

NCOPE Annual Report



2015

Chairs Message



To the O&P Community:

It was another amazing year for NCOPE and educators for our profession.

As I reflect on the accomplishments of 2015, I realize they were the result of the hard work of the NCOPE board, committee members and volunteers. I would like to thank everyone that helped make 2015 another successful year.

Accomplishments in 2015:

- Education Summit: The Summit, held in Tampa, brought together educators, O&P leadership and the NCOPE board to discuss O&P education and the future of the profession in respect to the advancement of the profession. The main goal of the Summit was to achieve a greater understanding of present realities, a vision of positive change and strategies that might offer a path from the present to the future. The Education Summit was last held in 2005.
- Workforce Study Report: NCOPE commissioned a study with Dobson DaVanzo & Associates to estimate and project the future demand for and supply of orthotic and prosthetic (O&P) professionals over the next ten years. Workforce projections allow professions to better align their workforce with the future demand for their services.
- Development of an Accreditation Management System.
- Five Technician level education programs were brought under CAAHEP accreditation.
- It was decided as a result of the Educational Summit that all fitter level pre-certification courses would no longer be accredited by NCOPE.
- The master Appendix B for the orthotist/prosthetist level was updated.

It has become apparent during the turbulence that has faced the profession that education is what will continue to elevate orthotics and prosthetics professionals forward. The great work of the NCOPE Board and volunteers help justify our value to other health professionals and third party payers. In today's health environment it is important to show that O&P practitioners are highly educated and add value to the overall health care team.

NCOPE had two commissioners complete their service in 2015. Christopher Robinson, MS, MBA, CPO, ATC, FAAOP completed six years of service to NCOPE, serving his last three years on the executive committee. Chris's service and dedication to the profession is both respected and valued. The launching of the Approved Clinical Mentor course in 2015 was developed under his guidance and leadership. His enthusiasm and commitment to O&P education, residency training and NCOPE will be missed.

Miguel (Mike) Mojica, CPO completed six years of service to NCOPE bringing the educator perspective to the board through his years of experience on the faculty of the University of Texas--Southwestern in Dallas. We are grateful to Mike for the time and effort that he committed to NCOPE. We will miss the insight he brought to our meetings and his love of educating the future generation of orthotists/prosthetists.

I also wanted to congratulate Charlie Kuffel as new Chair, best of luck as you continue to work towards moving the profession forward.

In closing, none of these accomplishments would be possible without the dedication of executive director Robin Seabrook, the NCOPE staff and the volunteer commissioners. I offer my sincerest appreciation for all of your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arlene Gillis".

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

Accreditation at a Glance 2015

During 2015, NCOPE performed accreditation and approval services for the following programs and courses:

Education Programs

Orthotist/Prosthetist Level

Baylor College of Medicine	Awarded <i>initial</i> CAAHEP accreditation
California State University	Reviewed <i>continued</i> application Conducted <i>continued</i> focused site visit Awarded <i>continued</i> CAAHEP accreditation
Concordia University/Century College	Reviewed <i>continued</i> progress reports Awarded <i>initial</i> CAAHEP accreditation

Pedorthic Level

RPMI/Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology	Awarded NCOPE accreditation
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Technician Level

Century College	Conducted <i>initial</i> site visit Awarded <i>initial</i> CAAHEP accreditation
Francis Tuttle Technology Center	Conducted <i>initial</i> site visit Awarded <i>initial</i> CAAHEP accreditation
Joliet Junior College	Conducted <i>initial</i> site visit Awarded <i>initial</i> CAAHEP accreditation
Spokane Community College	Conducted <i>initial</i> site visit Awarded <i>initial</i> CAAHEP accreditation
St. Petersburg College	Awarded <i>initial</i> CAAHEP accreditation

Education Courses

Orthotic Fitter Course

DJO Global Orthotic Fitter	Reviewed and granted approval 2015
Kassel Group, Inc/ATi	Reviewed and granted approval 2015
OandPEdu – Consultants PRN, Inc.	Reviewed and granted approval 2015
Ossur Americas, Inc.	Reviewed and granted approval 2015

Mastectomy Fitter

Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology	Reviewed and granted approval 2015
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Therapeutic Shoe Fitter

OandPEdu – Consultants PRN, Inc.	Reviewed and granted approval 2015
St. Petersburg College	Reviewed and granted approval 2015
The Walking Company University	Reviewed and granted approval 2015

Residency Accreditation Report

During 2015, NCOPE performed the following accreditation services:

Reviewed and accredited:	101 patient care facilities for residency programs
Tracked residents:	352 residents in the 2014-15 cycle
Completed residents:	309 residents completed in 2015



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Summary of 2015 Activities of NCOPE

2015 was an eventful and exciting year for NCOPE and some highlights of activities/accomplishments include:

