

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR THE ORTHOTIC/PROSTHETIC RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Higher education has evolved considerably, but it is important to recognize that the objective of professional education is to train individuals to serve the needs of patients. NCOPE is grateful for the support of future orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic professionals that occurs outside of the school setting. NCOPE accredited residency programs advance O&P education and contribute to an expanding profession and changing health care environment through clinical training that results in the resident's attainment of competencies in the management of comprehensive orthotic and/or prosthetic patient care. Additionally, NCOPE provides direct access to a Centralized Application Service (OPRESCAS) for prospective residents to see all programs actively seeking residents and for accredited residency programs to receive applications from candidates and provide them with up-to-date information about residency opportunities.



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LIVES AND STRENGTHENING
THE PROFESSION THROUGH
EDUCATION.

Supporting Residency Education

Information on Becoming an NCOPE
Accredited Residency Program



GENERAL INFORMATION

In order to participate in the residency program, **the prospective facility** must be accredited by an organization that accredits Comprehensive O & P Patient Care Services (i.e., ABC or BOC) and requires a Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited orthotic and prosthetic education for orthotists and prosthetists.

- **Program must utilize OPRESCAS for hiring residents.**
- Program is responsible to impart expertise and promote competency of the resident by expecting them to meet or exceed the residency objectives.
- O&P mentor-to-resident ratio is one instructor to two residents.

CLINICAL FACULTY

Qualifications for Residency Director

Certified or Licensed Orthotist and/or Prosthetist must possess a minimum of a CAAHEP accredited Bachelor's degree in O&P or Bachelor's degree or higher in another major and graduated from a CAAHEP accredited post-baccalaureate Practitioner certificate program in orthotics and/or prosthetics.

- Must have 5 years post certification or licensure experience.
- Complete all 3 NCOPE Residency Program Development continuing educational courses *or* *Approved Clinical Mentor (ACM Course)*
- Cannot be a current resident.

- **Qualifications for Residency Mentor**
- Certified or Licensed Orthotist and/or Prosthetist must possess CAAHEP accredited education.
- Must have 3 years post-certification or licensure experience in discipline(s) resident is seeking.
- Complete Course Two and Course Three NCOPE Residency Program Development continuing educational courses.
- **Must be principally located at residency training site.**
- Cannot be a current resident.

CLINICAL COMPETENCY EXPERIENCES

All residency programs are required to utilize NCOPE Tracker for completion of residency forms and for entering clinical encounters.

Required Orthoses:

- Custom AFO
- Custom Foot Orthosis
- Custom Scoliosis
- Custom TLSO
- Custom KAFO
- Knee Orthosis
- Upper Limb Orthosis

Required Prostheses:

- Post-Operative Care
- Upper Limb Prosthesis
- Partial Foot or Symes
- Transtibial Prosthesis
- Transfemoral Prosthesis

Refer to NCOPE's Accreditation Standards & OPRESCAS requirements at ncope.org for complete details.

APPLICATION FEES

Residency Accreditation Application Fee: **\$600**

Add-on Program Application Fee: **\$300**

Payment methods: **Check, money order, credit card**

TO APPLY

Visit ncope.org and click Residency and Professional Experiences

TIMELINE FOR PROCESSING APPLICATION

Applications will be reviewed by the Residency Accreditation Review Committee (process takes approximately 3 weeks) and upon approval, accreditation will be awarded. You will be mailed an NCOPE Certificate of Accreditation, and added to the website as an accredited residency program. A resident can attend your residency program once your facility is NCOPE accredited.

CONTACT INFORMATION

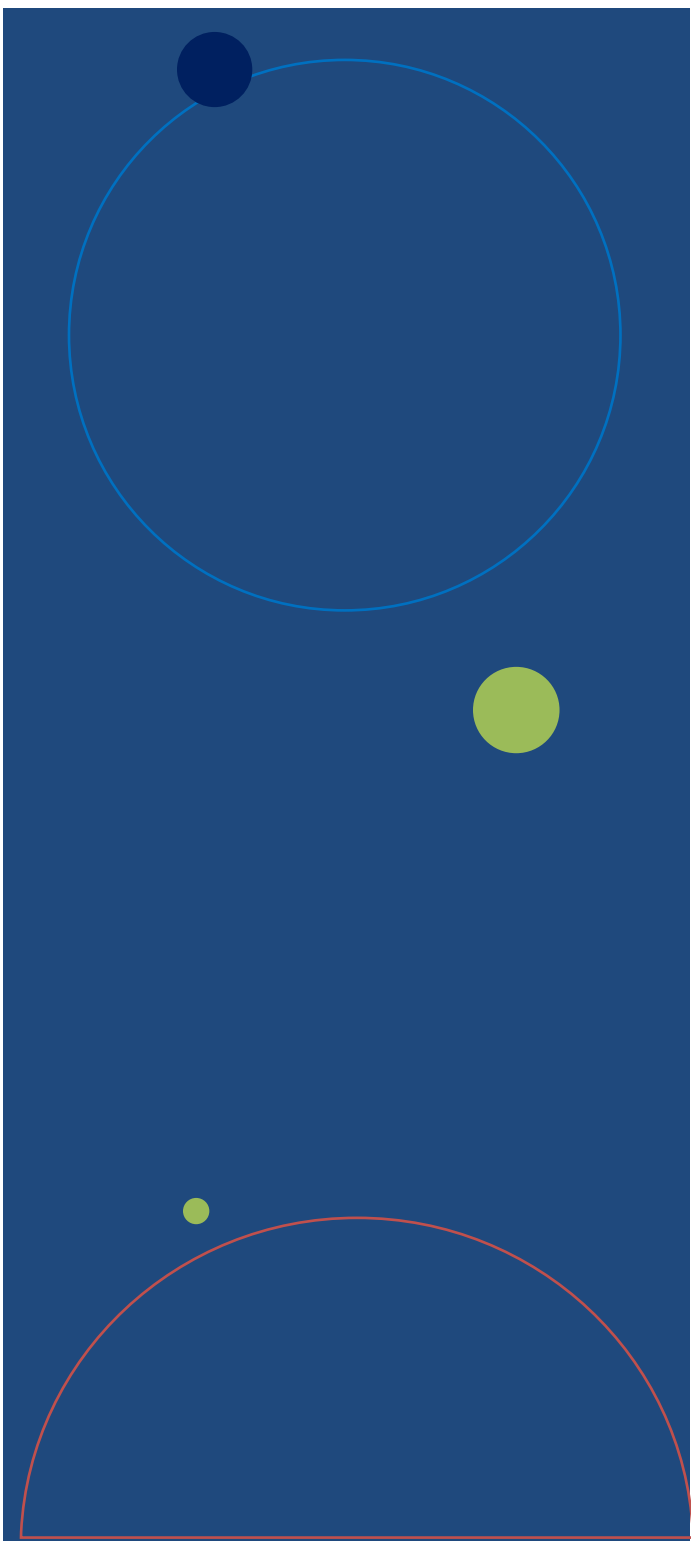
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