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November 24, 2014

Patricia E. Beeson, PhD President University of Pittsburgh 4020 Forbes Tower Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Dear Dr. Beeson:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **November 21, 2014** to award **continuing accreditation** to the Orthotist/Prosthetist program at University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

The recent peer review conducted by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The next comprehensive evaluation of the program, including an on-site review, is scheduled to occur no later than **2019**.

The NCOPE will regularly monitor the program's compliance with the outcomes assessment thresholds through the program's Annual Report as well as other documentation that may be requested (Standard IV.B.).

The following citation merits your institution's attention and resolution in order to strengthen the program's compliance with the Standards (for a complete copy of the Standards, check the CAAHEP website at www.caahep.org, or call the office at 727-210-2350):

III.C. Resources - Curriculum

The curriculum must ensure the achievement of program goals and learning domains. Instruction must be an appropriate sequence of classroom, laboratory, and clinical activities. Instruction must be based on clearly written course syllabi that include course description, course objectives, methods of evaluation, topic outline, and competencies required for graduation. The program must demonstrate that the curriculum meets or exceeds the content of the latest edition of the Core Curriculum for Orthotists and Prosthetists. (Appendix B)

The program does not require general content of "human growth and development psychology" or "abnormal psychology".

Provide evidence that the program is now requiring either prior to admission or during the curriculum "human growth and development psychology" or "abnormal psychology".

CAAHEP requests that a progress report be sent to NCOPE, 330 John Carlyle St, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314 by May 22, 2015 indicating the manner in which this citation has been resolved.

Failure to respond satisfactorily to the citation above may result in a withdrawal of accreditation.

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, NCOPE, American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP), and American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics (ABC).

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

Page 2 Dr. Beeson

The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation. Questions concerning the submission or content of the progress report should be directed to the NCOPE Executive Office.

Sincerely,

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Thomas K. Skalko, PhD, LRT/CTRS President

cc: Clifford Brubaker, PhD, Dean, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Sara Peterson, FAAOP, MBA, CPO, Program Director, P&O Arlene Gillis, M.Ed., CP, LPO, FAAOP, Chair, NCOPE Robin Seabrook, Executive Director, NCOPE



Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, upon the recommendation of the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE), verifies that the following program

University of Pittsburgh Orthotíst/Prosthetíst Píttsburgh, PA

is judged to be in compliance with the nationally established standards and awarded continuing accreditation on November 21, 2014.

Thomas K. Skalko, PhD, LRT/CTRS President, CAAHEP

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

Master of Science Prosthetics and Orthotics

Overview of Profession

Orthotics and Prosthetics is the evaluation, fabrication and custom fitting of artificial limbs and orthopedic braces. Orthopedic braces, or orthoses, are used to stabilize or unload joints, normalize motion and stresses on tissue, substitute for muscle weakness or paralysis, and assist in normal growth, development and function. Orthoses can be applied to the head, neck, trunk, or limbs. Artificial limbs, or prostheses, are used to replace missing limbs or portions of limbs, and to restore more normal function of the upper or lower extremities.

Orthotists and prosthetists work in a variety of settings, including private practice, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes, and home health settings. Orthotists and prosthetists are currently in high demand, and the demand is expected to increase in the future.

Orthotists and prosthetists are part of the health care team, and as such, work with physicians, therapists, and other health care professionals to provide the orthotic and prosthetic needs of patients. Orthotists and prosthetists are responsible for 1) performing a comprehensive assessment of the patient's orthotic/prosthetic needs, 2) creating a comprehensive orthotic/prosthetic treatment plan to meet the needs and goals of the patient, 3) performing the necessary procedures to deliver the appropriate orthotic/prosthetic services, which may include fabrication of the orthosis/prosthesis, 4) providing continuing patient care and periodic evaluation to assure/maintain/ document optimal fit and function of the orthosis/prosthesis, 5) participating in personal and professional development through continuing education, training, research and organizational affiliations, and 6) developing, implementing and/or monitoring policies and procedures regarding human, business, and organizational management.

MS in Prosthetics and Orthotics

The first class of the Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics (MSPO) graduated in 2011. The MSPO Program is five consecutive terms in length, including one summer term, and requires a total of 66 credits. It is designed to meet all standards for accreditation by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) and for preparing students to complete residencies and take the American Board of Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics examinations.

