

**Why to Study a Science of the Occupation in Amazon?**

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The Occupational Therapy appeared as a profession in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, based on the (tese) that the human participation in purposeful and meaningful occupations could help significantly in the physical, psychological and social areas (DE CARLO; BARTALOTTI, 2001; BENETTON, 2006). Aiming the development of the profession in Amazon, we have the duty of comprehend the varied aspects that wrap this region of ethnic and cultural diversity unique on worldwide scenery, considering the historical evolution of the meanings and forms of the multiple occupations that motivates people's life. It's known that Occupational Therapy comprehends that the occupations have meanings shared by the people of a community, in accordance with their realities and cultural values (IWAMA; SIMO, 2008), being this comprehension the key to the therapeutic process. Discuss, based on the core values of the occupational science, ways promoted by this discipline that make possible the systematic study of form, function and meaning of amazon population's occupations, aiming to contribute to the development of the occupational therapist's practices. Occupational Science approaches three aspects of occupation: the form, considering the daily seen aspects; the function, based on the ways by which occupation serves to the adaption; and the meaning, in other words, the meaning of the occupation into the real life and culture context (CLARK; WOOD; LARSON, 2002). The study of predominant occupations in the daily life of amazonic populations have been basic to comprehend the regional reality and the peculiarities of population, as well as have contributed to the reflections about the occupational therapists practices in this area. The occupations of amazonic populations, urban and rural, always show, in higher or lower grades, manifestations of its evolution historical and cultural, specially the african, portuguese and native influence, directly reflecting on its form, function and meaning that they attribute to these actions. Even incipient, the appropriation initiatives of the theoretical pressupotions of the Occupational Science have been contributing to the study and understanding of the occupational behaviour of the Amazonian people and consequently, added to the area of the Occupational Therapy, new perspectives for the performance of the papers in this context.