

# NCOPE Annual Report

2014

# Chair's Message



To the O&P Community:

NCOPE had an extremely busy and productive year. Many projects were undertaken with the view of better serving the O&P profession, specifically the educational and residency programs. As I reflect on the accomplishments of 2014, I realize they were achieved by the hard work of the NCOPE board, committee members and volunteers. I would like to thank each and every one of you in helping make 2014 another successful year.

## 2014 Accomplishments:

- New web site design
- Implementation of web accessed Resident status reports, residents are able to track the status of NCOPE required items that NCOPE has on file for tracking of their residency program
- Finalized NCOPE participation in the Needs Study project for the Hope Grant.
- Hired consultants to work on the following projects:
  1. Needs Study Management
  2. Typhon Data Gathering and Reporting
  3. Creation of Clinical Instructor Program
- Initiated Electronic Accreditation system for schools and residency programs, expected launch in April 2015. Implemented OPRESCAS centralized application service for residents, expected launch in 2015.
- Received Technician Accreditation applications, bringing these programs under the CAAHEP system
- Participated in two ISPO meetings
- Received ISPO Category I recognition from ISPO
- Finalized plans for facilitator for 2015 Education Summit in Tampa, FL

Two NCOPE commissioners completed their service to NCOPE in 2014, Jennifer Richards, CPO, C.Ped., FAAOP and Frank E. Friddle, Jr., CO, FAAOP.

Jennifer completed seven years of service to NCOPE, most recently as NCOPE's immediate past-chair. Her service and dedication to the profession is much admired and appreciated. The 2013 NCOPE Strategic Plan, which was developed under her chairmanship created the many projects that we put into action in 2014. Jennifer's spirit and commitment to O&P education, residency training and NCOPE will be missed.

Frank completed six years of service to NCOPE, bringing a unique perspective to the board as a past-president of ABC and central fabrication facility owner. We are grateful for the time and effort that Frank has committed to the success of NCOPE. We will miss his insight and his love for the profession.

In closing, I offer my sincerest appreciation for all the efforts of our volunteers and the NCOPE staff. NCOPE would be unable to accomplish its goals without the dedication and commitment of so many.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arlene Gillis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Arlene Gillis, M.Ed., CP, LPO, FAAOP  
Chair

# Accreditation at a Glance 2014

NCOPE accredited and approved the following programs and courses:

## Education Programs

### Orthotist/Prosthetist Level

Alabama State University	Awarded <i>initial</i> CAAHEP accreditation
Baylor College of Medicine	Reviewed <i>initial</i> application Conducted <i>initial</i> site visit
California State University	Reviewed <i>continued</i> application Conducted <i>continued</i> site visit Program placed on <i>probation</i> status
Concordia University	Transferred sponsorship from Century College to Concordia
Concordia University/Century College	Reviewed <i>continued</i> application Conducted <i>continued</i> site visit
Eastern Michigan University	Reviewed <i>probation</i> progress reports Awarded <i>continued</i> CAAHEP accreditation and <i>Probation</i> status removed
Hartford University	Reviewed <i>continued</i> application Conducted <i>continued</i> site visit Awarded <i>continued</i> CAAHEP accreditation
Northwestern University	Conducted <i>continued</i> site visit Awarded <i>continued</i> CAAHEP accreditation
University of Pittsburgh	Conducted <i>continued</i> site visit Awarded <i>continued</i> CAAHEP accreditation

### Pedorthic Level

RPMI/Oklahoma State – Okmulgee	Reviewed self-study. Requested additional material to move forward with application
St. Petersburg College	Reviewed and granted accreditation

## **Technician Level**

Century College	Reviewed <i>initial</i> application for CAAHEP system Site visit to occur in 2015
Francis Tuttle Technology Center	Reviewed <i>initial</i> application for CAAHEP system Site visit to occur in 2015
Joliet Junior College	Reviewed <i>initial</i> application for CAAHEP system Site visit to occur in 2015
Spokane Community College	Reviewed <i>initial</i> application for CAAHEP system Site visit to occur in 2015
St. Petersburg College	Reviewed <i>initial</i> application for CAAHEP system Conducted <i>initial</i> site visit

## **Education Courses**

### **Orthotic Fitter**

Breg, Inc. (formerly Viscent)	Reviewed and granted approval
Francis Tuttle Technology Center	Reviewed and granted approval
St. Petersburg College	Reviewed and granted approval

