





RCOT: Your Professional Body

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RCOT accredited programmes

-  Undergraduate
-  Postgraduate
-  Apprenticeship - undergraduate
-  Apprenticeship - postgraduate

Working with over 55 education providers,
delivering around 120 programmes



Supporting you before you became a learner

Our Standards prepare:

- Graduates to ‘establish a strong sense of identity as occupational therapists, have core professional knowledge and skills, demonstrate professionalism and hone leadership skills to take the profession forward’.
- Support programmes to prepare graduates for the ‘complexity of emerging practice’.
- Recognise that ‘occupational therapists need to be used more efficiently’.
- and ‘traditional skills need to be adapted so OTs can expand their influence on the design, implementation and evaluation of population health interventions and workforce planning...’.

RCOT 2019, p4

Learning and development
standards for pre-registration
education

Revised edition 2019



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Occupational
Therapists

AHP principles of practice-based learning: *working together to develop our future workforce*



Practice-based learning opportunities are co-produced



Practice-based learning takes place across all areas, pillars and levels of practice



Practice-based learning environments must be inclusive and welcoming to all



Practice-based learning uses flexible, appropriate and supportive models of supervision and delivery



Practice-based learning is designed with a whole team approach



All those involved in practice education are valued, respected and recognised within their roles



Practice-based learning is evaluated; capturing data to drive improvement and demonstrate impact

RCOT Carnduff Learner Forum

- Give students and apprentices a voice
- Share and learn about experiences
- Meet learners from across the UK
- Applications open until 29 February 2024.
- Find out more here:

<https://www.rcot.co.uk/rcot-carnduff-learner-forum>



I've learned new skills, built up my confidence and helped establish the RCOT Carnduff Learner Forum as an exciting network to be part of."

– Jay Webster, Former RCOT Carnduff Learner Forum Chair

Supporting your professional development



Lifelong learning

We want to help you to embrace CPD as part of your lifelong learning and development, not just something you must do for HCPC.



CPD portfolio

- **A single place to capture lifelong learning and development, no matter your role or career stage.**
- Record activities, learning, reflections and evidence on the go.
- Supports us to start good CPD habits, meet [HCPC CPD standards](#) and helps us to feel prepared for CPD audits.
- Included in RCOT membership package
- Log in via your member portal and the CPDme app

Career Development Framework



- [We've recorded a webinar](#) on how you can use it to support you

CPD member resources

- Five minute reflections
- Career conversation podcasts
- Equity, diversity and belonging insights sessions
- Evidence spotlights
- Events and webinars
- Annual Conference
- Library resources
- Learning from each other through our communities



RCOT communities



RCOT regions



North West



Scottish Western



Scottish Northern



Scottish Eastern



Northern Ireland



Northern & Yorkshire



Wales (Cymru)



Trent



South West



West Midlands



South East



London



Eastern



RCOT Specialist sections



Children,
young people
& families



Neurological
practice

Housing



Older
people

Independent
practice



People with
learning
disabilities

Major health
conditions



Work

Mental health



Trauma &
musculoskeletal
health

Our communities

- 10 Specialist Sections
- 13 regions and local groups
- Volunteer opportunities
- Professional networks
- Research Connect
- Virtual cafes



Your wider member benefits



Supporting you in practice

- **Professional Advisory Service (PAS)** dedicated in house team to help with practice enquiries
- **Unison membership** for advice on terms and conditions at work, legal advice, welfare fund, learning opportunities, support with fitness to practice investigations.
- **Indemnity Insurance** providing cover for you, as an individual member, to practice occupational therapy whether you are employed, self-employed or working in a voluntary capacity.

Supporting research and development

- Professional recognition **awards and support funds**, research grants and bursaries
- Research Connects – our **research network LinkedIn Group** and monthly **Research Cafes**
- Innovation Hub to **share your service challenges** and ideas for improvement
- **Library service** providing access to full-text electronic journals and support

