



Annual Report 2022

A large, abstract graphic design occupies the lower half of the cover. It consists of several overlapping, flowing shapes in shades of blue and teal. The shapes are composed of many thin, parallel lines that create a sense of movement and depth. The colors transition from a deep navy blue at the bottom to a lighter, almost white blue at the top, with a hint of green at the very top of the flowing shapes.

Improving Lives and Strengthening
the Profession Through Education

Chair's Message

Dear O&P Colleagues,

As we reflect on a year of activities that support NCOPE's mission to improve lives and strengthen the profession through education, I want to acknowledge the contributions of our community stakeholders and partner relationships. Without site visitors, NCOPE cannot provide accreditation services for our academic programs. Without instructors and residency mentors, academic and clinical education cannot be provided to students. Without students and residents, we cannot advance our profession.

In addition, NCOPE's activities would not be possible without the tireless efforts of Robin Seabrook (Executive Director), Chris Robinson, MS, MBA, CPO, ATC, FAAOP(D) (Clinical Resource Director), Eric Watters (Residency Program Coordinator & Accreditation Assistant), and Claire Doyle (Residency Program Assistant), our commissioners, volunteers, and sister organizations. I also wish to acknowledge the work of the nominations committee. Chaired by Tom Karolewski, CP(L), FAAOP(D), they welcomed three new 2023 board members: Rebecca Spragg, CPO; Heidi Truman, CPO; and Megan Sions, PT, PhD.

NCOPE had a very busy and successful year as you can see by reviewing our accomplishments. Finally, a special thank you to our colleagues transitioning off the board who provided years of volunteerism (we miss you!): Tom Karolewski, CP(L), FAAOP(D), Wendy Beattie, CPO, and Marilys Randolph, PT, PhD.

Together we all make a difference in advancing and building awareness of the value of O&P. Thank all of you who support NCOPE and O&P education. We look forward to working with you this year.

Thank you!



Sue Spaulding, MS, CPO(L), FAAOP
Chair

Accreditation at a Glance 2022

During 2022, NCOPE performed accreditation and approval services for the following programs and CAAHEP activities.

Education Programs

Orthotist/Prosthetist Level

California State University	Submission of self-study for continued accreditation. Virtual Site Visit in 2022. <i>Awarded continued accreditation CAAHEP July 2022.</i>
Concordia University – St. Paul	Submission of self-study for <i>continued accreditation</i> November 2022. Site Visit to occur in 2023.
Eastern Michigan University	Submission of self-study for <i>continued accreditation</i> November 2022. Site Visit to occur in 2023.
Kennesaw State University	Submission of self-study for <i>continued accreditation</i> . Site Visit in October 2022. NCOPE recommends CAAHEP <i>continued accreditation</i> in December 2022. Action of CAAHEP board to occur in 2023.
Loma Linda University	Submission of self-study for <i>continued accreditation</i> in 2022. Site Visit to occur in 2023.
Salus University	Submission of self-study for <i>candidacy recognition</i> December 2021 with update in 2022. Virtual Site Visit April 2022. <i>Awarded candidacy by NCOPE May 2022.</i>
University of Pittsburgh	Submission of self-study for <i>continued accreditation</i> Virtual Site Visit December 2021. <i>Awarded continued accreditation in March 2022.</i>

Assistant Level

Oakland University	Virtual Site Visit January 2022 for candidacy. <i>Awarded candidacy by NCOPE March 2022.</i> Submission of Request for Accreditation Services (RAS) for initial accreditation with CAAHEP August 2022. Submission of self-study December 2022. Site Visit to occur in 2023.
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Pedorthic Level

Academy of Pedorthic Science/
Kennesaw State University

Closed in 2022 and did not pursue CAAHEP Accreditation.

Francis Tuttle Technology

Submission of self-study for *initial accreditation* by CAAHEP in 2021 and Virtual Site Visit in late 2021. *Awarded initial accreditation CAAHEP January 2022.* July 2022, program informs of closing the pedorthic program with no new cohorts in 2022.

Technician Level

Bluegrass Community and
Technical College

Virtual Site Visit March 2022 for candidacy. *Awarded candidacy by NCOPE April 2022.* Submission of Request for Accreditation Services (RAS) for initial accreditation with CAAHEP June 2022. Submission of self-study November 2022. Site Visit to occur in 2023.