- ❖ Hosted an Education Summit with 50 O&P stakeholders to address future education issues for the profession.
- ❖ Delivered the first Approved Clinical Mentor course (ACM) designed for residency directors and mentors to ‘train the trainer’, at the AOPA annual meeting.
- ❖ Participated in the Academy’s residency network session.
- ❖ Participated in the ISPO World Congress in Lyon, France with a booth and a presentation presented by NCOPE’s executive director.
- ❖ Published a workforce study report prepared by Dobson/Davanzo.
- ❖ Premiered the centralized application service, Orthotic and Prosthetic Residency Centralized Application Service (OPRESCAS).
- ❖ Worked with consultants on the development of an on-line accreditation 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 and workshop in July.
- ❖ Held two face to face Board of Directors meeting.
- ❖ Coordinated and planned sponsorship and logistics for student representatives from each of the master’s level programs to attend the AOPA Policy Forum meeting.
- ❖ Reviewed and brought five of the seven Technician programs under the CAAHEP system, which included review of self-studies and on-site visits.
- ❖ Continued to run the daily accreditation activities of NCOPE which are highlighted in other sections of this report.



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2015 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
Georgia Institute of Technology
Loma Linda University
Northwestern University
St. Petersburg College/Florida State University
University of Hartford
University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas - Southwestern
University of Washington

Technician Level Programs (CAAHEP or NCOPE Accredited)

Associate Degree/Certificate = 7

Century College
Baker College of Flint
Francis Tuttle Technology Center
Joliet Junior College
Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology
Spokane Falls Community College
St. Petersburg College

Pedorthic Education Courses (NCOPE Accredited)

Pedorthic Courses = 4

Foot Solutions/Kennesaw State University
Francis Tuttle Technology Center
Robert M. Palmer Institute of Biomechanics/Oklahoma State University Institute of
Technology
St. Petersburg College

Fitter Education Course (NCOPE Approved)

Mastectomy Education Courses

Post-Mastectomy Courses = 9

American Breast Care, LP
Amoena
Anita International
Jodee
Nearly Me Technologies, Inc.
OandPEdu
Oklahoma State University Institute
of Technology
St. Petersburg College
Trulife



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Orthotic Fitter Courses

Orthotic Fitter Courses = 10

ATI Kassel Group
Breg, Inc.
CFS Allied Health Education – Orthotic Fitter Course
DeRoyal
DJO Orthotic Fitter Course
Francis Tuttle Technology Center
OandEdu
Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology
Ossur Americas, Inc.
St. Petersburg College

Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Courses

Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Courses = 8

Apex Foot Health Industries, LLC
CFS Allied Health Education – Certified Fitter of Therapeutic Shoes Course
Dr. Comfort
OandPEdu
OrthoFeet Therapeutic
St. Petersburg College
The Academy of Pedorthic Science
The Walking Company University



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National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
ASSETS		
<u>Current Assets:</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 420,337	\$ 271,990
Investments	881,513	1,061,398
Accounts Receivable	600	3,357
Prepaid Expenses	<u>27,436</u>	<u>6,959</u>
Total Current Assets	\$1,329,886	\$ 1,343,704
 <u>Fixed Assets:</u>		
Fixed Assets - Net	<u>275,125</u>	<u>220,431</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,605,011</u>	<u>\$ 1,564,135</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 6,680	\$ 16,033
Accrued Vacation	12,418	10,267
Due to Affiliates	63,879	48,112
Deferred Revenues	<u>355,458</u>	<u>305,950</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 438,435</u>	<u>\$ 380,362</u>
 <u>Net Assets:</u>		
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 1,166,576</u>	<u>\$ 1,183,773</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,166,576</u>	<u>\$ 1,183,773</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,605,011</u>	<u>\$ 1,564,135</u>

National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education
Statement of Activities
Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
<u>Revenues and Other Support:</u>		
Contributions		
Unrestricted	\$ 10	\$ 20,000
Program Fees:		
Residency Fees	612,792	563,017
Application Fees	67,020	64,520
School Accreditation Fees	20,000	17,000
Other Program Fees	20,333	29,023
Contract Revenue	6,667	35,493
Interest and Dividends	36,713	51,927
Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	23,312	20,179
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	(79,304)	(38,451)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions		1,810
Temporarily Restricted	-	(1,810)
Total Revenues and Other Support	<u>\$ 707,543</u>	<u>\$ 764,518</u>
 <u>Expenses:</u>		
Residency Accreditation	\$343,350	\$ 239,497
Primary Accreditation	315,739	258,411
CAPE	1,903	961
Governance - Administration	2,911	67,062
Fund Raising	<u>837</u>	<u>842</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$724,740</u>	<u>\$ 566,773</u>
Changes in Net Assets	\$(17,197)	\$ 197,745
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>\$1,183,773</u>	<u>\$ 986,028</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$1,166,576</u>	<u>\$1,183,773</u>

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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.