1st
March Research
session for
learners

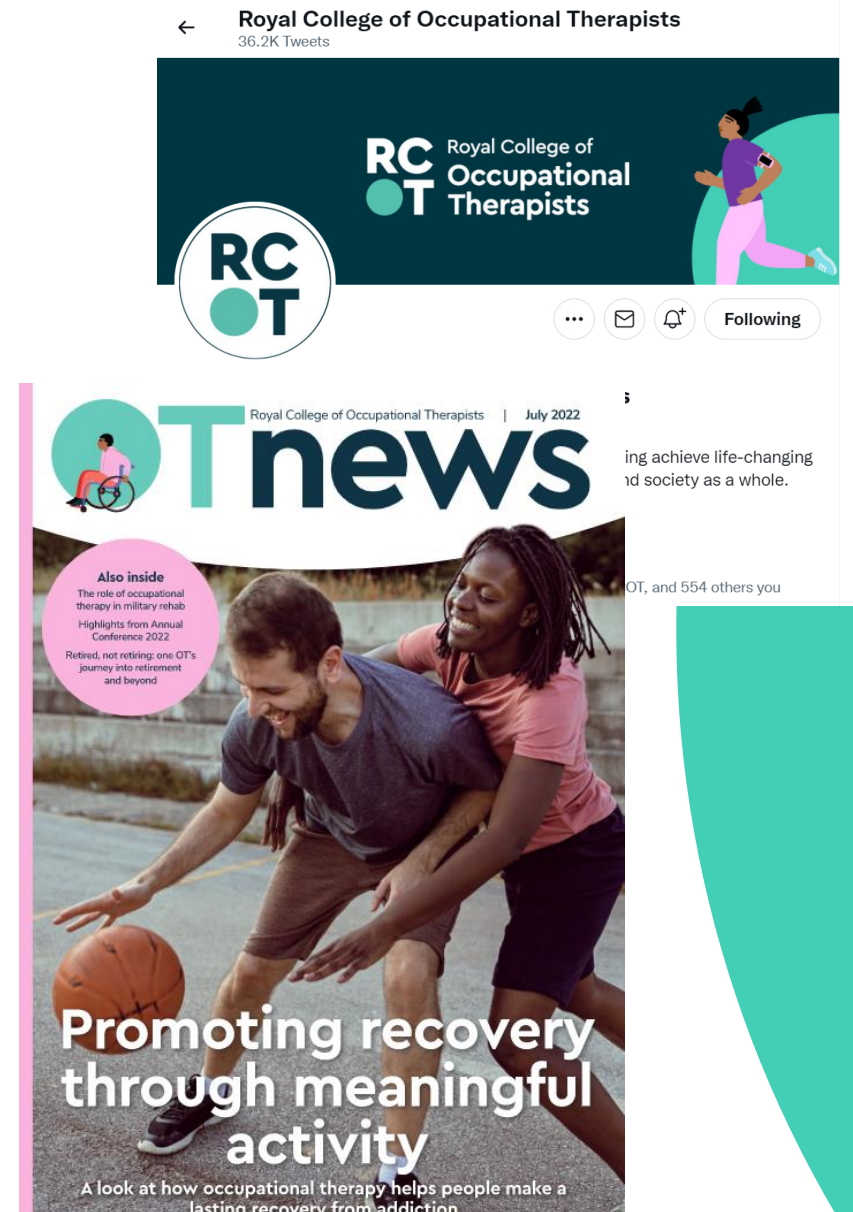
Events

- Two-day member led Annual Conference
- Exclusive member only CPD events
- Dedicated Specialist Sections and regional events
- Access to a calendar of exciting external events for OTs



Keeping members in the loop

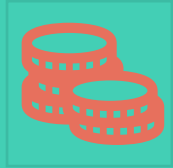
- *OTnews*, our monthly members magazine
- Social media updates and discussions
- *Highlight*, our monthly email update
- Regional and Specialist Sections updates
- R&D Bulletin – our research newsletter
- BJOT (British Journal of Occupational Therapy)



Joining RCOT



Discounted rate
for learners



£5.13 per
month



Price of a cup
or 2 of coffee!



Questions?



Key resources

- Gain access to the [PAS service](#)
- Learn more about our [CPD resources](#)
- Find further information about our [Regions](#)
- Look through our [Specialist Sections](#)
- Browse through our [Library](#)
- Find out more on upcoming [events](#)
- Find out more about our [Research](#) resources
- Learn about the membership benefit of [indemnity insurance](#)

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- **Twitter (X):** [@theRCOT](https://twitter.com/theRCOT)
- **Facebook:** [Royal College of Occupational Therapists](https://www.facebook.com/RoyalCollegeofOccupationalTherapists)
- **Instagram:** [@the.rcot](https://www.instagram.com/the.rcot)
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