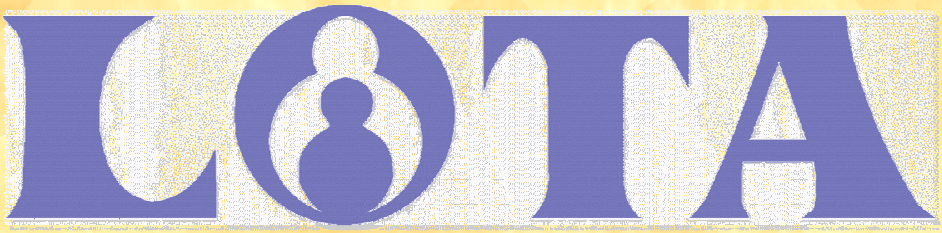

Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association 2012 Spring Conference

March 23 & 24, 2012

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Conference At a Glance

7:30 am—8:00 am *- Registration / Continental Breakfast*

Friday, March 23, 2012

8:00 am—9:00 am *-Keynote Address: Life Lessons from the Lumbrical Muscle (1.0 hour)*
Gene Constantine, MHS, OTR, CHT

9:00 am—10:30 am *- LOTA Grassroots Presentation & Lobbyist (1.5 hours)*
Mark Paxton, LOTR & Kevin Hayes (Lobbyist)

10:30 am—10:45am *Break (with exhibitors)*

10:45 am—12:15pm *-Panel Discussion: Occupational Therapy Role as Related to Continuum of Care (1.5 hours)*
Mark Paxton, LOTR, Rhonda Lane, LOTR, Toni Fife Cascio, LOTR

12:15 pm—1:30 pm *Lunch (Business Luncheon) (1.0 hour)*

Friday Afternoon, choose from either Track 1 or Track 2:

Track 1:

1:30 pm—2:30 pm *-Alzheimer's Disease: Presentation and prognosis (1.0 hour)*
Dr. James B. Pinkston

2:30 pm—2:45pm *-Break (with exhibitors)*

2:45 pm—5:15pm *-Evaluation and Intervention of Each Stage of the Dementia Continuum (2.5 hours)*
Christine E. Wright, PhD, LOTR

Track 2:

1:30 pm—2:30 pm *-COTA Versus OTR Roles in Practice (1.0 hour)*
Patti Calk, OTD, M. Ed., LOTR,
Carolyn Murphy, OTD, MA, LOTR, &
Penny Jones, M.Ed., LOTR

2:30 pm—2:45pm *-Break (with exhibitors)*

2:45 pm—4:00 pm *-Improving Your Documentation - Know What Is Expected By Medicare (1.25 hours)*
Rhonda Lane, OTR

4:00 pm—5:15 pm *- Caring for the Patient with Chronic Lung Disease: An OT Perspective (1.25 hour)*
Dennis Wissing, PhD, RRT, AE-C, FAARC

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Saturday, March 24, 2012

Track 1:

8:00 am—10:45 am	*-Double Vision, Field Neglect, Dizziness and Motion Sickness: The Visual Connection (2.75 hours)* *Dr. Katie Kimble-Wonch*
10:45 am—11:00 am	*-Break*
11:00 am—12:15pm	*-Overweight Children: Family Habits and Activities (1.25 hours)* *Cindy Murray, OTD, LOTR*
12:15 pm—1:15 pm	*Lunch*
1:15 pm—2:15 pm	*-Mental Health Update (1 hour)* *Robin Steed, PhD, LOTR*
2:15 pm—2:30 pm	*-Break*
2:30 pm—5:00 pm	*-Application of Evidence in Occupational Therapy Practice (2.5 hours)* *Robin Steed, PhD, LOTR, Kari Begnaud, MOTS, Angela Hall, MOTS, Kody Morris, MOTS, Jeremy Pierce, MOTS, Brittney Schorr, MOTS*

Track 2:

8:00 am—10:45 am	*-New Vision: The Role of Occupational Therapy in Low Vision Rehabilitation (2.75 hours)* *Jenice D. Heck, LOTR, MMC*
10:45 am—11:00 am	*-Break*
11:00 am—12:15pm	*-Successful Strategies for Fall Prevention & Establishing Treatment Goals. (1.25 hours)* *Chris Moore, MOT, LOTR*
12:15 pm—1:15 pm	*Lunch*
1:15pm—2:45 pm	*-Assessing and treating Patients with Soft tissue, pain and edema in the hand in Multiple Settings.(1.5 hours)* *Kim Norton, CHT, OTR*
2:45 pm—3:00 pm	*-Break*
3:00 pm—5:00 pm	*- ThinkFirst (Injury Prevention Program) (2.0 hours)*

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Keynote Address: Life Lessons from the Lumbrical Muscle
Course Description: This course will relate OT theory and application to the biomechanics and uniqueness of the human hand and in particularly the lumbrical muscle. This course will provide a review of upper extremity anatomy, discuss the synergistic biomechanical actions required for normal motion, and relate the unique role of occupational therapy professionals to the uniqueness of human motion.

Instructor: Gene Constantine, MHS, OTR, CHT is the outpatient therapy manager at the Institute for Healthy Living at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview, Texas. He is also a part-time instructor in the Occupational Therapy program at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, Louisiana. Gene received his Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy in 1983 from the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX and his Master of Health Science in 2002 from LSU Health Science Center, Shreveport, LA. He has been a Certified Hand Therapist since 1992, and has presented multiple workshops on the use of physical agent modalities in OT, strategies for splinting, and the management of common hand disorders to local and state audiences.

LOTA Grassroots Presentation & Lobbyist
Course Description: LOTA Legislative Chair will introduce practitioners to the LOTA Grassroots presentation, answer the question of what do your LOTA dues fund, and discuss lobbying efforts on behalf of occupational therapy practitioners in the state. Additionally, the LOTA Lobbyist, Kevin Hayes, will address practitioners to provide additional legislative update.

Instructor: C. Kevin Hayes is a Capital Partner at Adams and Reese, LLP and is a seasoned lobbyist and attorney specializing in governmental relations, administrative law and regulatory issues. He has successfully represented professional and trade associations, corporations and coalitions before the Louisiana Legislature and state agencies. Prior to becoming a lobbyist, he spent four years as General Counsel for the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. As attorney to the committee, he drafted legislation and amendments, advised legislators regarding the committee's subject matter jurisdiction and assisted the chairman on procedural issues during committee hearings. Kevin was named to the list of Forty under 40 by the Baton Rouge Business Report and is Vice- President of the Association of Louisiana Lobbyists.

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Panel Discussion: Occupational Therapy Role as Related to Continuum of Care

Course Description: This course will provide presentation with focus on the Occupational Therapist / Occupational Therapist Assistant role in the continuum of care starting with patient care at the Acute level, through Rehab, Skilled Nursing, Outpatient, and Home Health, followed by panel discussion and question / answer session.

Instructors:

- Mark Paxton, LOTR has been a practicing OT for 15 years. He has worked in various settings to include Inpatient Rehab. Outpatient, Long Term Acute, Acute, geri pysch, and skilled nursing experience (SNF).

- Toni Fife Cascio has been a practicing OT for 15 years. She has worked in various settings including inpatient rehab, long term care, and skilled nursing. She currently holds position of Rehab Director with Reliant Rehab.

- Rhonda Lane, LOTR has many years of management experience and has practiced in mental health, chronic pain, traditional rehabilitation settings, low vision, and home health, in which she has spent the last 9 years.

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Alzheimers Disease: Presentation and Prognosis

Course Description: This course will discuss normal memory functioning, the presentation of Alzheimer's disease, its impact, and current treatments. Class participants will be able to distinguish Alzheimer's from normal aging, effectively refer for assessment, understand Alzheimer's impact on patients and caregivers, as well as current treatments. Participants will learn how to improve interaction with and education of patients and caregivers.

