

**SECTION 1: Authority**

These Rules are promulgated under the authority of the Arkansas Orthotics, Prosthetics and  
| Pedorthics Practice Act of 2007, Ark. Code Ann. § 17-107-101 et seq., as amended.

## **SECTION 6: Qualifications for Licensure**

- 1) Orthotist – To qualify for a license to practice orthotics, a person shall:
  - a. Complete an orthotics education program which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization;
  - b. Possess a baccalaureate degree or have successfully completed the number of semester hours equivalent to four (4) years of study at a four-year college or university;
  - c. Successfully complete a clinical NCOPE residency in orthotics; and
  - d. Successfully complete ABCOPP Certification examination or equivalent as required by the Advisory Board.
- 2) Prosthetist – To qualify for a license to practice prosthetics, a person shall:
  - a. Complete a prosthetics education program which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization;
  - b. Possess a baccalaureate degree or have successfully completed the number of semester hours equivalent to four (4) years of study at a four-year college or university;
  - c. Successfully complete a clinical NCOPE residency in prosthetics; and
  - d. Successfully complete ABCOPP Certification examination or equivalent as required by the Advisory Board.
- 3) Pedorthist – To qualify for a license to practice pedorthics a person shall:
  - a. Possess a high school diploma or GED;
  - b. Possess the Certified Pedorthotist credential from the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics, Inc.; and
  - c. Successfully complete ABCOPP Certification examination or equivalent as required by the Advisory Board.

- 4) Assistant – An applicant for certification to practice as an orthotic assistant, prosthetic assistant, or orthotic/prosthetic assistant shall submit to the written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant
- a. Possesses a high school diploma or GED;
  - b. Has a minimum of ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years of experience in the field in which the person is seeking licensure as an assistant; and
  - c. Has written documentation from a licensed prosthetist or a licensed orthotist that the applicant is qualified to perform as an assistant in the field in which the person is seeking licensure as the assistant.