After completion of this chapter, students should be able to:

1. Recognize the significance of the history of occupational therapy on the current role of occupational therapy practitioners in mental health practice.

2. Discuss cultural, legislative, and financial influences that affect mental health care in the United States.

3. Explain the shift toward community-based practice in mental health care.

4. Classify models of practice currently used in mental health occupational therapy services.

5. Examine how the Recovery Model incorporates key aspects of the philosophy of occupational therapy.