### **Mastectomy Fitter**

St. Petersburg College	Reviewed and granted approval
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### **Therapeutic Shoe Fitter**

Applied Medicals Health Therapeutic Shoe Program	Reviewed and granted approval
CFS Allied Health Education	Reviewed and granted approval

## Residency Accreditation Report

NCOPE performed the following accreditation services:

Reviewed and accredited: 104 patient care facilities for residency programs

Tracked residents: 339 residents in the 2013-14 cycle

Completed residencies: 312 residents

## Summary of NCOPE 2014 Activities

Highlights of activities and accomplishments in this eventful and exciting year are:

- ❖ Conducted two residency directors workshop in cooperation with the Academy and AOPA during their annual meetings.
- ❖ Participated in the Academy's residency networking session.
- ❖ Attended the ISPO USA conference in Hawaii.
- ❖ Created access for residents to review and print real time status reports from the website of the information on file for their residency program.
- ❖ Developed a centralized application service for students to apply to residency programs –the Orthotic/Prosthetic Residency Centralized Application Service or OPRESCAS.
- ❖ Worked with consultants to develop an on-line system for administering the accreditation process for schools and residency programs.
- ❖ Participated in the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) annual meeting in April.
- ❖ Held two face to face Board of Directors meetings.
- ❖ Hosted a meeting to begin development of O&P Assistant Level Standards.
- ❖ Initiated development of a specialized one day course for residency directors and mentors, completion would award the designation of Approved Clinical Mentor.
- ❖ Initiated a Needs Study with Dobson Davanzo & Associate to identify the future needs for all levels of care within O&P. Hired a clinical consultant to review three years of Typhon data with results to be reported to the board in 2015.



*Picture Courtesy Century College*



*Picture Eastern Michigan University*

# 2014 Accredited Educational Programs

## Orthotist/Prosthetist Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

### Masters Programs – 13

Alabama State University  
California State University  
Concordia University/Century College  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Eastern Michigan University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Loma Linda University  
Northwestern University  
St. Petersburg College/FSU  
University of Hartford  
University of Pittsburg  
University of Texas  
University of Washington



*Picture Courtesy Baylor College of Medicine*

### Post-Baccalaureate Certificate – 1

Century College

## 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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## **Pedorthic Education Courses (NCOPE Accredited)**

Pedorthic Courses – 3

Foot Solutions/Kennesaw State University  
Francis Tuttle Technology Center  
St. Petersburg College

Pursuing Accreditation in Pedorthics – 1

Robert M. Palmer Institute of Biomechanics/Oklahoma State University - Okmulgee

## **Fitter Education Course (NCOPE Approved)**

### **Mastectomy Education Courses**

Post-Mastectomy Courses – 7

American Breast Care, LP  
Amoena  
Anita International  
Jodee  
Nearly Me Technologies, Inc.  
OandP.edu  
Trulife

### **Orthotic Fitter Courses**

Orthotic Fitter Courses – 10

ATI Kassel Group  
DeRoyal  
DJO Orthotic Fitter Course  
The Medical Careers Institute at Coordinated Health's Orthotic Fitter Course  
Oand.edu  
Oklahoma State University – Okmulgee  
Ossur Americas, Inc.  
Surgical Appliance Industries (SAI)  
Trulife  
Breg, Inc. (formerly Viscent Orthopedic Solutions)

## Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Courses

Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Courses – 10

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

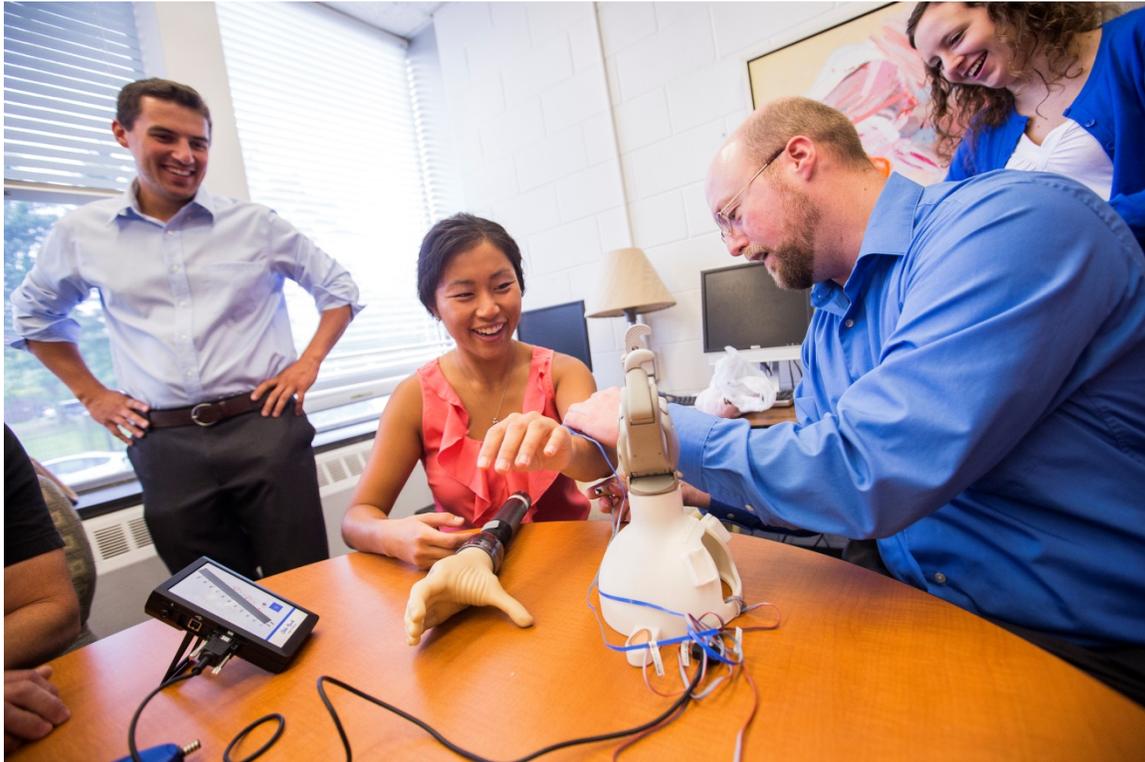
National Pedorthic Services, Inc.

NIPCO Therapeutic Foot Care Certificate Program

OandP.edu

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, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
ASSETS		
<u>Current Assets:</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 271,990	\$ 487,533
Investments	1,061,398	821,141
Accounts Receivable	3,357	3,773
Prepaid Expenses	<u>6,959</u>	<u>8,200</u>
Total Current Assets	\$1,343,704	\$ 1,320,647
 <u>Fixed Assets:</u>		
Fixes Assets - Net	<u>220,431</u>	<u>38,179</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,564,135</u>	<u>\$ 1,358,826</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 16,033	\$ 11,351
Accrued Vacation	10,267	10,194
Due to Affiliates	48,112	59,901
Deferred Revenues	<u>305,950</u>	<u>289,542</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 380,362</u>	<u>\$ 370,988</u>
 <u>Net Assets:</u>		
Unrestricted	\$ 986,028	\$ 986,028
Temporarily Restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>1,810</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,183,773</u>	<u>\$ 987,838</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$1,564,135</u>	<u>\$1,358,826</u>

National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education  
Statement of Activities  
Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
<u>Revenues and Other Support:</u>		
Contributions		
Unrestricted	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Program Fees:		
Residency Fees	563,017	571,021
Application Fees	64,520	58,500
School Accreditation Fees	17,000	15,000
Other Program Fees	29,023	18,399
Contract Revenue	35,493	-
Interest and Dividends	51,927	29,453
Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	20,179	36,812
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	(38,451)	39,248
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	1,810	2,000
Temporarily Restricted	<u>(1,810)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
 Total Revenues and Other Support	 <u>\$764,518</u>	 <u>\$790,433</u>
 <u>Expenses:</u>		
Residency Accreditation	\$239,497	\$236,628
Primary Accreditation	258,411	227,850
CAPE	961	2,415
Governance - Administration	67,062	47,044
Fund Raising	<u>842</u>	<u>960</u>
 Total Expenses	 <u>\$566,773</u>	 <u>\$514,897</u>
Changes in Net Assets	\$197,745	\$275,536
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>\$986,028</u>	<u>\$710,492</u>
 Net Assets, End of Year	 <u>\$1,183,773</u>	 <u>\$986,028</u>

# 2014 Officers and Board of Directors

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# National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education

## Mission Statement

*NCOPE develops, implements, and assures compliance with standards for orthotic and prosthetic education through accreditation and approval processes that 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 orthotists/prosthetist and technician educational programs for the profession. NCOPE's additional responsibilities include the development of standards for, and accreditation of residency education, pedorthic education and fitter level courses for the O&P profession.