Joliet Junior College

Submission of self-study for *continued accreditation*. Virtual Site Visit February 2022. *Awarded continued accreditation CAAHEP July 2022.*

Spokane Falls Community College

Virtual Site Visit February 2022. *Awarded continued accreditation CAAHEP July 2022.*

St. Petersburg College

Closed Technician program in 2022.



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Southwestern Medical Center

Summary of 2022 Activities of NCOPE

Our committees had a busy and successful year. Below are some highlights and accomplishments, with committee chairs listed in parentheses.

- **Finance Committee.** Monitored and evaluated NCOPE's financial policies and programs, while recognizing the importance of making decisions that align with NCOPE's mission and financial stewardship. (Mike Madden)
- **Data Management and Analytics Committee.** Identified the most relevant academic data for collection and distribution, which led to revisions to the academic annual report tool (with guidance from Chris Robinson). This work will lead to further transparency for students, schools, residents, residency sites, and other community partners. (Erin Ruxton)
- **Accreditation Committee.** Reviewed site visit reports and prepared executive recommendations to the NCOPE Board; reviewed site visitor/self-study reviewers survey responses for process improvement; and responded to student concerns. (Wendy Beattie)
- **Resident/Student Activities Committee.** Coordinated activities and communication with students prior to and while attending the 2022 Policy Forum. (Jonas Ljung)
- **Clinical Standards Committee.** Reviewed information (e.g., NCOPE tracker, practice analysis) and gathered information from the O&P community to learn about the impacts of changing to a combined O&P residency (removing the option for single-discipline residency programs) in preparation for updates to NCOPE's clinical (residency) standards. They learned that NCOPE should not remove the option to complete a single discipline residency. (Sheryl Sachs)
 - > Mark Clary and Sheryl Sachs attended the ABC-NCOPE "Clinical Practitioner Training & Assessment Conference" where they explored the future of residency clinical training and certification exam assessments of new orthotists and prosthetists. Participants recommended exploring requiring all graduates to complete both O&P disciplines and combining ABC's exams.



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- **Larry Lange Travel Fellowship Award Selection Committee.** Selected the top candidate, Gila Baer, for this award. This award supports further educational experiences for recent graduates. (Ed Strachan)
- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.** Initiated and organized DEI workshops at the AAOP and the AOPA meeting. Both were well attended (30-40 people) and received positive feedback. This work promotes NCOPE's goal to support racially and ethnically diverse students and residents. June McCoy was very active with the DEI Committee as well as with scoring and awarding the first NCOPE award. (Marilys Randolph)
- **Regional Residency Liaison Committee.** Continues to provide support to the residents and enable communication between residents and NCOPE to strengthen their clinical experiences. (Michael Carroll)
- **Education Bridge Committee.** Recommended a research grant opportunity to further enhance the CAAHEP outcome-based education Standards. In collaboration with The Foundation, NCOPE announced a research opportunity to identify the core concepts and core principles for O&P professionals. This project will begin the process of identifying and unpacking core principles, or mechanistic (cause-effect) problem solving fundamentals. Student's mastery of core principles results in lasting understanding and the ability to analyze and address novel problems. Focus on core principles along with core competencies will further align the Standards with O&P practice. (Sue Spaulding and Mike Madden)

In addition to the ongoing activities listed in the Outreach/Impact Table below, NCOPE is working on three main projects in 2023:

1. Revision of the technician academic standards to meet today's clinical and technical needs.
2. Revision of the clinical (residency) standards to address changes in clinical practice and promote quality O&P skills.
3. Hosting the 2023 Education Summit (Aug 3-4). Summit meetings provide the opportunity for conversation and understanding among those in practice and academia, and are especially important today as we see dramatic changes in the healthcare environment impacting the O&P practice. To fulfill the growing demands and continue to improve care, the profession needs effective, affordable, yet accessible, and sustainable training programs for all O&P professionals.

In support of this need, NCOPE is focusing the 2023 Education Summit on identifying the challenges and opportunities to advance O&P education, focusing on technician, assistant, and clinical (residency) education. The conference will bring together 50 professionals across the U.S. with backgrounds in academia, clinical practice, and technical practice from varied settings. We are looking forward to the meeting and especially toward exploring the opportunities to advance the quality of O&P education for the profession.

