



## First Time Attendees – How to Make the Most of Your Experience

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## What's Conference About?

- Educational Sessions – General, Scientific Research Panels, Posters
- Official Meetings of the Association
- Networking Opportunities
- Social Events
- Products & Services
- Recognition of Colleagues
- Getting Re-energized

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## Around the Orange County Convention Center

- Registration – OCCC West Lobby
  - Open Wednesday through Saturday (see app for daily times)
- General Sessions – OCCC West Halls A1-A2
  - Keynote
  - Presidential Address
  - Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lecture
  - Daily Panels (Thursday & Friday)



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## Around the Orange County Convention Center

- Expo Hall – OCCC West Halls A3-A4
  - Grand Opening, Thursday, March 21, 12:30 pm -2:30 pm (Lunch included)
- The AOTA Experience and AOTA Store – OCCC West Halls A3-A4
- Restrooms on all Levels
- Food options: throughout the center (see About Conference section of the app for times and locations)



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## Around the Rosen Centre

- Headquarters hotel
- Registration – Rosen Registration Desk 1 (First Floor)
  - Open Monday-Wednesday (see app for daily times)
- Some meetings, Special Events, Alumni Receptions, and Education Sessions will be held here – check the app
- Connected to the Orange County Convention Center via a walkway on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor



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## Conference Services: Where to Find Help

- OCCC West Lobby
  - Information Booth
  - Support & Solutions
    - Lost & Found
    - App Support
  - Registration
    - Add ticketed events to your order
    - Pick up your badge and conference tote
    - Can also be done before conference at the Rosen registration
  - AOTPAC Booth
  - AOTF Booth



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## Information Booth

- Staffed by members of the Orlando Local Conference Committee
- Find information on:
  - Local Area
  - Restaurants & Entertainment
  - Accessibility
  - Ribbons
    - Most ribbons are on the wall
    - Don't see a specialty ribbon you are looking for? Visit the Information Booth to pick up



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## Additional Locations

- EMT/First Aid
  - West A Lobby (see About Conference section of the app for daily times)
- Mothers' Lounge (see app for dates & daily times of each location)
  - OCCC Room W107
  - Rosen Salon 6
- Bag Check
  - OCCC Reg Offices 7-8
  - Open Friday & Saturday (see About Conference section of the app for cost and time)
- Prayer/Meditation Room
  - OCCC Room W106 (see app for daily times)



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## Choosing Which Sessions to Attend

- Types of sessions (Filter by Types in the app)
  - Workshops (3 hours)
  - Short Courses (1 hour)
  - Scientific Research Panels (1 hour – 30 minutes/panel)
  - Conversations That Matter (50 minutes)
  - Student Sessions (50 minutes)
  - Tech Labs (1 hour to rotate between 2 labs)
  - Posters (2 hour sessions)
  - General Sessions (45 minutes – 1 hour)

## Choosing Which Sessions to Attend

- Tracks (Filter by Tracks in the app)
  - Primary & Secondary Topics (all education sessions have this)
  - Research Area & Type (only Research Panels & Research Posters have this)
  - Technology Area (only Tech Labs have this)

## Continuing Education Credit

- Keep track of the sessions you attend – CE Guide in your tote
  - Don't worry if you misplace it – stop by Support & Solutions for another copy
- Posters
  - Up to 10 posters for 2 contact hours, can view more
- You will receive information after INSPIRE with instructions and a link to create your CE Certificate and backup documentation



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## General Sessions – OCCC West Halls A1-A2

- **Thursday**
  - The Morning Buzz: Getting the Most Out of Your AOTA INSPIRE 2024 Experience (OCCC Room W109A)
  - Keynote Address – Simon T. Bailey
  - The Hidden Occupations and Co-Occupations of Women 2.0
- **Friday**
  - Presidential Address – Alyson Stover
  - TRANSform Your Perspective: Why Gender-Affirming Care Matters
- **Saturday**
  - Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lecture – Anita Bundy
  - Awards & Recognitions Ceremony
    - Reception after the ceremony is open to all attendees



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## The Expo & The AOTA Experience & Store

- OCCC West Halls A3-A4: Expo
  - Exhibitors and expo hall floor plan are located in the app
  - See schedule in app for daily times
  - Grand Opening & Lunch – Thursday, March 21 – 12:30 pm-2:30 pm
- OCCC West Halls A3-A4: The AOTA Experience & Store
  - AOTA & OT Month Merchandise
  - AOTA Press: special discounts for conference attendees
  - 4 booths to connect with volunteers & AOTA staff with topics changing after every 45 minute session (see app for details)
  - Collect special ribbons at each booth to be entered into a raffle for a free AOTA INSPIRE 2025 Conference registration



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## Conference Etiquette

- Review the AOTA Event Code of Conduct – available on [aota.org](http://aota.org)
- Entering and exiting sessions
- Ticketed events
- Mobile phones off or on vibrate
- No audio taping or taking images of sessions or slides without permission!
- Accessible seating – look for signage at the front of each room
- No saving seats!
- Keep aisle free – fire marshal regulations
- Volunteer room monitors will close sessions if the room is full – be respectful



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## Evaluation & Feedback

- Evaluation of individual educational sessions will be completed in the app. Be constructive with any feedback as it will be shared with speakers (anonymous)
- Post Conference Electronic Survey for your entire conference experience will be sent at the conclusion of the event (anonymous)
- Email [conference@aota.org](mailto:conference@aota.org) with any feedback you would like a response to



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## AOTA INSPIRE 2024 Mobile App

- The ONLY place to access the full event schedule and customize your Conference agenda.
- Filter sessions by type, track, content level, and other filters.
- Easily find session rooms through the interactive map
- See all the speakers & read their bios



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## AOTA INSPIRE 2024 Mobile App

- View session handouts (must be signed into your app account to view handouts)
- Turn on Push Notifications for important updates and exciting offers while we are in Orlando
- Need assistance with the app? Stop by Support & Solutions for help
- There will be free wi-fi in the Orange County Convention Center (see About the Conference section of the app for login details)



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## Social Media

Find links to the AOTA Social Media Accounts in the app

- Facebook
- X
- Instagram
- LinkedIn

Use #AOTAInspire24 on all your posts



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# AOTA INSPIRE | 2025 Annual Conference & Expo

Be a speaker next year in Philadelphia!

Call for Papers: May 16-June 20, 2024

Not sure how to get started? Be on the look out for a live webinar before the call opens.



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## Questions?

- Please use the Q&A box for any questions during the webinar.
- Think of something after? Email us at [conference@aota.org](mailto:conference@aota.org)



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