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NCOPE's Second Online Residency Development Course Now Available

Alexandria, VA – The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE), in collaboration with the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP), launched the second of three online training programs for residency directors and their staffs. Thanks to federal grant monies from the Department of Education, NCOPE and AAOP are creating a series of online training opportunities to comprehensively guide participants in developing NCOPE-approved residency programs that provide the most effective residency experience for new graduates.

The second course in this series, *Development of a Residency Program*, is now available at the Academy Online Learning Center, www.oandp.org/olc. The course guides the participant through the following activities:

- Development and structure of an effective learning environment for the overall residency experience
- Creation of a structure and schedule that maximizes resident learning opportunities
- Information on becoming an effective mentor of adult learners
- Details the new NCOPE standards regarding professional activities and directed study projects
- Provides knowledge on how an evidence-based practice can play a role in the residency program

The third course in the series *Assessment in the Residency Program* is currently in development.

Development of a Residency Program will be required for those seeking residency program accreditation effective immediately and for those individuals that will be working with and evaluating residents as of June 1, 2012. The American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics (ABC) has awarded two business credits for this course.

For more information on residency programs or the online course, please contact Robin Seabrook, NCOPE Executive Director, at 703-836-7114, ext. 225 or rseabrook@ncope.org.

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