

SECTION 6: Qualifications for Licensure

- 1) Orthotist – To qualify for a license to practice orthotics, a person shall:
 - a. Complete an orthotics education program which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization;
 - b. Possess a baccalaureate degree or have successfully completed the number of semester hours equivalent to four (4) years of study at a four-year college or university;
 - c. Successfully complete a clinical NCOPE residency in orthotics; and
 - d. Successfully complete ABCOPP Certification examination or equivalent as required by the Advisory Board.

- 2) Prosthetist – To qualify for a license to practice prosthetics, a person shall:
 - a. Complete a prosthetics education program which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization;
 - b. Possess a baccalaureate degree or have successfully completed the number of semester hours equivalent to four (4) years of study at a four-year college or university;
 - c. Successfully complete a clinical NCOPE residency in prosthetics; and
 - d. Successfully complete ABCOPP Certification examination or equivalent as required by the Advisory Board.

- 3) Pedorthist – To qualify for a license to practice pedorthics a person shall:
 - a. Possess a high school diploma or GED;
 - b. Possess the Certified Pedorthotist credential from the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics, Inc.; and
 - c. Successfully complete ABCOPP Certification examination or equivalent as required by the Advisory Board.

- 4) Assistant – An applicant for certification to practice as an orthotic assistant, prosthetic assistant, or orthotic/prosthetic assistant shall submit to the written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant
- a. Possesses a high school diploma or GED;
 - b. Has a minimum of ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years of experience in the field in which the person is seeking licensure as an assistant; and
 - c. Has written documentation from a licensed prosthetist or a licensed orthotist that the applicant is qualified to perform as an assistant in the field in which the person is seeking licensure as the assistant.