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CAAHEP Approves O&P Technician Education Standards

Alexandria, VA – The National Commission for Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) is pleased to announce that the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) approved the *Standards and Guidelines for Accreditation of Educational Programs in Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician* at its September 17, 2011 meeting.

NCOPE has been fully committed to bringing technician education under the CAAHEP system since January 2009. NCOPE worked closely with O&P technician educators for the past two and half years. The results of the January 2009 Technician Summit were the basis for the development of the new technician education standards. The process included adoption of the standards by NCOPE's two CAAHEP sponsors, the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics (ABC) and the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP).

The new standards are effective immediately for any new programs seeking accreditation and all currently accredited programs will transition to the new standards based on their accreditation cycle.

For more information on the new standards and the transition of current programs, contact Robin Seabrook at rseabrook@ncope.org.

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The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) is the accreditation body for the orthotics, prosthetics and pedorthic professions. As such, its primary mission and obligation is to ensure educational and residency programs meet the minimum standards of quality to prepare individuals to enter the orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic profession.