Accreditation Status

The MSPO Program received accreditation in November of 2014 by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. Graduates are fully eligible to do an NCOPE residency and then, upon successful completion of the residency, take the certification examinations offered by the American Board of Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics.

Pitt and SHRS are currently ranked a top ten college in the US to study health professions according to College Factual as listed in a recent article in USA Today!

Admission Requirements

Application deadline: January 1 Application will be processed through centralized application service (OPCAS)

Specific requirements for admission are:

- Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited 1) institution with a minimum of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with less than a 3.0 but with other outstanding qualifications will be considered.
- No specific major is mandated; however, 2) the degree should include a well rounded general education with a distribution of courses in the sciences, mathematics, psychology, social sciences, and humanities.
- Completion of the following prerequisite 3) courses with a minimum grade of C or better
 - 4 credits Physics w/ lab
 - 4 credits **Biology and lab**
 - 4 credits Chemistry w/ lab
 - 3 credits Psychology
 - (Abnormal or Human Growth & Development) 3 credits
 - Mathematics (Algebra or higher)
 - Human anatomy 3 credits
 - 3 credits Human physiology
 - 3 credits Statistics

* Courses with an asterisk "*"may not be taken in an online setting.

- Demonstration of adequate exposure to the 4) profession of orthotics and/or prosthetics through volunteer or work experience. Recommendation of 250 hours. This will allow for the practitioner to write a sufficient letter of recommendation. *Please submit a record of work, shadowing or volunteer experience*
- Letters of Recommendation (three 5) required): One academic reference from a college level instructor; additional two letters of references from health-care professionals (recommend a certified orthotist or prosthetist).
- Essay describing background leading to the 6) choice of this profession and long-term goals.
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Submit scores 7) to institution code 2927.



Curriculum*

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HRS 2771 Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology	3
HRS 2772 Clinical Pathology	2
HRS 2773 Introduction to Materials, Equipment, and Fabrication	2
HRS 2901 Introduction to Research	3
HRS 2774 Rehabilitation Biomechanics	3
HRS 2779 Patient Management	1
HRS 2776 Professional Issues	1
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HRS 2883 Trans-Tibial Prosthetics	5
HRS 2785 Lower Extremity Orthotics I	5
HRS 2926 Capstone	1
HRS 2775 Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice	1
HRS 2905 Ethical Issues in Health Related Professions	3
Term 3 – Summer, Year 1	10
HRS 2783 Spinal Orthotics	3
HRS 2786 Lower Extremity Orthotics II	3
HRS 2885 Trans-Femoral Prosthetics	3
HRS 2921 Internship (4 hrs/wk) = 56 hrs	1
Term:4 – Fall, Second Year	15
HRS 2781 Upper Extremity Orthotics	3
HRS 2881 Upper Extremity Prosthetics	3
HRS 2708 Individual and Social Experience of Disability	3
HRS 2903 Issues in the Health System	2
HRS 2921 Internship (4 hrs/week) = 60 hrs	1
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Comprehensive Examination

During the final term of study, a comprehensive examination will be given, covering all aspects of the Program. Students will be required to pass this examination or make up any deficiencies prior to graduation.

Thesis/Non-Thesis Options

All MSPO students are required to complete research during their time in the program, while under the direction of a faculty advisor and an additional faculty reader. This research can be completed in the form of a Capstone Project or Master's Thesis, under the leadership of a faculty advisor and thesis committee. Students electing to pursue the thesis option will complete 3 credits of Graduate Research Proposal (HRS 2924) and 3 credits of Graduate Research (HRS 2925) in place of Capstone for P&O (HRS 2727).

*Each course is offered only once during the academic year, therefore, any departure from completing a course in its planned sequence (for example: failure, for any reason, to satisfactorily complete a required course; an unresolved "G" or "Incomplete" grade) will result in a one year delay in completing the course, the remaining program requirements, and the year of graduation. Also, the Program reserves the right to make changes in this curriculum periodically, based on self-study, external review, or in response to changes in the Orthotics and Prosthetics Profession.

Please note that this program requires that you complete clinical internships at facilities external to the University, and such facilities will or may require a criminal background check, an Act 33/34 clearance, and perhaps a drug screen to determine whether you are qualified to participate in the clinical internships. Additionally, in order to become licensed, many states may inquire as to whether the applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor, a felony, or a felonious or illegal act associated with alcohol and/or substance abuse.

For information contact:

Department of Rehabilitation Science & Technology Masters of Science in Orthotics & Prosthetics Program

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