

# NCOPE Annual Report

2011

# Chairman's Message



To the O & P Community:

NCOPE had an extremely busy 2011, accomplishing many of our goals through day to day activities and the hard work of our committee members. I continue to be impressed by what NCOPE achieves through its dedicated volunteers, and a small but growing and very efficient staff, all working together to accomplish an ever increasing amount of work. I want to thank all of the commissioners and committee members who helped make this a successful year for NCOPE.

The time spent away from your families and clinical responsibilities to serve our profession, is greatly appreciated. NCOPE's Executive Director Robin Seabrook and staff, Dominique Mungo and Joan Dallas, helped guide and coordinate NCOPE's volunteers ensuring that our goals were met. Many times it was the staff support that helped facilitate the accomplishments of the volunteers. Great job everyone!

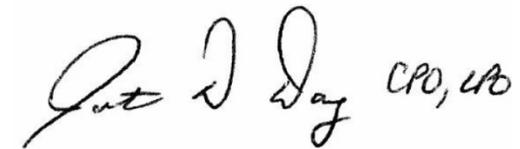
NCOPE continues to work with the professional organizations that support our profession and maintains its position as the authority on educational aspects of the orthotic and prosthetic profession. Some of our accomplishments during 2011 included:

- Assisting several of the O&P practitioner education programs in completing the transition to the Master's standards. NCOPE will continue to work with the remaining programs transitioning to the Master's standards in the coming year.
- The CAPE Committee completed the new Pedorthic education standards and they were approved by the Commission.
- New residency standards were completed by the Residency Outcomes Standards Committee and approved by the Commission. These new standards incorporate a resident competency assessment as an outcome measure for all aspects of patient care. These measures cover a variety of pathologies in orthotic or prosthetic care. Residency sites accepting new residents after June 1, 2012 will be utilizing the new competency outcome measures.
- The Residency Directors Training Committee continued their work with funding support from the Academy grant by completing the second section of the on-line training for residency directors and mentors.
- The Five-in-Five Committee/Futurity Committee worked with our consultants to investigate the feasibility of pre-O&P education to feed the master's programs, helped facilitate the development of five new master's programs and identify ways to help sustain the current programs. The results of the consultant's work were presented to the Alliance at the AOPA meeting last September. NCOPE hopes that some of the unexpected outcomes presented by the consultants become a spark to bring greater collaboration and a more unified strategic plan and vision for our profession that all of our national organizations can work toward together in the future.

NCOPE Commissioner Marj Reif completed 12 years of service to NCOPE. Marj started as our CAAHEP liaison serving for six years and then continued a public member for another six years. Her knowledge of accreditation and attention to detail will be missed by the Commission. A special thank you for all of the volunteer hours, days and weeks that you spent working for NCOPE during your terms. The Orthotic and Prosthetic profession is better today thanks in part because of your service.

NCOPE looks to continue moving our profession forward through its ongoing work in 2012!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan D. Day" followed by "CPO, CPO" in a smaller, less legible script.

Jonathan D. Day, CPO  
*Chairman*

# Accreditation at a Glance 2011

During 2011, NCOPE performed accreditation and approval services for the following programs and courses:

## **Education Programs**

### Orthotist/Prosthetist Level

Loma Linda University	Reviewed candidacy application Performed candidacy site visit in August 2011 Candidacy status awarded August 2011
Newington Certificate Program	Review of Distance Learning Program (DLP) self-study. Focused site visit for DLP December 2011
St. Petersburg College	Moved from initial accreditation to continued under CAAHEP system
University of Hartford	Transfer of sponsorship from Hanger O&P to University of Hartford under CAAHEP system

### Technician Level

Joliet Junior College	Reviewed application Performed site visit November 2011 Accreditation awarded December 2011
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## **Education Courses**

### Orthotic Fitter Course

Northern Virginia Community College's Orthotic fitter Program	Reviewed and granted approval 2011
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### Mastectomy Fitter

O&PEdu Mastectomy Course	Reviewed and granted approval 2011
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### Therapeutic Shoe Fitter

CFS Allied Health Education – Certified Fitter of Therapeutic Shoes course	Reviewed and granted approval 2011
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Foot Solutions Therapeutic Shoe  
Fitter Course

Reviewed and granted approval 2011

Aetrex's Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Course

Reviewed and granted approval 2011

### **Residency Accreditation Report**

During 2011, NCOPE performed the following accreditation services:

Reviewed and accredited: 113 patient care facilities for residency programs

Tracked residents: 324 residents in the 2010-11 cycle

Completed residents: 286 residents completed in 2011

## Summary of 2011 Activities of NCOPE

2011 was an eventful and energetic year for NCOPE and some highlights of activities/accomplishments include:

- ❖ Finalized the “Best Practice Study” and published the report. The link to the report can be accessed at [http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/Best\\_Practices\\_Final\\_Report\\_6-29-11.pdf](http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/Best_Practices_Final_Report_6-29-11.pdf)
- ❖ Conducted two residency directors workshop in cooperation with the Academy and AOPA during their annual meeting.
- ❖ Participated in the Academy's residency network session.
- ❖ Presented information on residency to the student bodies of Eastern Michigan, Georgia Tech, St. Petersburg, University of Texas and University of Washington.
- ❖ Worked on Section 2 for on-line residency training – titled “Development of a Residency Program”. Course went live in February 2012.
- ❖ Brought the technician level standards under the CAAHEP system. Standards adopted in September 2011. The standards can be accessed at <http://caahep.org/documents/file/For-Program-Directors/OPTechnicianStandards9-2011.pdf>
- ❖ Adopted new residency standards that took effect January 1, 2012. The new standards are outcome based. The standards can be accessed at [http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/2011\\_residency\\_standards.pdf](http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/2011_residency_standards.pdf)
- ❖ Self-study committee worked on creation of a new self-study guide for programs seeking accreditation
- ❖ The Typhon committee worked and developed the “Typhon Reference Guide” and made it available for residents, directors and resident mentors.
- ❖ Started movement and development of a “centralized application service” (CAS) for the education programs at the master's level wanting to participate. Contract for development is with Liaison International and the goal is to the orthotic/prosthetic CAS (OPCAS) system live in October 2012.

