

CS/SB 632 (2022), Occupational Therapy, was [signed into law](#) by the Governor on April 6, 2022, with an effective date of July 1, 2022. Section 5 of the new legislation adds Paragraph (1)(e) to Section 468.225, Florida Statutes, Exemptions. Paragraph (1)(e) allows for an exemption to licensure for persons who are planning to pursue an occupational therapy doctoral capstone experience, as provided below.

Section 468.225(1)(e), Florida Statutes, Exemptions (eff. 07/01/2022)

(1) Nothing in this act shall be construed as preventing or restricting the practice, services, or activities of: (e) Any person fulfilling an occupational therapy doctoral capstone experience that involves clinical practice or projects. To benefit from an exemption under this paragraph, a person must register with the department in a manner determined by department rule before commencing the capstone experience.

OTD students who would like to benefit from this exemption must register with the Florida Department of Health prior to beginning the capstone experience. The application for registration will be available on the Florida Board of Occupational Therapy's website at <https://floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov/licensing/> no later than the July 1st effective date. Applications should be submitted at least 60 days prior to the capstone experience date.

Questions regarding this change may be directed to mqa.occupationaltherapy@flhealth.gov or by phone to 850-245-4373.

Additional Resources:

Rule 64B-9.009, Florida Administrative Code, Registration for Occupational Therapy Doctoral Capstone Experience Exemption (Draft): <https://floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov/forms/64B-9.009%20OTC-Registration-Coded-Rule.pdf>.

Application for Registration of Occupational Therapy Doctoral Capstone Experience (Draft): <https://floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov/forms/OTD-Capstone-Experience-Registration.pdf>