Instructors

Dr. James B. Pinkston graduated with University Honors and Cum Laude with a bachelors in psychology and a minor in statistics from Brigham Young University. He earned a masters in psychology and a doctorate in clinical psychology with an emphasis in clinical neuropsychology and a minor in behavioral neuroscience from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He completed an internship in clinical psychology and clinical neuropsychology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He then completed a post doctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Pinkston has also earned a post doctoral masters in clinical psychopharmacology.

Dr. Pinkston holds specialty licensures through the State of Louisiana in Clinical Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology, and Medical Psychology. He is an Assistant Professor, with appointments in the Departments of Neurology and Psychiatry, at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, Louisiana. He is published in the areas of memory functioning, traumatic brain injury, dementia, multiple sclerosis, toxic exposure, and personality assessment.

Dr. Pinkston performs clinical and clinical neuropsychological evaluations for individuals with a variety of conditions including vascular disease, dementia, ADHD, multiple sclerosis, traumatic brain injury, neurosurgical cases, and chronic pain, as well as other conditions. Neuropsychological evaluation serves several purposes including identifying cognitive, neurobehavioral, and functional abilities and deficits; quantifying an individual's magnitude of loss of cognitive function and emotional and personality changes following an injury; assisting with differential diagnosis, particularly depression versus dementia, type of dementia, etc.; helping determine an individual's current functional adaptive capacity in the areas of driving, independent living, and financial, legal, and medical decision making; and providing specific treatment recommendations and prognoses.

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Evaluation and Intervention of Each Stage of the Dementia Continuum

Course Description: The purpose of this course is to assist the learner with understanding the disease progression of Dementia and the corresponding behaviors associated with each stage of Dementia. In addition, the participants will learn what interventions are appropriate for each Dementia stage and how to maximize client participation.

Instructor: Christine E. Wright, PhD, LOTR is an assistant professor of Occupational Therapy at Louisiana State University Health Science Center-Shreveport. Dr. Wright has been an adolescent and adult therapist for 15 years and a professor of occupational therapy for 8 years. Dr. Wright' research interests include pedagogical studies, diversity and cultural competence, and occupational deprivation. Dr. Wright has completed research on occupational therapy education; occupational deprivation of LGBT youth, individuals with visual impairments, individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing; and community services for older adults. Dr. Wright has presented her research to local, state, national, and international audiences.

COTA Versus OTR Roles in Practice

Course Description: Participants will understand the roles and responsibilities of the occupational therapy assistant as it applies to service delivery and service management in a variety of practice arenas. Participants will also gain understanding in the supervision requirements for the OTA and the role of the OT and OTA in this relationship.

Instructor:

- Patti Calk, OTD, M. Ed., LOTR holds a Doctoral Degree in OT and a Master of Education in educational administration and supervision. She is the department head and program director of the University of Louisiana at Monroe's (ULM) OTA Program. She has 19.5 years experience in OT education and 22 years clinical experience.

- Carolyn Murphy, OTD, MA, LOTR, holds a Doctoral Degree in OT and a Master of Arts in gerontology. She serves as academic fieldwork coordinator for the ULM OTA program. Carolyn has 24 years clinical experience and 13 years experience in OT education.

- Penny Jones, M.Ed., LOTR holds a Masters of Education in community counseling. She has 19 years clinical experience and 12 years experience in OT education.

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Improving Your Documentation - Know What Is Expected By Medicare

Course Description: Participants will gain a better understanding of documentation rules and Medicare requirements; be able to effectively document "reasonable" and "necessary" care; be able to write measurable goals and document towards those goals; be able to effectively document their "skilled" services.

Instructor: Rhonda Lane, OTR has many years of management experience and has practiced in mental health, chronic pain, traditional rehabilitation settings, low vision, and home health. For the past nine years, she has been a part of the administrative team at National Homecare Services and Best Home Health in several different capacities (including Director of Therapy, Director of Therapy Education and Program Development, and now as Occupational Therapist and Education and Training Advisor for Marketing and Therapy).

Caring for the Patient with Chronic Lung Disease: An OT Perspective

Course Description: This presentation focuses on the role of the OT in caring for patients with chronic obstructive lung disease (COPD). Emphasis will be on assessment of the patient (e.g., pulse oximetry, panic states), proper use of common therapies used in the home (e.g., oxygen therapy) , and energy conservation.

