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OSOT's Priorities for the 2025 Provincial Election

The Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists' (OSOT) advocates for the professions of occupational therapy.

OSOT encourages its members, the provincial political parties, and members of the public to have your say for the party that best represents the needs of Ontarians starting with creating a fully funded, strong, and safe healthcare system.

OSOT's priorities for the 2025 provincial election includes:

1. Increase Access to Occupational Therapy Services in Ontario

- Require long-term care homes to have occupational therapy services on staff.
- Include OTs in primary care teams.
- **Update models of care by including** OTAs in funding.
- **Create incentivizes for** OTs and OTAs working in **underserved regions and areas of practice.**

2. Recruitment and Retention

- **Wage parity** across publicly funded care settings.
- Fund education, full-time positions, benefits, and appropriate staffing levels.
- Work to full scope of practice including recognizing the OT role with mental health.

3. Expand Educational Supports for Occupational Therapy Based Programs

- **Increase** incentives for preceptor for OT and OTA students to complete clinical placements.
- Expand university program seats and increase the number of programs offering occupational therapy within Ontario.
- Fund education/loan forgiveness for OTs and OTAs.

Make sure to vote on February 27th!

If not already registered, eligible Ontario residents may register to vote by February 17, 2025, at RegisterToVoteON.ca and receive their voter information card by mail. If you, or anyone you know, face barriers to voting, please contact outreach@elections.on.ca for additional information.