refund/Cancellation Policy:
Tuition less a 20% administrative charge is refundable if written notice is received one week prior to the program's start. No refunds will be made after this date. We reserve the right to cancel the program for due cause. Cancellation by Columbia University will result in a full refund of tuition.

Approved: .7 CEUs
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Course Objectives:
At the end of this entry-level course, participants will be able to:

- Answer the client’s question “when can I drive?” within the framework of Occupational Therapy and at the skill level of that OT. The OT will learn how to address skill sets that will help to prepare the client for driver readiness and a referral into a driving program.
- Know how to lead the team, client and their family in the critical area of OT’s role in driving.
- Know how to provide resources to the client’s and families in the areas of driving that are strong programs meeting the goals of the OT profession.
- Value OT’s role in the IADL of driving, the boundaries within each skill subset and the training needed to perform at the clinical OT and specialist level.
- Know what other areas it is important to address with clients who are no longer able to drive or need to plan ahead for the future in which they will need to give up driving.

Course Highlights:
- Defining OT’s role at all skill levels and practice settings
- Physical/motor assessment
- Driving adaptations
- Vehicular adaptations
- Vision screening
- Perceptual/cognitive/executive functions screening
- Treatment options
- Screening and on-the-road assessment
- Alternative mobility methods
- Review of skill levels and responsibilities
- Cases

Rationale for Course:
The IADL of driving and driver’s rehabilitation has been listed as one to the top emerging fields for OT and top initiatives of the American Occupational Therapy Association. This information is the latest recommendations of the panel of experts working with AOTA to address this important topic. OT’s in all practice areas working with all ages of clients will encounter this IADL of driving at some level with their client’s, families and or other rehabilitation professionals as they work in practice. It is critical all OT’s have a basis to answer basic questions, provide resources and have knowledge of AOTA’s efforts in this new practice area.

SUE REDEPENNING, OTR/L, CDRS:
Sue graduated from the College of St Catherine’s in 1987 with a BA in occupational therapy. She has worked in a variety of rehabilitation settings with all age groups in need to OT. She has a strong background in vision techniques/assessment tools, and has the adult NDT certification. She has worked in the field of driving rehabilitation for the past 10 years. Her first work experience was establishing occupational therapy as part of the clinical portion of an already existing driving program operated out of a non-profit rehabilitation center. For the past 3 years, Sue had been a consultant working in a community based for profit program as a licensed driving instructor and certified rehabilitation specialist. Sue has recently started her own private practice, Occupational Therapy Solutions, Inc., in Minneapolis, MN. Her practice focus is assisting those who no longer can drive develop other alternatives. She does national as well as local presentations to clinical OT’s and OT specialist on driving topics and assists in the start up of driving programs on a national level. She is an active member of the Association of Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (ADED) and AOTA. Sue currently serves on the AOTA National Expert Panel for older driver initiatives.

Course Timeframe:
Registration/Breakfast at 8:00AM. Course begins at 8:30AM. Lunch is on your own. Adjourn at 5:00PM. Snacks will be provided at breaks.