Instructor: Dr. Wissing has over 37 years in health care with emphasis in allied health and respiratory therapy. He has held positions in management and education with 25 years in allied health education. He has over 400 invited lectureships to a wide variety of health care related groups, such as nursing, physician, and respiratory care. He has planed and implemented statewide professional meetings and seminars since 1981. Dr. Wissing has numerous scientific articles, chapters, and a textbook. He has taught bioethics at the graduate level for over 15 years in the Master of Health Science program. In addition to his academic responsibilities, Dr. Wissing is involved in a number of professional organizations, such as the National Asthma Educator Certification Board, American Lung Association and The American Association for Respiratory Care, at the state and national level. He is coordinating a Master of Public Health Program at LSU Health Sciences Center in conjunction with LSU in Shreveport. He is currently the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the LSU Health Sciences Center's School of Allied Health Professions and a Professor of Medicine and Cardiopulmonary Science.

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Double Vision, Field Neglect, Dizziness and Motion Sickness: The Visual Connection
Course Description: Brain injuries can leave people with a wide variety of visual symptoms, which do not seem to resolve and leave them living a compromised lifestyle. She will also address developmental dysfunction within the pediatric population. Find out what it means when someone complains of double vision, field neglect, dizziness and motion sickness. Dr. Kimble-Wonch will also discuss what can be done to help resolve these complaints during this 2 hour workshop.

Instructor: Dr. Katie Kimble-Wonch is a graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry located in Chicago and lives in Mandeville with her family. Dr. Kimble-Wonch specializes in vision development and vision therapy, which involves the diagnosis and treatment of vision problems that interfere with reading, learning, and activities of daily living. Working with her patients from a developmental perspective gives Dr. Kimble-Wonch insights that often can open the door to treatment when nothing else will. Dr. Kimble-Wonch is committed to improving vision for infants, toddlers, school-age children as well as adults and seniors. As a developmental optometrist, Dr. Kimble-Wonch has been able to help her patients when other eye care practitioners have not. Whether the patient has had a head injury, developmental delays or just poorly developed visual skills, Dr. Kimble-Wonch is able to find a way to make a difference.

Overweight Children: Family Habits and Activities
Course Description:
The prevalence of childhood obesity in the United States has risen dramatically in the past several decades and is now one of the most critical problems facing children's health. The purpose of this project was to identify family factors and environmental characteristics that promote excessive weight in children. The Family Activity and Eating Habits Questionnaire was administered to 50 caretakers of children ages 6-17 who are over overweight and followed at LSUHSC-S's nutrition clinic. Trends identified include: considerable amount of time by all family members spent participating in sedentary activity verses physical activity; high percentage of exposure to problematic foods even with nutrition counseling; problems with portion control, frequent occurrence of eating in front of the television; and evening meal is often consumed with family whereas other meals/snacks tend to be consumed by child individually. Information gained from the surveys will assist with development of a life-style change program beneficial to children who are overweight at a later date.. Course will discuss childhood obesity research project results.

Instructor: Cindy Murray, OTD, LOTR received her Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from the Medical College of Georgia, Master's degree in Health Science from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Shreveport and Doctor of Occupational Therapy from Chatham University. Her 30 years of experience as a pediatric occupational therapist has included working with children and families in a school setting, early intervention program, and private practice. Cindy is program director and assistant professor in the Occupational

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Mental Health Update

Course Description: This eclectic presentation will cover recent changes in state mental health agencies, opportunities for occupational therapy intervention, and current literature to support evidenced based practice in mental health settings. Participants will have the opportunity to try out new strategies designed to enhance therapeutic use of self. At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to identify opportunities to use psychosocial skills in a variety of settings for reimbursement and demonstrate use of motivational interviewing in client centered practice.

Instructor: Robin Steed, PhD, LOTR is an assistant professor at LSUHSC in Shreveport and has practiced occupational therapy in psychosocial settings for 29 years. She obtained her BS in occupational therapy at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, her MA in counseling at Louisiana Tech and her PhD in computer technology at Nova Southeastern. Her recent research publications have explored how therapists develop racial attitudes and the effect of those attitudes on occupational therapy practice.

