

POLICY E.7

Subject: Support of Graduate Education

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PURPOSE: To state the Association's position on graduate education.

IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE ASSOCIATION THAT:

1. The Association acknowledges the importance and contribution of post-entry level graduate education to further the development of occupational therapy.
2. The Association strongly supports the development and expansion of post-entry level master's and doctoral degrees, and postdoctoral fellowships.
3. The Association recognizes that graduate education is essential because it:
 - a. Educates occupational therapy practitioners who can address the complexities of service delivery and incorporate change in practice based on emerging evidence and future trends.
 - b. Provides initiatives for advanced practice, theory development, and research.
 - c. Creates a pool of qualified applicants for faculty positions.

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