

APPROVAL OF PEDORTHIC PRE-CERTIFICATION COURSES NOW UNDER
THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC EDUCATION (NCOPE)

Effective January 1, 2009, the approval of pre-certification courses for the profession of pedorthics is under the organizational umbrella of the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE). The Commission on Accreditation of Pedorthic Education (CAPE) dissolved as a corporation and now functions as a committee under NCOPE. All previously accredited CAPE programs are now NCOPE approved.

Negotiations between the two organizations took place throughout 2008. Under NCOPE there will be a committee named the "Committee on Approval of Pedorthic Education" (CAPE). This committee will be comprised of only credentialed and/or licensed pedorthists and pedorthic educators. CAPE will be the content experts for all pedorthic education and will provide recommendations to the NCOPE board of directors for approval of pedorthic programs. This committee will also actively review and recommend changes and/or improvements to the application process and educational criteria. The system in place is nearly identical to the system NCOPE participates in with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

NCOPE looks forward to working with the pedorthic profession by providing approval services for the pre-certification courses. For further information or details contact Robin Seabrook at rseabrook@ncope.org or 703-836-7114 ext. 225.