

Dear Mr. Cleary:

March 18, 2010

This letter is in response to your correspondence regarding clarification on the purpose of occupational therapy practitioners taking continuing education activities in ethics for each renewal period and asked for suggestions on ethical topics to include in a continuing education workshop.

As of July 1, 2004, Ohio occupational therapy practitioners are required to complete at least one contact hour of ethics education per renewal cycle. **The ethics requirement was enacted for occupational therapy practitioners to refresh their knowledge on the ethical laws governing the practice of occupational therapy and to enhance the licensee's ability to maintain an ethical conscience to preserve the integrity of profession. In addition, the ethics requirement strengthens the occupational therapy community by maintaining consumer confidence in the occupational therapy services being provided.**

The Section encourages your participants to periodically visit the Board's website (<http://otptat.ohio.gov>) to review the Occupational Therapy Practice Act, Frequently Asked Questions, newsletters, and other publications from the Section.

The Section thanks you for your correspondence and appreciates your understanding that it is your professional responsibility to remain current with professional standards. Should you have any additional questions, please contact the Board at (614) 466-3774 or via e-mail at board@otptat.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

The Occupational Therapy Section, Ohio Licensure Board