



WHAT IS CORECOM?

CORECOM is a national collaborative initiative to develop a single competency document that will outline entry to practice competencies and describe competencies used throughout occupational therapy practice.

CORECOM is a two-year project governed by a Tripartite Steering Committee with representatives from each of the three national participating organizations. The CORECOM name reflects its focus on core competencies.

2019	KEY MILESTONES – REVISED	
March	Government Funding Received	✓
May	Project Website Created / Governance Put in Place	✓
June	RFP for Competency Team Released	✓
August	CamProf Selected for Competency & Indicator Services	✓
October	Competency Framework Confirmed	✓
November	Competency Development Work Begins	✓
2020		
Spring	Collective understanding related to Indigenous health and OT competencies / practice Work Group produces initial Draft Competencies	✓
Fall	Early Consultations on Draft Competencies	
2021		
January	National Survey on Draft Competencies	
March	Final Competencies Confirmed	

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COVID-19's IMPACT ON THE PROJECT

The Steering Committee monitors COVID-19 developments across Canada and its impact on project timelines and activities. In the Spring, decisions were made to postpone many project activities until the Fall to allow Occupational Therapists and healthcare organizations time to respond to the demands of a pandemic and support the health and well-being of their families, clients, and communities. If COVID-19 resurges in the Fall, the Steering Committee will reassess project timelines and readjust the project plan accordingly.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE SPRING?

- The Steering Committee embarked on a learning experience to ensure a collective understanding of the key issues related to Indigenous health and Occupational Therapy competencies / practice. Indigenous practitioners, students and university educators helped to guide the learning experience. This learning has influenced the development of the draft competencies.
- The Boards / Councils of the Tripartite Organizations were asked to review the draft competencies, focusing on key questions:
 - *Does the overall framework make sense / fit together?*
 - *Do the competencies outline expectations for occupational therapy practice?*
 - *Will the competencies meet your organization's needs?*

The Steering Committee received the Board / Council feedback in August and is working with the CamProf team (competency vendor) to revise the draft competency document based on the feedback received

- The Steering Committee met with the Co-Editors of Enabling Occupation: The Sequel and identified areas where alignment was important.

CONSULTATION PLANS

The Steering Committee will initiate consultations on an early draft of the competencies in November with consultations extending into the new year. There will be several opportunities for Occupational Therapists to express their perspectives before the competencies are finalized. Examples include:

- **Targeted focus groups** for occupational therapists who may have a distinct perspective to share, for example - Francophones, Tripartite staff who regularly work with competencies, Work Group members who developed the initial draft competencies and practitioners who self-identify as Indigenous, LGBTQ+, or persons with disabilities who want a safe space to share their perspectives about the competencies.
- **Open webinars** in late November will provide OT students, practitioners, researchers, academics, employers, and consumers with an opportunity to have a voice in shaping the competencies. Each webinar will be 90 minutes in duration and limited to 20 persons to allow for active participation. Visit the website to indicate your interest in participating in a webinar.
- **A National survey** will be distributed in January to the more than 18,000 Occupational Therapists across Canada.



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