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Medical Board – Orthotist – Military Occupational Crosswalk

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Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

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No related occupations

Marines

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No related occupations

Navy

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No related occupations

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Experience Requirement	3,800 Hours The candidate must complete a minimum of 3,800 hours of experience in providing direct patient care services in orthotics or in prosthetics and orthotics over a 2-year period.
Education Requirement	Bachelor's Degree Candidate must hold a bachelor's degree, post-baccalaureate certificate or higher degree from a Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited education program with a major in orthotics or prosthetics/orthotics.
Examination Requirement	1 Examination A candidate must receive a passing grade on the national certification examination and provide proof that they have met the qualifications and have received certification from the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics (ABC) or, the Board of Certification/Accreditation (BOC).
Profession definition	An individual who is licensed by the State Board of Medicine to practice orthotics. Orthotics is the practice of evaluating, measuring, designing, fabricating, assembling, fitting, adjusting or servicing an orthosis for the correction or alleviation of neuromuscular or musculoskeletal dysfunction, disease, injury or deformity pursuant to a written prescription of a licensed prescribing practitioner

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 3,800 hours in this role over a 2-year period.
Education Requirement	<p>A candidate for licensure must hold a bachelor's degree from a CAAHEP accredited program with a major in prosthetics or prosthetics/orthotics.</p> <p>The servicemember's current education level would not satisfy requirement for licensure.</p> <p>Servicemember's training, completion of physical medicine course, and credentials earned during time of service <u>may</u> count towards some degree credit at an academic institution.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>A candidate for licensure must receive passing grade on the national certification examination and provide proof that they have met the qualifications and have received certification from the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics (ABC) or, the Board of Certification/Accreditation (BOC).</p> <p>Servicemember has opportunity to become certified in prosthetics/orthotics during time of service.</p>