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NCOPE Online Residency Preparation 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 first 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 an NCOPE-approved residency program that provides the most effective residency experience for new graduates.

The first course in this series is now available online at the Academy Online Learning Center, www.oandp.org/olc. *Preparation to be a Residency Program* outlines the standards, how to create a mission statement for the residency program and how to fill out the application for those applying for residency program accreditation. *Residency Program Development and Assessment in the Residency Program* are currently in development.

Currently accredited residency programs are encouraged to participate in the new course as a review. The course will be required for those applying for residency program accreditation as of this date. The American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics (ABC) has awarded two business credits for section 1 *Preparation to be a Residency Program*.

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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