

**Statement of Reasons  
for Adoption of  
Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Sections 40050.5, 40519, 40519.1, and 41024**

The American Council for Occupational Therapy Accreditation – the accrediting body for the profession of occupational therapy – determined that the doctorate will become the primary entry degree in order to become a certified occupational therapist. The California State University Board of Trustees sponsored legislation – Assembly Bill 829 (2019), *California State University: Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program* (Bloom) – to give the CSU Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) degree-granting authority. This legislation was signed into law by Governor Newsom on August 30, 2019. This degree program may be offered solely by the CSU, independent of any other institutions of higher education.

Adoption of Section 40050.5 will expand the function of the California State University to include instruction leading to the Occupational Therapy Doctorate degree.

Section 40519 stipulates the necessary characteristics, policies, and other requirements for Occupational Therapy Doctorate degree programs, including the function of programs, core degree curriculum and the minimum requirements for the doctoral project.

Adoption of Section 40519.1 defines for Occupational Therapy Doctorate programs the degree requirements, including eligibility, advancement to candidacy, minimum grade point average, degree completion requirements (courses and doctoral project), and time limitations.

Adoption of Section 41024 will establish systemwide admission requirements for the Occupational Therapy Doctorate degree programs. A similar admission regulation was adopted for the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree programs.