

BETTER CARE, BETTER VALUE

Occupational Therapists (OTs) are high-value healthcare practitioners who work with patients in hospitals, care homes and in the community to minimize the impacts of chronic health issues on individuals and communities. Whether it's a senior with dementia, a child with autism, or someone with a physical or psychological disability, OTs can help people live healthier, safer and more fulfilling lives.



INCREASE the number of OTs trained in BC

- To meet public and private sector demands
- To reduce reliance on the fluctuating and unpredictable supply of OTs trained outside of BC and internationally trained OTs
- To privilege highly talented British Columbians whose desired career goal is as an OT

EXAMPLES OF ADDED OT VALUE



Adults/Seniors

- Increase **OT staffing** to reduce caseload burden
- Preventative home safety visits** for high and very high MAPLe¹
- Design programming, delegate and assign tasks** to PSW, RA other less costly health workers

Add OT to skill mix in residential care facilities...



SEATING
decrease
in falls



SKIN HEALTH
decrease
in pressure sores



EATING
increase in
functional eating



ENGAGEMENT
in *meaningful*
activities



Did you know?

BC residents provide a consistent, highly qualified applicant pool for the single education program (UBC)

128
interviewed
(all with GPA at 82%
or above.)



48
admitted
(approximately 17%
of applicants.)

1. Method of Assigning Priority Levels¹ - A decision-support tool used to prioritize clients needing community-or facility-based services



Enabling British Columbians for the occupations of life.

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