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### NCOPE Provides Specialized Training for O&P Mentors

ALEXANDRIA, VA-The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) successfully hosted its first Approved Clinical Mentor Course (ACM) in October, 2015 at the AOPA National Assembly in San Antonio, Tex. and again in March at the AAOP Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla.

This course/designation was developed in conjunction with NCOPE's mission and initiatives to ensure that practitioners mentoring students and residents have received specialized training to equip them with the skills and information necessary to more effectively teach and mentor students participating in an O&P education or residency program. Clinicians wishing to earn the ACM designation must complete the one-day training course and pass an online quiz. Participants are provided a course manual that includes practice activities and handouts related to the information covered. NCOPE will announce future course dates at [www.ncope.org](http://www.ncope.org)

Congratulations to the O&P professionals that have received the NCOPE Approved Clinical Mentor (ACM) designation.

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