

Standards of Accreditation 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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Residency Standards Highlights

General Policies Overview

- Facility must be accredited by an organization that accredits Comprehensive O & P Patient Care Services and requires a Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited orthotic and prosthetic education for orthotists and prosthetists
- Residents must have graduated from CAAHEP/NCOPE accredited programs (*Resident starts after facility is NCOPE accredited*)
- 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 certified practitioner
- Program is responsible to impart expertise and promote competency of the resident by expecting them to meet or exceed the residency objectives

Staff Qualifications/Responsibilities

Director

- Must possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree & be credentialed in the profession of O & P through a program accredited by the NCCA or hold professional state licensure
- Five years post-certification or licensure experience
- Complete the online "Residency Program Preparation Course". This course can be accessed at <http://www.oandp.org/olc/ncope>.

Course certificate must accompany application.

- Responsible for maintaining documentation of evaluations, including regular assessment (quarterly evaluations) of resident's performance

Director & Residency Staff

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

Required Orthotic Competencies/Experiences

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

Required Prosthetic Competencies/Experiences

- Postoperative care
- Symes and/or partial feet prosthesis
- Transtibial prosthesis
- Transfemoral prosthesis
- Upper limb prosthesis

Administration and Fees

Fees

Residency Application Fee — \$500 (first time)
\$400 (reapply)
Add-On to Second Discipline Application Fee—\$300
Resident Registration Fee — \$1,500 (per residency discipline)

Contact Information/Timeline for Processing Application by NCOPE

To get accreditation information, including a manual contact:

- **Dominique Mungo, Residency Manager**
- at 703-836-7114 ext. 237 or email at 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. A residency can attend your residency program once your facility is NCOPE accredited.