

General Competencies for Orthotics and Prosthetics Profession:

1. **Professionalism** – achieving and preserving professional standards.
2. **Leadership** – supporting the professions strategic direction through participation on and with national O&P organizations.
3. **Communication skills** – interacting and presenting information clearly and concisely.
4. **Organizational & analytical skills** – solving problems and making decisions.
5. **Technical/Professional knowledge and skills** – developing the knowledge and skill set necessary to provide patient care unique to the job and role of an orthotists and prosthetists within the six domains or areas of responsibility:
 - Patient assessment *
 - Formulation of the treatment plan
 - Implementation of the treatment plan
 - Follow-up treatment plan
 - Practice management
 - Promotion of Competency and enhancement of professional practice
6. **Research** – qualitative and quantitative studies that generate new or additional information about topics relative to O&P practice and education.

* Within each of the domains are detailed listings (ABC's Practice Analysis Report) of skills, tasks and core knowledge that O&P professionals should develop to carry out their role.