

# 2023 WESTERN REGIONAL OT SPRING SYMPOSIUM

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Occupation-based | Evidence-based | Experiential



The Western Regional OT Spring Symposium (WROTSS) is a premier continuing education conference offering an opportunity for OT practitioners from 8 western states to learn, grow, network, and celebrate. All occupational therapy practitioners, occupational therapy assistants, occupational therapy students, and professionals from related fields are invited to submit. *If your proposal is chosen, one primary presenter will receive one complimentary day of conference registration. To be eligible for the complimentary registration, you must be a member of your own state's OT association.*

**Highlighting Experiential Learning & Research!** When scoring your submission, proposal reviewers will focus on ensuring presentation content is: **1)** Occupation-based, **2)** Evidence-based, and **3)** Includes a hands-on, or experiential component.

**All proposals are submitted online** (link below). **Online submissions must be completed in one sitting.** Before beginning your online submission, collect or type up all the data you will need for the following 3 Part requirements. **ALL INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE DELETED.**

### Part 1: General Information

You will need to provide **a)** all presenters' names with credentials, email addresses, phone numbers and affiliations or the institutions for which they work. Submit **b)** the title (8 words or less), **c)** 35-word description of your presentation that will be printed in the program if accepted, **d)** how much time you are requesting for your presentation, **e)** what presentation methods you will use (including PowerPoint, hands-on, format of presentation, etc.), and **f)** any special requests/needs.

*Please make sure that the email address you include is one that you check often, and is able to receive OTAC emails.*

### Part 2: Proposal Details

You will be required to submit **A)** your proposal's specific learning objectives, **B)** an outline of the presentation, **C)** a brief description of the significance of your topic in relation to occupation and current evidence, **D)** how you plan on incorporating a hands-on component into the presentation if applicable, **E)** the area(s) of practice this presentation appeals to, and **F)** a reference list supporting the information that will be given.

**Do not** include your names, affiliation or personal identifiers in this section. The review process is anonymous to maintain impartiality.

### Part 3: Uploads

For each presenter listed in the submission, you will be requested to upload a brief biographical summary (not to exceed 200 words) for publication, a professional headshot photo file (high-resolution JPEG or PNG, maximum size 1 MB), and a CV or biographical data sheet.

**Ready to start? Please [CLICK HERE](https://otacofca.wufoo.com/forms/z8qa3is1wzrd7i/) to submit a proposal.**

Click the link above to submit your proposal or enter <https://otacofca.wufoo.com/forms/z8qa3is1wzrd7i/> in your web browser.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS: SEPTEMBER 9, 2022**

- You are welcome to submit more than one proposal.
- You will receive a confirmation email upon receipt of your submission.
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent approximately one month after the CFP closes.

***We want you to be successful*** — Refer to the back for guidelines and reminders to ensure a successful submission and experience.

Deadline to submit proposals:

**September 9, 2022**

### Presenters and PDUs?

Refer to your state's rules for presenters.

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## Guidelines and Reminders for a **Successful Submission** and **Experience**:



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### CONTACT US:

If you have questions that are not answered here, please contact the  
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- Guidelines for number of presenters per session: 1 hour—not more than 2 presenters; 1.5 to 2 hours—not more than 3 presenters; 3 hours—not more than 4 presenters; 6 hours—not more than 5 presenters.
- The primary presenter is the primary point of contact and the one receiver of the complimentary registration benefit (if they are a state OT association member.) Co-presenters receive a pass to their session only.
- All presenters listed in your proposal submission should be prepared to participate at this event; if an individual is not prepared to participate, please indicate this next to the individual's name (e.g., contributor will not attend). We publish only the names of presenters who will be participating at the event as a presenter.
- Confirm that the e-mail addresses for all presenters are current and correct.
- Include contact information for **all presenters** — e-mail, telephone, and affiliation.
- Ensure that complete CVs are included for all presenters.
- Ensure Learning Objectives are included for your presentation submissions. We publish a document that includes Learning Objectives for all sessions.
- **WROTSS education sessions are non-commercial.** Refrain from endorsing specific products. Referencing brand names should be inherently limited. WROTSS podium is not to be used for direct promotion related to presenter(s) product/service/monetary self-interest, or overt statements, harsh language, or humor that might disparage any individual or group.
- Presenters submitting proposals that contain copy written or service marked material must have permission to use such material. **Proposals containing material used without permission may be removed from consideration for this educational conference.**
- Travel Expenses — any travel expenses (airfare, ground, hotel, etc.) are the responsibility of the presenters.

### PLANNING AHEAD FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

- ▶ If you need to limit attendance of your session to a maximum number, or if there is a device (laptop, tablet, smartphone, etc.) that attendees should bring to enhance their learning experience, please include under the **“Special Requests”** section of the submission. This also applies if you have a specific date preference to present (if accepted); cannot guarantee a specific date.
- ▶ **Should the session proposal be accepted**, give consideration to the format and length of the handouts. Attendees will download handouts in advance of the Symposium and the information below is based upon feedback from attendees.
  - If the handout will mirror the PowerPoint presentation, please format the handout with three slides to a page with a lined area to the right of the slide (this is accomplished through the PowerPoint application in how the document is saved).
  - If at all possible, keep the handout to less than 20 pages. If the handout is greater than 20 pages, we ask that you consider condensing the material (as attendees may print handouts at home to bring with them to your session), or provide your own copies to the attendees (Note: the cost of providing hard copies of handouts is the responsibility of the presenters).

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