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In contrast, a state license/registration/certification grants an occupational therapy practitioner permission to practice in that state or jurisdiction. State regulations regarding the practice of occupational therapy and continuing education vary from one state to another.

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