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Medical Board – Orthotic Fitter – Military Occupational Crosswalk

Licensed Occupations: [Orthotic Fitter](#)

Air Force

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

- Physical Medicine Craftsman, Orthotic (4J012A; 4J032A; 4J052A; 4J072A) [Enlisted]

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Army

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

Coast Guard

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

Marines

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

Navy

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

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Orthotic Fitter

Experience Requirement	1,000 Hours A candidate must have completed a minimum of 1,000 of documented, supervised orthotic fitting care experience.
Education Requirement	Completion of Board Approved Education Program A candidate must obtain at least a high school diploma and successfully complete an American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics, Inc. (ABC)-approved, or Board of Certification (BOC) approved orthotic fitter precertification education program.
Examination Requirement	1 Exam A candidate must hold certification with the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics (ABC) or the Board of Certification (BOC) exam in orthotic fitting.
Profession definition	An individual who is licensed to properly fit, dispense and adjust prefabricated orthotic devices pursuant to a written prescription of a physician, podiatrist, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

Air Force

Physical Medicine Craftsman, Orthotic (4J012A; 4J032A; 4J052A; 4J072A)
[Enlisted]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manages and directs physical medicine and orthotic personnel, material, equipment, administration, and activities Administers physical medicine and orthotic patient care. Implements treatment plans and coordinates activities to ensure effective and efficient delivery of patient care programs. Fits, fabricates, assembles, repairs, and adjusts orthopedic orthoses.
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For entry into this specialty, completion of high school courses in biology and physical science is desirable.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge is mandatory of sciences including physical, physiological, anatomical, social, and behavioral; basic and clinical sciences, including laboratory or other practical experience; testing and treatment procedures constituting scope of physical medicine and orthotic scope of practice; therapeutic modalities; orthotic laboratory equipment; medical terminology; communication skills and instruction methods; basic medical logistics procedures; administrative procedures; and medical ethics. For an award of military occupational specialty, completion of physical medicine course is mandatory.
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Fitter of Orthotics (CFo) Certified Orthotic Assistant (COA) Certified Orthotic Technician (CTO) Certified Prosthetic-Orthotic Technician (CTPO)

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	Air Force Physical Medicine Craftsman, Orthotic duties satisfy experience requirement for licensure if the servicemember served at least 1,000 hours in this role.
Education Requirement	<p>A candidate for licensure must complete an American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics, Inc. (ABC)-approved, or Board of Certification (BOC) approved orthotic fitter precertification education program to satisfy education requirement.</p> <p>The servicemember’s current education level would not satisfy requirement for licensure.</p> <p>However, the orthotic fitter precertification education program is a 24-hour online course with two additional 8 hour in-person education days. The precertification course can be completed in a matter of a few days.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>A candidate for licensure must hold certification with the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics (ABC) or the Board of Certification (BOC) exam in orthotic fitting to satisfy examination requirement.</p> <p>Servicemember has opportunity to become certified in orthotic fitting during time of service.</p>