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**Certificate Program Requirements.**

"Certificate program" as referenced in section 4779.26 of the Revised Code, means a post-graduate certificate program that meets the following requirements, as applicable:

(A) All certificate programs shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) Admission standards require at least a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalence issued by the State Board of Education;
- (2) Has a written description of the program that includes learning goals, course objectives, and competencies for graduation;
- (3) Requires frequent, documented evaluations of students to assess their acquisition of knowledge, problem identification and solving skills, and psychomotor, behavioral, and clinical competencies;
- (4) Admits only persons who have successfully completed courses in biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, computer science, algebra or higher math, human anatomy with a laboratory section, and physiology with a laboratory section;
- (5) Requires students to complete formal instruction in biomechanics, gait analysis and pathomechanics, kinesiology, pathology, material science, research methods, and diagnostic imaging techniques;
- (6) Provides for the evaluation of the program through regular, on-site visits conducted by qualified individuals from a nationally recognized orthotic, prosthetic, or orthotic and prosthetic certifying body.

(B) In addition, a certificate program in orthotics shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) Provides not less than two semesters or three quarters of instruction in orthotics;
- (2) Requires students to complete not less than two hundred fifty hours of supervised clinical experience that focuses on patient-related activities, including recommendation, measurement, impression-taking, model rectification, fabrication, fitting, and evaluating patients in the use and function of orthotic systems;
- (3) Requires as a condition of graduation that students demonstrate orthotic skills, including measurement, impression-taking, model rectification, and fitting and alignment of orthoses for the lower limbs, upper limbs, and spines;

(C) In addition, a certificate program in prosthetics shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) Provides not less than two semesters or three quarters of instruction in prosthetics;
  - (2) Requires students to complete not less than two hundred fifty hours of supervised clinical experience that focuses on patient-related activities, recommendation, measurement, impression-taking, model rectification, fabrication, fitting, and evaluating patients in the use and function of prosthetics;
  - (3) Requires as a condition of graduation that students demonstrate prosthetic skills that include measurement, impression taking, model rectification, diagnostic fitting, definitive fitting, postoperative management, external power, and static and dynamic alignment of prostheses related to various amputation levels, including partial foot, syme's below the knee, above knee, below elbow, above elbow, and the various joint disarticulations.
- (D) In addition, a certificate program in orthotics and prosthetics shall meet all of the following requirements:
- (1) Provides not less than two semesters or three quarters of instruction in orthotics and two semesters or three quarters of instruction in prosthetics;
  - (2) Requires as a condition of graduation that students complete training in orthotic systems, including foot orthoses, ankle-foot orthoses, knee orthoses, knee-ankle-foot orthoses, hip-knee orthoses, wrist-hand orthoses, cervical-thoracic-lumbo-sacral orthoses, thoracolumbar orthoses, lumbar-sacral orthoses, halo, fracture management, RGO (reciprocal gait orthoses), standing frames, and seating;
  - (3) Requires as a condition of graduation that students demonstrate prosthetic skills that include measurement, impression taking, model rectification, diagnostic fitting, definitive fitting, postoperative management, external power, and static and dynamic alignment of prostheses related to various amputation levels, including partial foot, syme's below the knee, above knee, below elbow, above elbows, and the various joint disarticulations.

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