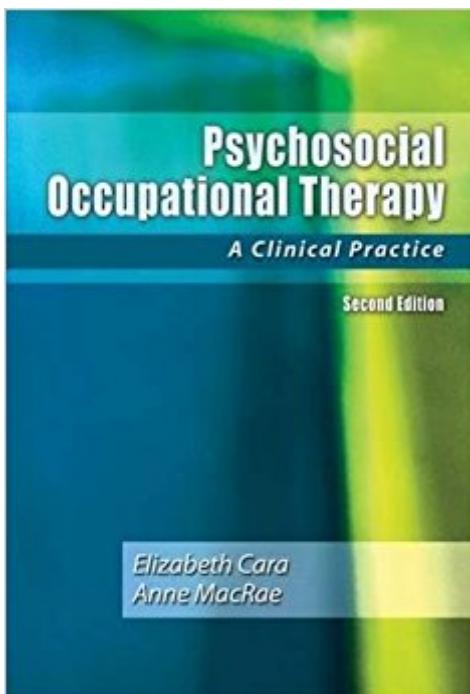


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# Psychosocial Occupational Therapy: A Clinical Practice



## **Synopsis**

An excellent resource for coursework in psychosocial occupational therapy, this revised edition focuses on the clinical applications of psychosocial occupational therapy to prepare the reader for working with actual clients in real-life contexts. With a novice friendly approach focusing on diagnosis, this book is filled with case illustrations to demonstrate therapy in clinical practice. Current issues with a clinical focus have been contributed by experts in the field and include an international perspective. Keeping current with developments in the profession, extensive revisions and reorganization reflect the recent Occupational Therapy Practice Framework (AOTA, 2002). Chapters have been reorganized to reflect the long-standing value placed on treating the whole person. This reorganization mirrors the general trend in psychiatry and mental health to intervene more aggressively using medicine and assessments, to evaluate and treat more briefly, to focus on function, and to use community settings. Thoroughly revised and restructured, this text is an important addition to any occupational therapy library. New to the Edition: Reorganized into seven sections on the mental health context, theoretical concepts, diagnosis and dysfunction, mental health across the lifespan, mental health with physical disorders, occupational therapy intervention in mental health, expanded roles for occupational therapists in mental health, and clinically related roles to better reflect clinical practice. New chapter on assessment including an overview of the evaluation process, observation, and interview techniques. New, separate chapters on mental health of children, mental health of adolescents, and mental health of the elderly provide more detailed information for each of these populations. Includes a new chapter on environmental and cultural considerations.

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The second edition of *Psychosocial Occupational Therapy: A Clinical Practice* by Elizabeth Cara and Anne MacRae is an excellent resource for students and clinicians alike. The second edition incorporates the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework (AOTA, 2002) into its organizational structure and its use of language. The book draws its strength from the experienced contributors who each write about their area of expertise. As such, it includes very relevant information that reflects the current practice climate such as case management and the focus on community settings. It uses ample case studies to illustrate concepts that are presented in the chapter. The book features 24 chapters organized into seven parts that reflect principles within the practice framework. I recommend *Psychosocial Occupational Therapy: A Clinical Practice*, 2E to educators who will find it well organized and a great teaching tool. Your students will like the case studies and in-class learning activities. I also recommend this book to clinicians who would like a resource covering a great range of diagnoses, interventions, and resources within psychosocial occupational therapy. - (POTAC Newsletter, Winter 2005) Lynne Andonian, MID, OTRL/L is the occupational therapist at Bridge to Wellness, San Francisco and adjunct lecturer at both San Jose State University and Dominican University of California.

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The book itself is good for what it does, but I just bought it because it was required. Frankly, my class didn't use it much, but the content was good for Psychosocial OT.

It arrived promptly, in good condition, as described. The text will serve its purpose. If the book turns out not to be a keeper, I'll look into selling it back to .

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I purchased this book for a psychosocial OT class this past semester and was thrilled with the overall content. The authors of the textbook really thought out what an OT practitioner should know about the diagnosis, evaluation, and intervention process for an OT mental health setting. The authors did a wonderful job. I HIGHLY recommend this book for any seasoned OT and especially an OT student who will be doing a Mental health fieldwork rotation--I know I will be bringing this text to my OT MH affiliation in January, 07.Great textbook--you will not be disappointed.

We're using this book as our text for a psychopathology class. It's really easy to read, is concise, and it offers logical & practical OT interventions for each dx presented. Even OT students who have already completed a course in abnormal psych will find that this book is relevant and useful.

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