

Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics Certification

A certification is required to work in the field of orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthotics. The educational accrediting agency: National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOP) who works in cooperation with CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs). The American Board Certification for Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics (ABC) is the national certifying and accrediting body for the orthotic and prosthetic professions. Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician Programs are also available. Students may pursue one of three certification options:

Option One: A student may receive a bachelor’s degree and then enroll in a Post Baccalaureate Certification program. These programs run 2 years with a 1-year residency program. Once the 3 years are completed the student would take the national certification examination. Potential post-baccalaureate certification programs include:

- California State University, Aliso Viejo, CA
- Newington Certificate Program in Newington, CT
- Northwestern University, Chicago, IL
- Century College, White Bear Lake, MN

Option Two: A student may enter into an accredited undergraduate program and take the certification examination post graduation. Potential undergraduate baccalaureate degree programs include:

- Univ. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX
- University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Option Three: After receiving their BS degree, students can also enter an entry level accredited master’s program. Potential entry level master’s programs include:

- Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
- Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

	Prerequisite Coursework	Drake Course
FR	Biological Sciences	BIO 012: General/Pre-Professional Biology I and Lab (Fall) BIO 013: General/Pre-Professional Biology II and Lab (Spring)
	Inorganic Chemistry	CHEM 001/003: General Chemistry I and Lab (Fall)
SO	Physics	PHY 011: Physics I and Lab (Fall)
	Statistics	STAT 060: Statistics for the Life Sciences (Fall, Spring)
SO or JR	Anatomy & Physiology	HSCI 125: Health Sciences Physiology and Lab (Spring) HSCI 141: Human Anatomy (Spring)
JR	Abnormal or Developmental Psychology	PSY 076: Abnormal Psychology (Fall, Spring)

ADDITIONAL ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS, & PEDORTHICS CARE RESOURCES

- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs - <http://www.caahep.org/default.aspx>
 National Commission on Orthotic & Prosthetic Education - <http://www.ncope.org/>
 American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics - <http://www.abcop.org/Pages/default.aspx>