NCOPE's Outreach/Impact to the Community

	Prospective Students	Current Students	Faculty	Residents	Directors/ Mentors
Online Courses ^{a,b}			✓		✓
Supervision Credits ^b			✓		✓
NCOPE Tracker				✓	✓
Exhibiting at Academy/ AOPA		✓	✓	✓	✓
Workshops at Academy/ AOPA ^c			✓	✓	✓
Networking Sessions at Academy/AOPA ^d				✓	
Employer Meet & Greet - Technician level		✓	✓		
Resident Fair		✓		✓	
Health Professions Week	✓				
Noteworthy Newsletter				✓	✓
Technician Newsletter		✓	✓		
OPRESCAS ^e		✓		✓	
Policy Forum ^f		✓			
Travel Awards ^g				✓	

^a Site-visitor training, Approved Clinical Mentor (ACM)

^b ABC Category 2 credits submission by NCOPE monthly

^c TOPER or Specific subject, i.e., DEI

^d Breakfast, lunch, or social event

^e Pays for the first 4 applications

^f NCOPE funds 50% of student travel/housing, remainder is funded by sister organization contributions

^g DEI and Larry Lange

Residency Accreditation Report

During 2022, NCOPE performed the following accreditation services:

Residency Sites Information:

Reviewed and accredited: 150 patient care facilities for Residency Programs

Number of accredited programs: 492

Resident Information Data:

Completed residency in 2022: 375 residents completed program

Program Type:
61 – O&P dual residency program
129 – Orthotics residency program
141 – Prosthetics residency program

Program Track:
288 Clinical Track
43 Research Development Track



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Program Type Residents Attended in 2022

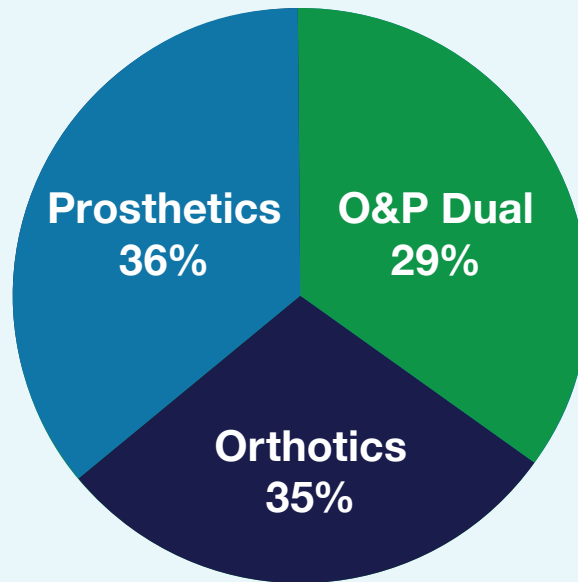


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Organizational Type for 2022

