



Orthotic/Prosthetic Clinical Applications Program

Application Deadline: April 30,2021

About the Program

An orthotic and prosthetic assistant is a health care professional who is educated and trained to support the certified practitioner by assisting in orthotic and prosthetic patient care. Students who earn the Orthotic and Prosthetic Clinical Applications Diploma will meet the requirements to be employed as an Orthotic/Prosthetic Assistant. Graduates may pursue further education through a Baccalaureate degree or appropriate Master’s degree to meet professional requirements.

The National Commission on Orthotics and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) has mandated that all Prosthetics and Orthotic educational programs be elevated to the Masters Degree level by 2012. Century College has partnered with Concordia University to provide students the education and training they need to become certified Prosthetic/Orthotic Practitioners.

Program Admission Requirements

1. Orthotic and Prosthetic Fitter AAS OR equivalent skills through work experience in the field assessed by program coordinator OR instructor consent.
2. Assessment score placement at college reading level or completion of developmental courses with a grade of “C” or higher and assessment score placement into ENGL 1021 or completion of ENGL 0090 with a grade of “C” or higher.
3. Successful completion (minimum grade of “C”) of General Biology (BIOL 1020, 1041 or transfer equivalent)
4. Successful completion (minimum grade of “C”) of General Physics (PHYS 1020, 1041 or transfer equivalent)

Enrollment Process

Step 1 – Application

- a. **Fully Complete** the Century College General Admissions Application (if you are a new student or you have not attended Century for more than a year)
- b. **Fully Complete** the Century College OPCA Application on the OPCA web page (usually open Jan. - April)

Deadlines for Application

<u>Term</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Term begins</u>	<u>Program Ends</u>
Fall Semester	April 30	Late August	Early July

Step 2 – Complete the Orthotic/Prosthetic Readiness Determination Form

Complete the Orthotic/Prosthetic Readiness Determination Form, found in the OPCA application.

Step 3 –Employee Checklist of Technical Ability

If technical experience was completed in a lab, have the Employee Checklist of Technical Ability completed and signed by a certified practitioner, assistant or technician and submit in the program application on-line.

Step 4 – Submit Application and Documentation

Submit the on-line Orthotic/Prosthetic Clinical Applications Program application and if necessary the on-line Century College application by the April 30 deadline. Please note that applicants must be in good academic and financial standing at all Minnesota State institutions or their application cannot be accepted.

Request an **official** transcript from your high school verifying graduation. High school **official** transcripts must be submitted to the Century College Admissions Office directly from the high school. For help contact admissions@century.edu

Request **official** transcripts from previously attended colleges and universities. Transcripts **must be received** by the April 30 deadline to verify prior coursework. All college and university transcripts must be submitted to the Century College DARS/ Transfer Services Office. For help contact Transfer Services at transfer@Century.edu

Step 5– Selection

Candidates will be selected based on grade point average (GPA), completion of NCOPE accredited orthotic and/or prosthetic coursework and related work experience. Qualified candidates who are not selected will be placed on an alternate list. Candidates on the alternate list will be notified should an opening occur.

Priority will be awarded based on OPCA Category placement as outlined below:

OPCA Category 1: Candidates who are graduates of a Century College Orthotics and Prosthetics Program or are in good standing as an ABC Certified Technician

OPCA Category 2: Candidates who are graduates of an NCOPE accredited Orthotics and Prosthetics Program

OPCA Category 3: Candidates who have documented work experience in Orthotics and Prosthetics

OPCA Category 4: Candidates who have no prior orthotic or prosthetic education or experience

After Application/Acceptance

Step 1 – Applicant Agreement Form and Deposit

The college will inform applicants of their admission status by email approximately 4 weeks after the application deadline.

Please be aware that this program has a limited enrollment. If accepted, you will be asked to complete and return an acceptance agreement to reserve your place in the class. The deadline to return your agreement form is generally two weeks after the acceptance email is sent.

Step 2 - Registration

Registration information will be emailed after your acceptance email is sent and you have returned the acceptance agreement on time.

Students who have previously attended Century College will be able to register when their fall semester registration window opens.

Program Requirements

Career/Occupational Requirements: 39 Credits

Discipline	Course Number	Title	Credit#
OPCA	2010	Clinical Applications of Lower Extremity Foot Orthoses	4
OPCA	2020	Clinical Applications of Lower Extremity Orthoses	4
OPCA	2030	Clinical Applications of Upper Extremity Orthoses	3
OPCA	2040	Clinical Applications of Spinal Orthoses	4
OPCA	2050	Clinical Applications of Trans-Tibial Protheses I	3
OPCA	2060	Clinical Applications of Trans-Tibial Protheses II	4
OPCA	2070	Clinical Applications of Trans-Femoral Protheses	4
OPCA	2080	Clinical Applications of Upper Limb Protheses	4
OPCA	2090	Clinical Internship	7
HLTH	1001	Medical Terminology	2

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 32 credits

<i>Goal 1- Communication: 7 credits</i>			
ENGL	1021	Composition I	4
<i>Select one of the following COMM courses:</i>			3
COMM	1021	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
COMM	1031	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM	1041	Small Group Communication	
COMM	1051	Intercultural Communication	
<i>Goal 3 and/or 4 – Sciences/Math/Logical Reasoning: 19 credits</i>			
PHYS	1020	Physics Concepts	4
BIOL	1020	Biology Concepts	4
BIOL	1024	Human Biology	3
CHEM	1020	Chemistry Concepts	4
MATH	1025	Statistics	4
<i>Goal 5 – History/Social and Behavioral Sciences: 6 credits</i>			
SOC	1020	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSYC	1041	Developmental Psychology	3

Financial Aid

Concerns involving maximum credit limits for Financial Aid will be addressed the first week of class.

