

National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists, Inc. Report to the Profession 2011

Official NCCA Accreditation Statement

On July 22, 2011, the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) granted reaccreditation to the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists, Inc. (NBCOT) and the OTC® Examination for demonstrating compliance with the *NCCA Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*. NCCA is the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (formerly the National Organization for Competency Assurance). The NCCA Standards were created in 1977 and updated in 2003 to ensure certification programs adhere to modern standards of practice for the certification industry. The NBCOT joins an elite group of more than 100 organizations representing over 250 programs that have received and maintained NCCA accreditation. More information can be obtained by visiting; www.credentialingexcellence.org/ncca.

Orthopaedic Technologists Schools and Programs:

The NBCOT is happy to report that the directors of the NBCOT and the officers and key members of NAOT are working together to update the NAOT Approved Orthopaedic Tech School/Program Application process. By working together on this important project there can be a more standardization of programs teaching Orthopaedic Technology.

NBCOT Director Openings:

The NBCOT is always looking for interested OTCs that are interested in serving on the NBCOT. Working as an NBCOT director is a rewarding, challenging and fulfilling position in shaping the direction of the field of Orthopaedic Technology.

NBCOT Newsletter:

Remember if you want to receive your NBCOT Newsletter, be sure the NBCOT office has your current Email address. The NBCOT Newsletter contains valuable articles, information as well as fun games you can complete and obtain CEUs.

NBCOT Annual Survey:

The NBCOT Annual Survey is expected to be sent out early September this year via email. Please take a moment to complete this survey to give your thoughts and opinions.

Continuing Education:

It continues to become apparent that there are still many certificants that claim to have difficulty obtaining the required 120 CEUs due to the cost of attending conferences and other functions. At this time, each OTC credential holder is only required to obtain forty (40) category 1 credits with the remaining eighty (80) credits which can be obtained in category 2. Please review the current CEU guidelines regarding what is required in each category. You will find:

CATEGORY 1 Credits:

CPR – Maximum of 6 credits per 6 year cycle

Item Writing – Maximum of 20 credits per 6 year cycle

Teaching – Maximum of 10 credits per 6 year cycle

Grand Rounds – Maximum of 60 credits per 6 year cycle

If an OTC® were to take advantage of the above CEUs that person would have a total of 96 Category 1 credits. The remainder credits needed could be obtained by completing On-Line CEUs for Category 2 credits. Therefore, obtaining the required 120 CEUs is in fact attainable.

The NBCOT strongly encourages participation in conferences, symposiums and workshops to keep current with the latest techniques and competencies in the Orthopaedic Technologist profession.

CEU Reports:

In an effort to become more "Green" the NBCOT will begin sending your CEU report via email.

Website Update:

Authorized NBCOT merchandise including the Examination Review Guide can now be ordered securely online using PayPal.