



# Hand Therapy Certification Examination

Exam is administered in May and November please contact HTCC or go to [www.htcc.org](http://www.htcc.org) for exact dates of exam.

The Recognized Specialist in Hand Therapy

## Application Information

### May Examination:

- ▶ Administered the first full week in May. See [www.htcc.org](http://www.htcc.org) for specific dates.
- ▶ Application period: Mid January to April 15th

### November Exam:

- ▶ Administered the first full week in November. See [www.htcc.org](http://www.htcc.org) for specific dates.
- ▶ Application period: Mid July to Oct. 15th

## To Apply

- ▶ **Online** – download the Candidate Handbook as part of the online application process. Supporting documents must be uploaded, faxed or emailed before the application deadline

## Fees (U.S. Funds)

### May Examination

#### Online Applications

Mid January to April 15th ..... \$500  
 \$425 refundable before April 15th

### November Examination

#### Online Applications

Mid May to October 15th ..... \$500  
 \$425 refundable before October 15th

## Candidate Handbook

The Candidate Handbook for the Hand Therapy Certification Examination can be downloaded as a free pdf.



HAND THERAPY CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

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## Overview of CHT Credentialing Program

Hand Therapy Certification is a voluntary credentialing program established in 1989, by the Hand Therapy Certification Commission, Inc., (HTCC) to certify occupational therapists and physical therapists in the advanced clinical specialty of upper limb rehabilitation.

From its inception, the Board of Directors of HTCC envisioned a two-step process of Certification and Recertification in order to:

- ▶ serve the public and hand therapy community by maintaining high standards in the practice of hand therapy,
- ▶ enhance the quality of patient care,
- ▶ recognize occupational therapists and physical therapists who have achieved this advanced level of professional knowledge, and
- ▶ encourage participation in continuing education and professional development.

The Certified Hand Therapist (CHT) credential distinguishes an occupational therapist or physical therapist as someone who has met the minimum eligibility requirements, including 4,000 hours or more in direct practice in hand therapy, and who has successfully completed a comprehensive test of advanced clinical skills and theory in upper limb rehabilitation.

Certification is granted for a five-year period, after which a therapist must recertify by examination or through a combination of work and professional education. Recertification provides assurance to the public that the Certified Hand Therapist continues to meet the high standards set by HTCC.



## Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ You must be an occupational therapist or physical therapist with a current professional credential to practice. Depending on your profession and where you practice, a professional credential may include a license, certificate, or registration. In all cases, it is the credential that you need to legally practice in that location. This credential must be active, and you must be in good standing with the agency that issued it.
- ▶ You must have been certified or licensed for a minimum of three years, based on date of issue of the certificate or license.
  - For the May exam, the date of issue must be on or before May 1, three years preceding the exam date.
  - For the November exam, the date of issue must be on or before November 1, three years preceding the exam date.
- ▶ You must have a minimum of 4,000 hours of Direct Practice Experience\* in hand therapy.
  - Direct practice experience may have been accrued at any time during your career as a licensed occupational therapist or physical therapist.

*\* Direct Practice Experience is the direct provision of patient care through assessment and implementation of an individualized treatment plan including but not limited to orthotics/splinting, modalities and/or exercise to prevent dysfunction, maximize functional recovery, or influence the effect of pathology in the upper quarter. It does not include time spent in administration, research, teaching, or consultation.*

- ▶ HTCC welcomes international candidates. Since 2011, HTCC accepts work hours obtained in any country towards eligibility for the certification examination, and candidates may be licensed, registered or certified as an occupational therapist or physical therapist

## Examination Information

The Hand Therapy Certification Examination is administered twice a year in May and November. The Hand Therapy Certification Examination is a computer-based test. Candidates will be able to sign up to take the test at any of Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. (AMP) Assessment Centers located worldwide. A current listing of AMP Assessment Centers may be viewed at AMP's website located at [www.goAMP.com](http://www.goAMP.com).

Since its formation, the Hand Therapy Certification Commission has been committed to offering a valid and reliable certification examination using the highest standards of examination development methodology.

The content of the examination has been determined by the results of the 2014 Practice Analysis Survey. Each question was carefully written, referenced, and validated by practicing Certified Hand Therapists. The examination consists of 200 multiple-choice questions. The candidates are asked to choose the best answer from four options.