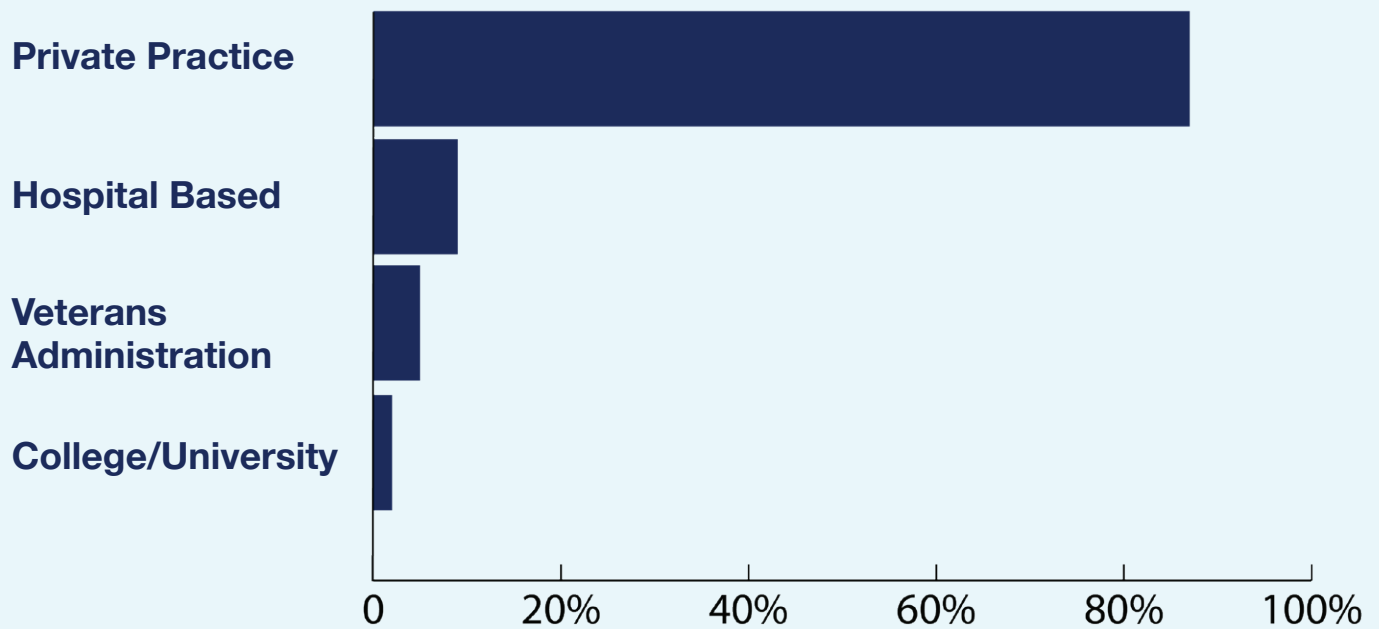


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2022 Accredited Educational Programs Listing

Orthotist/Prosthetist Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Masters = 13

Alabama State University
California State University
Concordia University/Century College
Baylor College of Medicine
Eastern Michigan University
Kennesaw State University
Loma Linda University
Northwestern University
Florida International University/
International Institute of Orthotics & Prosthetics
University of Hartford
University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
University of Washington



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Southwestern Medical Center*



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Technician Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Associate Degree/Certificate = 5

Century College

Francis Tuttle Technology Center – no new cohorts/inactive 2022

Joliet Junior College

Spokane Falls Community College

St. Petersburg College

Pedorthic Level Program (CAAHEP Accredited)

Pedorthic Certificate = 1

Francis Tuttle Technology Center – closed summer of 2022

Pedorthic Education Courses (NCOPE Accredited)

Pedorthic Courses = 2

Academy of Pedorthic Science/Kennesaw State University
– closed 2022

St. Petersburg College – closed 2022



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National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education

Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2022 and 2021

ASSETS	2022	2021
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,163,884	\$1,011,566
Investments	1,899,057	2,139,684
Accounts Receivable	5,968	2,400
Promises Receivable	2,000	-
Prepaid Expenses	10,490	7,903
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Total Current Assets	\$3,081,399	\$3,161,553
Fixed Assets:		
Fixed Assets - Net	53,237	1,886
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Other Assets:		
Deposits	2,005	1,700
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Total Assets	\$3,136,641	\$3,165,139
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$11,961	\$8,983
Accrued Leave & Salary	33,760	29,818
Due to Affiliate	109,187	90,101
Deferred Revenues (including long-term)	469,600	472,250
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Total Liabilities	\$624,508	\$601,152
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Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	\$2,512,133	\$2,559,987
Restrictions	-	4,000
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Total Net Assets	\$2,512,133	\$2,563,987
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,136,641	\$3,165,139
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National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education

Statement of Activities Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

Revenues and Other Support	2022	2021
Contributions	\$18,010	\$26,028
Program Fees:		
Residency Fees	910,750	896,400
Site Application Fees	118,285	122,200
School Accreditation Fees	37,225	39,600
Other Program Fees	19,784	19,992
Interest and Dividends - Net of Invest Fees	37,921	49,949
Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	47,720	129,093
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	(324,325)	34,764
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	22,000	26,000
Temporarily Restricted	(22,000)	(26,000)
Total Revenues and Other Support	<u>\$869,370</u>	<u>\$1,138,026</u>
 Expenses		
Residency Accreditation	\$524,063	\$447,824
Primary Accreditation	303,168	223,063
Governance - Administration	85,043	80,136
Fund Raising	<u>4,950</u>	<u>4,606</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$917,224</u>	<u>\$755,629</u>
Changes in Net Assets	\$(51,854)	\$562,397
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>\$2,563,987</u>	<u>\$2,001,590</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$2,512,133</u>	<u>\$2,563,987</u>

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Residency Education

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James Campbell, CO, FAAOP
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Residency Review Committee (RRC)

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Thomas Karolewski, CP(L), FAAOP(D)
Jennifer Richards, CPO
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NCOPE is a nonprofit national organization that works in cooperation with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Accreditation Programs (CAAHEP) in accreditation activities for educational programs for the orthotics and prosthetics profession. NCOPE also accredits residency programs.