

Dual Certification Policy

Purpose

To define NBCOT's policy for those who are certified as an Occupational Therapist Registered ("OTR") and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant ("COTA").

Individuals who separately earn both the COTA and OTR will have both credentials recognized as Active in Good Standing as long as the certificant continues to meet renewal requirements.

- A certificant may have active certification for both the OTR and COTA credentials at the same time.
- When a COTA attains the OTR credential, their COTA certification will remain Active in Good Standing along with their OTR credential. Their COTA credential expiration date will be updated to reflect their OTR expiration date.
- The certificant's credential renewal date is calculated from the year of the certificant's active certification date.
- When the certificant satisfies all certification renewal requirement through their renewal application, both credentials will be updated to reflect their new expiration date.
- When the certificant fails to satisfy all certification renewal requirements by their renewal date, both credentials will expire.
- When a certificant with lapsed dual certification satisfies all reinstatement requirements through their reinstatement application, both credentials will be reinstated and reflect a new expiration date.
- All Disciplinary actions will be reported on both credentials.