

# Occupational Therapy

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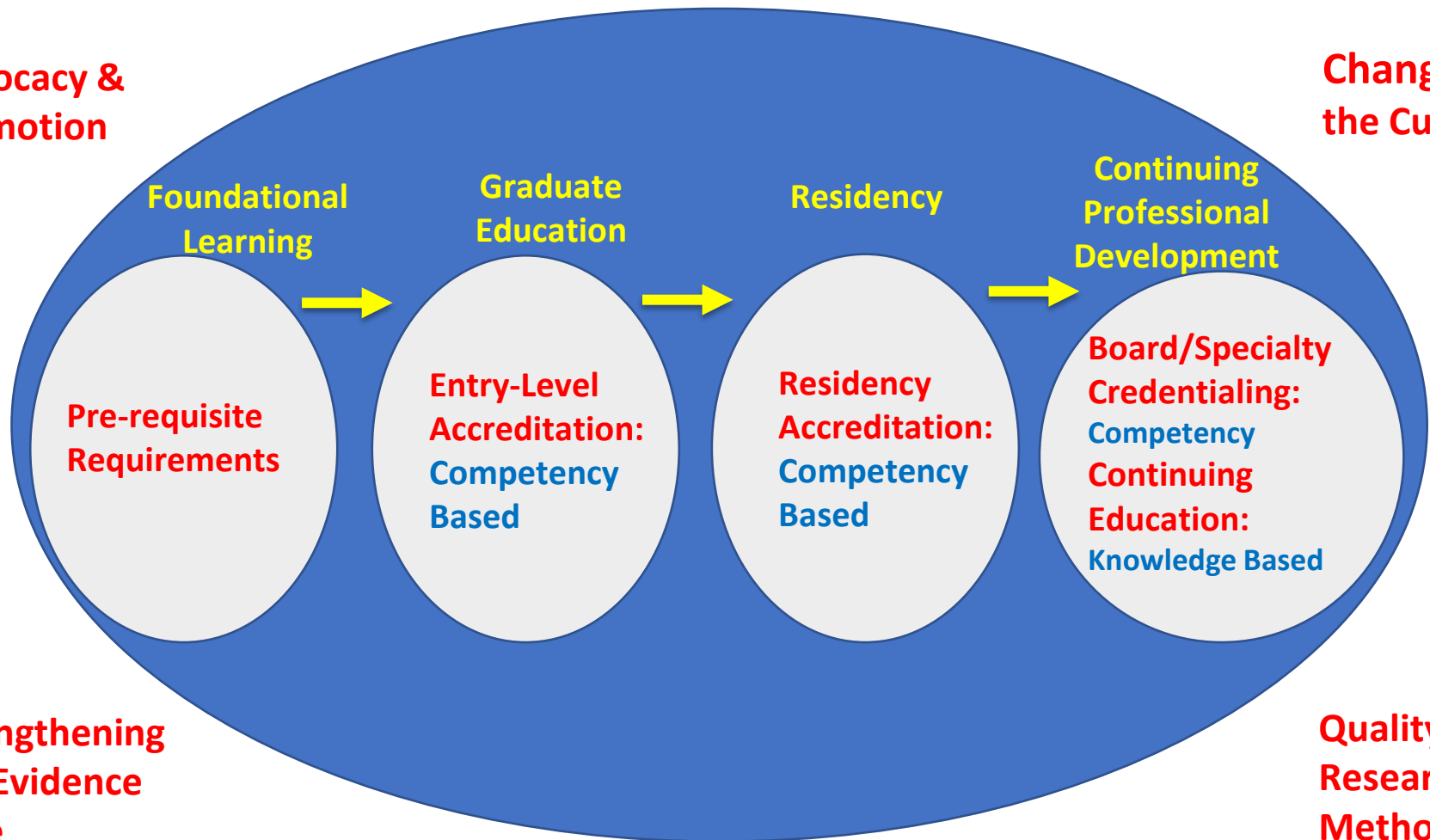
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# Learning Continuum

**Advocacy & Promotion**

**Changing the Culture**



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# Where do we have agreement?

- **Knowledge based assessments** do **NOT** guarantee practice competency and quality occupational therapy interventions.
- **Competency based learning outcomes** would best reflect the impact/ value of continuing professional development.
- Competency based learning outcomes should be **consistent** with the profession's quality initiatives and support systems outcomes (e.g. IMPACT Act Measures).

# Where do we not have agreement? (But we are getting closer....)

- **What are the competency based learning outcome(s)** that apply across continuing professional development programs?
- **How do we assess** these competency based learning outcomes?
- What is the **cost versus the return?**

# Where are we in the process?

## Starting with the evidence: e.g.

- Szanton, S. L., Leff, B., Wolff, J. L., Roberts, L., & Gitlin, L. N. (2016). *Home-based care program reduces disability and promotes aging in place*. Health Affairs, 35, 1558–1563. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2016.0140>
- Interventions provided by an interprofessional team (OT/ Nurse/ Handyman) was **associated with a reduction in the disability** of low-income older adults dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid who are living in the community.
- Results also indicated an associated improvement in **depressive symptoms**.
- What are the **distinct clinical competencies of the OT** that contributed to this positive outcome?

# The contenders & winner(s).....

- Assessment of the physical environment
- Visual screening
- Functional cognitive screening and assessment
- Identifying social supports
- **Completion of an Occupational Profile:** assessing the individual's occupational history and experiences and identifying their patterns of daily living, interests, values and needs..... **What are the daily activities that the individual finds the most meaningful but are unable to participate in successfully?**