

## Standards of Excellence for the Orthotic/Prosthetic Residency Program

*Accreditation is a system of recognizing educational institutions and professional programs that meet the minimum standards in preparing students for independent practice. The process of accreditation is continuously evolving.*

*The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) carries out its accreditation mission by serving as the deliberative body through which standards for residency programs as well as procedures for accreditation are established.*

*NCOPE's accreditation process is a valuable service to students, the education and residency programs, the profession and the public.*



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Information on  
Becoming an  
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## Becoming an Accredited Residency Site....It's Easier Than You Think!

### Residency Standards Highlights

#### *General Policies Overview*

- Facility must be ABC accredited or have applied for accreditation within the past six months
- Residents must have graduated from CAAHEP/NCOPE accredited programs
- The length of the residency is at least 12-months per discipline
- Residents must provide direct patient care but only under the supervision of an ABC certified practitioner
- Program is responsible to impart expertise and promote competency of the resident by expecting them to meet or exceed the residency objectives

#### *Program Staff Qualifications/Responsibilities Overview*

##### **Director**

- ABC-certified practitioner in good standing
- Five years ABC post-certification clinical experience
- Involved in or directly supervise patient care
- Responsible for maintaining documentation of evaluations, including regular assessment (quarterly evaluations) of resident's performance

##### **Director & Residency Staff**

- O&P instructor-to-resident ratio is one instructor to two residents
- Evaluate the resident's ability to assume increasing responsibility for patient care
- Maintain written evaluations as part of the performance record for each resident and submit final evaluation of resident's completion to NCOPE

#### *Required*

#### *Orthotic/Prosthetic Experience*

##### **Required Orthotic Experience**

- Foot orthosis
- Ankle-foot orthosis
- Knee-foot orthosis
- Knee-ankle-foot orthosis
- Hip orthosis
- Wrist-hand orthosis
- Cervical orthosis
- TLSO
- LSO
- Scoliosis orthosis

##### **Required Prosthetic Experience**

- Postoperative management
- Static and dynamic alignments of sockets
- Syme
- Transtibial
- Transfemoral
- Transradial
- Transhumeral

### Administration and Fees

#### *Fees*

Residency Application Fee — \$500 (first time)  
\$300 (Reapply)

Resident Registration Fee — \$1,200

#### *Contact Information/Timeline for Processing Application by NCOPE*

To get accreditation information, including a manual contact:

- **Dominique Mungo, Residency Coordinator**  
at 703-836-7114 ext. 237 or  
email at [dmungo@ncope.org](mailto:dmungo@ncope.org)

To submit your application for review with fee send to:

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Application will be reviewed by the Residency Review Committee (process takes approximately six weeks) and accreditation status will be awarded upon approval.

You will be mailed an NCOPE Certificate of Accreditation, and added to the NCOPE website as an accredited residency program at [www.ncope.org](http://www.ncope.org).