

Guidelines for Educational Community Service/In Service Projects

As a requirement for completion of an NCOPE Residency, the resident must participate in an *Educational Community Service/In-Service Project* to further the awareness of the orthotic and prosthetic profession. NCOPE will verify completion of this requirement on the residents 12-Month Final Evaluation Form. This evaluation is completed by the residency director/staff at the conclusion of the residency program.

Purpose

The purpose of an *Educational Community Service/In-Service Project* is to promote the O & P profession. It encourages the resident to develop their skills in public speaking and confidence when interacting with others in a professional environment. *The Community Service/In-Service Project* should take place *after* a resident starts a residency program but no sooner than six months into the residency. Most typically, *Educational Community Service/In-service Projects* should be conducted during a break in the resident's work schedule.

Benefit

Benefits of an *Educational Community Service/In-Service Project*:

- The resident can draw from their work experience.
- Audiences of the *Educational Community Service/In-Service Project* can benefit from the intended message
- Collaborates with the goal of increased O & P outreach

Examples

Here are some examples of what qualifies for an *Educational Community Service/In-Service Project* (But not limited to)

- Speaking to service clubs
- Speaking to scouts or youth programs
- Speaking to students in grades 6 through 12 or at the college level (career day)
- Speaking to a group of two (2) or more in a professional setting

Handouts, Informational Brochures and On-line Resources

Residents can contact the following O & P organizations for visual aids to assist them in completing their *Educational Community Service/In-Service Project*. Resident's can also use presentation software such as PowerPoint.

- The American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists (AAOP) – www.oandp.org
- The National Commission on Orthotic & Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) – www.ncope.org
- www.opcareers.org