

Dr. Helen P. LeVesconte Award for Volunteerism with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists

Helen LeVesconte was a pioneer in occupational therapy. She graduated from the first class at the University of Toronto in 1928. From that time until 1972 she was active in the profession. She died November 26, 1982.

As a clinician, consultant to the Ontario Government, professor and later director of the course in occupational therapy at the University of Toronto her main concern was that the standards of occupational therapy education and practice be maintained.

Helen was very involved in the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists and the World Federation of Occupational Therapists fulfilling various duties. In 1959 her book “Guidepost of Occupational Therapy” was published. She also published widely in professional journals.

Many honours were bestowed upon her from within and outside the profession, recognizing her exceptional contribution to all aspects of occupational therapy. She was a leader, and a great influence on the development of occupational therapy in Canada.

The Dr. Helen P. LeVesconte Award for Volunteerism with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists is awarded by CAOT in memory of Helen.

The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists will honour a member who has made an exceptional contribution to the profession of occupational therapy through volunteering with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists by presenting the individual with the Dr. Helen P. LeVesconte Award for Volunteerism with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.

Criteria for selection

Nominations must meet the following criteria:

1. Nominees shall be individual or life members of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.



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2. Nominees shall be making, or have made an exceptional contribution to the profession of occupational therapy through volunteering with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.
3. For the purposes of this award, volunteerism shall be taken to mean effort, contribution and commitment that is not an expectation of the nominee's paid employment, or represents a level of contribution far in excess of what would be the expectation of his/her paid position.
4. Nominees must not be a current Board member or employee of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.
5. Nominees need not be a resident in Canada if the achievements for which they are nominated have relevance to Canadian occupational therapy and they meet the other criteria for the award.