# 2011 Accredited Educational Programs Listing

## Orthotist/Prosthetist Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Masters = 6

Eastern Michigan University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
University of Hartford  
University of Pittsburg  
University of Texas  
University of Washington



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Baccalaureate = 2

California State University  
St. Petersburg College

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate = 4

California State University  
Century College  
Newington Certificate Program  
Northwestern University

## Technician Level Programs (NCOPE Accredited)

Associate Degree/Certificate = 6

Century College  
Baker College of Flint  
Francis Tuttle Technology  
Joliet Junior College  
Oklahoma State University  
Spokane Falls Community College



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## Pursuing Accreditation

Masters =

Loma Linda University – Candidacy Awarded August 2011  
Alabama State University – letter of intent to pursue Candidacy received June 2011

**Pedorthic Education Courses (NCOPE Accredited)**

Pedorthic Courses = 8

- Dr. Wm Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine/Rosalind Franklin University
- Eneslow Pedorthic Institute’s Pedorthic Pre-Certification Course
- Foot Solutions Pedorthic Pre-Certification Course
- International School of Pedorthics
- Northwestern University
- Pro-Learn, LLC
- Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine
- The Robert M. Palmer, MD, Institute of Biomechanics, Inc.

**Fitter Education Course (NCOPE Approved)**

Mastectomy Education Courses

Post-Mastectomy Courses = 7

- American Breast Care
- Amoena
- Anita International
- Jodec
- Nearly Me Technologies, Inc.
- OandPEdu
- Trulife



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Orthotic Fitter Courses

Orthotic Fitter Courses = 7

- Applied Technology Institute/ATi
- DeRoyal
- DJO Orthotic Fitter Course
- The Medical Careers Institute at Coordinated Health’s Orthotic Fitter Course
- Oklahoma State University – Okmulgee
- Surgical Appliance Industries (SAI)
- Trulife

Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Courses

Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Courses = 9

- ACOR Orthopedics Therapeutic Footwear Fitter Course
- Aetrex’s Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Course
- CFS Allied Health Education – Certified Fitter of Therapeutic Shoes Course

Dr. Comfort  
Foot Solutions Therapeutic Shoe Fitter  
National Pedorthic Services, Inc.  
NIPCO Therapeutic Foot Care Certificate Program  
Preferred Medical Supply Company, Inc. – Orthopedics Therapeutic Footwear  
P.W. Minor Therapeutic Shoe Fitting Course



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National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education  
Statement of Financial Position  
December 31, 2011 and 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
ASSETS		
<u>Current Assets:</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 492,086	\$ 386,633
Investments	299,558	258,059
Accounts Receivable	2,514	5,725
Prepaid Expenses	<u>3,899</u>	<u>1,506</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 798,057	\$ 651,923
 <u>Fixed Assets:</u>		
Furniture and Equipment	<u>18,471</u>	<u>3,742</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 816,528</u>	<u>\$ 655,665</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 10,520	\$ 9,287
Accrued Vacation	7,945	8,112
Due to Affiliates	58,627	26,016
Deferred Revenues	<u>219,350</u>	<u>188,480</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 296,442</u>	<u>\$ 231,895</u>
 <u>Net Assets:</u>		
Unrestricted	\$ 514,276	\$ 415,960
Temporarily Restricted	<u>5,810</u>	<u>7,810</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 520,086</u>	<u>\$ 423,770</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 816,528</u>	<u>\$ 655,665</u>

National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education  
Statement of Activities  
Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
<u>Revenues and Other Support:</u>		
Contributions		
Unrestricted	\$ 60,000	\$ 58,444
Temporarily Restricted	-	2,000
Residency Fees	404,330	382,680
Application Fees	55,100	55,000
School Accreditation Fees	14,000	13,000
Miscellaneous	8,424	4,402
Reimbursed Expenses	-	-
Investment Income	18,571	9,840
 Total Revenues and Other Support	 <u>\$560,425</u>	 <u>\$525,366</u>
 <u>Expenses:</u>		
Residency Accreditation	\$185,643	\$179,326
Primary Accreditation	211,669	226,287
CAPE	1,804	39,968
Governance	34,512	34,638
Fund Raising	778	804
 Total Expenses	 <u>\$434,406</u>	 <u>\$481,023</u>
Changes in Net Assets from Operations	\$ 126,019	\$ 44,343
Change in Fair Value of Investments, Net	(29,703)	19,374
Changes in Net Assets	\$ 96,316	\$ 63,717
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>\$423,770</u>	<u>\$352,243</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	 <u>\$520,086</u>	 <u>\$415,960</u>

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*Self-Study Review Committee – Technician level*

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**National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education  
Mission Statement**

*NCOPE develops, applies, and assures standards for orthotic and prosthetic education through accreditation and approval to promote exemplary patient care.*



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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.