Application of Evidence in Occupational Therapy Practice

Course Description: This presentation begins with an introduction to interpretation and application of research literature, followed by five reviews of current evidence in a variety of occupational therapy practice settings. At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to: describe the importance of research design rigor in the interpretation and application of evidence based literature and discuss the level of evidence supporting the efficacy of several occupational therapy interventions.

Instructor: Course Moderators: Robin Steed, PhD, LOTR; Christine E. Wright, PhD, LOTR

Course Instructors:

- Kari Begnaud, MOTS: *Efficacy Of Cognitive And Behavioral Rehabilitation After Acquired Brain Injury*
- Angela Hall, MOTS: *Efficacy Of Virtual Reality On Unilateral Spatial Neglect Following CVA*
- Kody Morris, MOTS : *Occupation-Based Practice Verses Exercise-Based Interventions For Clients With CVA*
- Jeremy Pierce, MOTS: *The Effectiveness Of Using Aromatherapy With Clients With Cancer To Reduce Fatigue And Improve Sleep Quality*
- Brittney Schorr, MOTS: *Weighted Vests Versus Standard Occupational Therapy On On-Task Behavior In Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders*

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New Vision: The Role of Occupational Therapy in Low Vision Rehabilitation
Course Description: At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will be able to: define low vision and discuss the leading causes of vision impairment in older adults; explain the role of Occupational Therapy in the evaluation and treatment of low vision; identify 7 steps for improving safety and independence for patients with vision loss

Instructor: Jenice D. Heck, LOTR, MMC received a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from the LSUHSC School of Allied Health Professions in 1996 and a master's degree in Mass Communication from the LSU Manship School of Mass Communication in 2003. She has been an OT for 16 years with broad experience in Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation. Ms. Heck has worked exclusively in Vision Rehabilitation for the past 9 years and is currently the Director of Vision Rehabilitation Services at The Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans, where she continues to develop education and training programs for youth and adults; manages The Lighthouse Low Vision Clinic; and directs a community-based transportation program for the visually impaired that she developed to meet the mobility needs of the blind community following Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, Ms. Heck represents The Lighthouse in a variety of outreach programs and services to foster public awareness for individuals with vision loss. She is a regular guest lecturer for the LSUHSC Occupational Therapy program, the Delgado Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant program, the LSUHSC Audiology program, and the LSU-Ochsner Ophthalmology Residency program. She provides sensitivity training to local medical facilities, the New Orleans Council on Aging Senior Companion Program, area schools, and a variety of special interest groups. Being visually impaired since birth, Ms. Heck has always viewed her blindness as an asset, utilizing her skills for adaptation and creativity to help others overcome their disabilities. She states, "The biggest limitations are the ones we put on ourselves."

Successful Strategies for Fall Prevention & Establishing Treatment Goals
Course Description: At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will be able to: Identify patients at risk for falls, describe need for fall prevention programs, describe keys to successful fall prevention program, and be knowledgeable about obtaining resources.

Instructor: Christopher L. Moore, MOT, LOTR has been a practicing Occupational Therapist for 6 years. He received his Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport, LA in 2005. Chris has practiced in traditional rehabilitation settings including acute inpatient rehab, outpatient neuro, long term acute care, and skilled nursing facilities. Chris currently holds position of Lead Occupational Therapist with Reliant Rehab.

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Assessing and treating Patients with Soft tissue, pain and edema in the hand in Multiple Settings

Course Description: Participants will identify topical landmarks for key nerve and soft tissue deficits in the hand/ U.E. Participants will also identify chronic or acute joint problems that have key impact on the function of the hand following various illnesses, including sepsis, stroke, orthopedic or other neurological conditions. Course will include simple solutions to minimizing swelling and pain in the hand with soft tissue support.

