



Experts in Orthopedic Care

CERTIFIED PROSTHETIST ORTHOTIST

POSITION SUMMARY
<p>Fit prefabricated devices as stated in Florida Law, known as orthoses, to provide care to patients who have disabling conditions of the limbs and spine. To provide care to our orthopedic patients with disabling conditions of limbs and spine. Design and fit orthopedic devices under the direction of and consultation with physicians.</p>
ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide care to patients with disabling conditions of limbs and spine by fitting and preparing prefabricated orthopedic braces, under the direction of and in consultation with physician • Assist in formulation of specifications for braces • Examine and evaluates patient's needs in relation to disease and functional loss • May select materials, make cast measurements, model modifications, and layouts • Perform fitting, including static and dynamic alignments • Evaluate brace on patient and makes adjustments to assure fit, function, and quality of work • Instruct patient in use of orthopedic brace • As a Licensed Prosthetist, perform other responsibilities associated with this position as deemed appropriate • Must document in patient records all necessary requirements by law and TOC and bill under the guidelines required by Medicare and SADMERC • Review prescriptions which specify the types of appliances or limbs to be made • Examine the patient's affected area for factors which could affect the fitting of artificial limbs and appliances • Measure, make, and correct a plaster cast of the limb or deformity • Design the appliance which will function best in meeting the patient's need and fit for comfort, alignment, or appearance • Select appropriate materials and components of the limb or brace • Counsel patients on the use of the device • Provide routine maintenance and repair of devices • Consult with physicians and other allied health providers regarding prosthetic patient needs • Receive continuing education by attending conferences and seminars, keeping up-to-date on medical information and techniques • Perform other responsibilities associated with this position as deemed appropriate.
GENERAL COMPETENCIES DESIRED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced knowledge of anatomy and orthotics • Strong sense of aesthetics with good hand/eye coordination and precision • Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
PHYSICAL DEMANDS
<p>Requires full range of body motion including handling and lifting patients, manual and finger dexterity and eye-hand coordination. Requires standing and walking for prolonged periods of time. Occasionally lifts and carries items weighing up to 50 pounds. Requires normal visual acuity and hearing. Requires exposure to communicable disease and bodily fluids. Requires working under stress in emergency situations or during irregular hours.</p>
CREDENTIALS DESIRED
<p>Bachelor's degree or higher-level postgraduate degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from an accredited college or university. Proof of completion of an NCOPE approved Residency Program. Board Certification through the American Board of Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics. Valid Florida licensure or eligible.</p>