MN Human Services Background Study:

Minnesota law requires any individual having contact with patients to complete a background study prior to starting clinical experience. An individual may be disqualified from having patient contact and would not be permitted to participate in the clinical experience.

Social Security Notice:

Century College uses Social Security Numbers for student identification purposes on student records. Providing your Social Security number is voluntary. However, if you do not provide your Social Security Number, you may not be considered eligible for Education Tax Credits (Hope and Lifetime Learning Scholarships). If you do not provide this number, your petition will still be processed. This data is requested for purposes of administration, program evaluation and consumer data. Your number also may be used to create summary information about Minnesota State programs through data matches with other state agencies.

Data Privacy Notice:

The college is asking you to provide information that includes private and/or confidential information under state and federal law. You are not legally required to provide the information the college is requesting; however, the college may not be able to effectively process your application if you do not provide sufficient information. With some exceptions, unless you consent to further release of private information, access to this information will be limited to school officials, including faculty who have legitimate educational interests in the information. Under certain circumstances, federal and state laws authorize release of private information without your consent: (1) to other schools in which you seek to enroll, or are enrolled, if you are first notified of the release; (2) to federal, state and local officials for purposes of program compliance, audit or evaluation; (3) as appropriate in connection with your application for, or receipt of, financial aid; (4) to your parents, if your parents claim you as a dependent student for tax purposes; (5) if the information is sought with a subpoena, to an organization engaged educational research or accrediting agency. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities abide by the provision of Title IX and other federal and state laws forbidding discrimination on the bases of sex, race, color, national origin or handicap and all other state and federal laws regarding equal opportunity.

Need More Information?

- Century website: www.century.edu
- Orthotic and Prosthetic Clinical Applications Instructors:
 - Katie Voss, CO, BA 651-779-3921 (1-800-228-1978 ext. 3921) e-mail: Katie.voss@century.edu
 - Roger Wagner, CPO 651-773-1739 (1 800 228 1978 ext. 1739) email: Roger.Wagner@century.edu



Employee Checklist of Technical Ability For the Orthotic/Prosthetic Clinical Applications Program Applicant

Please summarize your technical experience below.

Units of Fabrication Completed / Units Fitted

SPINAL ORTHOSES

Lumbosacral Orthoses _____ \ _____
 Thoraco-lumbo-sacral Orthoses _____ \ _____
 Corrective Orthoses for Scoliosis _____ \ _____

SHOE MODIFICATIONS AND REPAIR

Build-ups on Shoes _____ \ _____
 Miscellaneous shoe modifications _____ \ _____

LOWER LIMB ORTHOTICS

Foot Orthoses _____ \ _____
 Ankle-Foot Orthoses, Tracing Layout _____ \ _____
 Ankle-Foot Orthoses, Metal _____ \ _____
 Ankle-Foot Orthoses, Plastic _____ \ _____
 Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses, Tracing Layout _____ \ _____
 Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses, Metal _____ \ _____
 Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses, Plastic _____ \ _____

UPPER EXTREMITY ORTHOTICS

Hand Orthoses, Metal _____ \ _____
 Hand Orthoses, Plastic _____ \ _____
 Wrist-Hand Orthoses, Metal _____ \ _____
 Wrist-Hand Orthoses, Plastic _____ \ _____

LOWER LIMB PROSTHETICS

Trans-tibial (TT), fabrication _____ \ _____

Trans-femoral (TF), fabrication _____ \ _____
 PTB socket insert, fabrication using Pelite or similar _____ \ _____

Lay-up and laminate for sockets and finish laminations _____ \ _____
 Statically align, TT and TF prostheses _____ \ _____
 Duplicate TT and TF alignment either horizontal or vertical _____ \ _____

UPPER EXTREMITY PROSTHETICS

Trans-humeral, fabrication _____ \ _____
 Trans-radial, fabrication _____ \ _____

BROAD TECHNICAL SKILLS

Interpret information/measurement Charts _____ \ _____
 Make plaster of Paris models _____ \ _____
 Vacuum form thermo plastic fabrications _____ \ _____
 Contour and mount joints _____ \ _____
 Safely operate lab equipment and tools _____ \ _____
 Identify common orthotic and prosthetic materials _____ \ _____
 Identify common orthotic and prosthetic components _____ \ _____

Professional Attestation

I, _____ attest to _____
(Print Name of Certified Orthotic/Prosthetic Professional) (Print Name of Applicant)

ability to perform all the duties outlined above.

Employment starting date: _____ Employment termination date _____

(Signature of Certified Orthotic/Prosthetic Professional) (Certification Number) (Date)

Name of Company _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

SAMPLE for online application