Instructor: Kim Norton, CHT, OTR has enjoyed serving in a variety of patient populations, working with students, presenting, studying, and pursuing excellence as an occupational therapist since 1979, graduating from LSUMC in New Orleans. Even though she has pursued specialization as a certified hand therapist, she continues to enjoy working in all areas and with all ages of clients. In 1995, she received her masters in OT from Texas Women's University, with her thesis applying the frame of reference of Occupational Adaptation to the area of hand therapy. She has been a Certified Hand Therapist since 1992 and has worked in the area of Hand Therapy since early in her career, working with the Department of Orthopedics and Neurosurgery at LSUMC Hospital from 1981 to 1986. Kim worked at a Psychiatric hospital in Denton Texas, then began to commute 1 hour to work at Fort Worth Hand Rehabilitation Center. Upon returning to Louisiana, now with 3 children, she began working as a contract therapist with Schumpert and homeschooled her children. By 1996 she was working with Dr. John Knight and Karen Brooks, LOTR, CHT, at Louisiana Hand and Upper Extremity Institute. She has worked at Christus Schumpert/Highland Medical Center as a full time employee for 10 years and work in the outpatient therapy clinic at our Highland Facility. All of the therapists at the facility assist with care of the acutely ill patients and work weekends in our inpatient rehabilitation facility. Last year, Kim had the privilege of working as a part time therapist with Therateam in a Long Term Care Facility. She has presented to small groups of professionals, Texas OT State Convention, and students (BPCC) on subjects such as Upper Extremity Evaluation and Treatment, Nerve Compression in the UE, Splint Fabrication and Lab, Modalities, Ergonomics in the Work Place, Shoulder Assessment and Treatment.

Prevention of Brain, Spinal Cord, and Other Traumatic Injuries Through Education

Course Description: Two VIP (Voice for Injury Prevention) speakers will share stories about their injuries, and how those injuries could have been prevented. The mission of ThinkFirst Ark-La-Tex Chapter is to prevent brain, spinal cord, and other traumatic injuries through education. The main objective is sharing information about ThinkFirst with OT practitioners in Louisiana in the hopes of partnering with them to prevent injury. An added bonus to these presentations for Allied Health Professionals is the opportunity for them to openly ask questions about the VIP's injuries, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Instructor: Emily N. Smith with ThinkFirst Ark-La-Tex Chapter. Ronald "Bubba" Fletcher and Brandon Young are the VIPs who will share their stories at the conference.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

COST:

OT Member—$325	Non-Member—$400
COTA Member—$275	Non-Member—$325
Student Member—$50	Non-Member—$75
ONE DAY REGISTRATION—$195	

OTR/COTA Members: Three or more persons from the same facility, registering at the same time, receive a 10% discount at the time of registration.

Level I and II Occupational Therapy Students: Three or more persons from the same Institute, registering at the same time, receive a 10% discount at the time of registration.

Full payment is required at the time of registration. Does not apply after the first day of seminar.

Registration will be returned in full less a $50 handling fee until March 9, 2012. No refunds after March 19 2012. *Please call LOTA office for information regarding late registration.*

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Conference Information

Who Should Attend?

This conference is designed for all Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants. Students are welcome to participate as well.

Continuing Education Credits

Up to 15 contact hours/1.5 continuing education units can be earned by attending the entire conference. Hours will be awarded in accordance with the number of hours attended.

Hotel Accommodations

Hampton Inn and Suites, Bossier City North, 2961 Viking Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111. Approximately .3 miles from Willis Knighton Bossier. King/Queen rates: $99, Suites $114. Please book under "LOTA" for discounted rates. (FYI...free breakfast, free WiFi, short distance from Conference site)

Courtyard Marriott @ The Louisiana Boardwalk, 100 Boardwalk Blvd, Bossier City, LA, 71111. Approx 3 miles from Willis Knighton Bossier. King/Queen rates: $139 per night. Please book under "LOTA" for discounted rates.

Special Needs?

ADA needs: We would be happy to accommodate your ADA needs. If you have special needs, please send your request to the LOTA office in writing post-marked at least two weeks prior to the conference. Mail to LOTA, P O Box 14806, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, or fax to (225) 291-2811.

Questions??

Call the LOTA Office in Baton Rouge at 888-780-6306