

So You Want to be a...

WHAT DOES AN ORTHOTIST & PROSTHETIST DO?

Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P) is the evaluation, fabrication and custom fitting of artificial limbs and orthopedic braces. O&P is an allied health profession with a variety of exciting employment opportunities available.

Prosthetists provide patients with prostheses (artificial limbs).

Orthotists provide patients with orthoses (braces) that restore function, or stabilize the part of the body.

WHAT DEGREE DO I NEED TO BECOME AN ORTHOTIST & PROSTHETIST?

To become an O & P practitioner you must obtain

- ✓ A master's degree from an O&P graduate program.
- ✓ Complete a residency in Orthotics and/or Prosthetics.
- ✓ Pass the certification exam for Orthotics and/or Prosthetics

Pre-requisites:

- GPA 3.0
- 40 Hours - Volunteer
- Biology
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Orthotist and Prosthetist

Salary: Average \$88,460
per year (2017 Median Pay)

WHAT IS THE JOB OUTLOOK FOR AN ORTHOTIST & PROSTHETIST?

Employment of orthotists and prosthetists is projected to grow 22 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than average for all occupations.

Work place includes manufacturing, health and personal care stores, doctors' offices and hospitals.

DO I NEED ANY CERTIFICATIONS OR LICENSURE?

You must pass certification exams in orthotics, prosthetics, or both from the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics (ABC), the Board of Certification/Accreditation, International (BOC), or both

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

<https://www.abcop.org>

<https://www.bocusa.org/>

<http://www.opcareers.org/>

For Accredited Programs:

http://www.opcareers.org/education/practitioner_programs/

There is a program at California State University Dominguez

Hills: <https://www.csudh.edu/health-sciences/oandp/>