

Occupational Authorizations

for the meeting of the

ALC-OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, August 11, 2025 at 1:30 PM

Department of Health

ORTHOTIC/PROSTHETIC ASSISTANT

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Health Facility Services

Scope of Practice: An orthotic assistant and prosthetic assistant provides assistance with patient care services and fabrication of orthoses and prostheses under the supervision of an orthotist or prosthetist.

Statutory Requirement(s): Arkansas Code § 17-107-304 provides for the certification requirements for an orthotic assistant, prosthetic assistant, or pedorthic assistant.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Initial and Renewal Certification Fee	\$100.00	Biennially

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	OPP_Rules_Link.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

Document Type	Document
Public Health and Safety	Questionnaire_07.15.2025_Occupational_Review_OPP.pdf

ORTHOTIST/PROSTHETIST

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Health Facility Services

Scope of Practice: An orthotist is engaged in the science and practice of providing or managing the provision of an orthosis based on clinical assessment, technical judgement. An prosthetist is engaged in science and practice of providing or managing the provision of a prosthesis based on clinical assessment, technical judgement.

Statutory Requirement(s): Arkansas Code § 17-107-301 provides for the licensure requirements for orthotic providers in Arkansas. Arkansas Code § 17-107-303 provides for the licensure requirements for prosthetic providers in Arkansas.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Fees & Penalties

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Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Licensure Initial and Renewal Fee	\$500.00	Biennially

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	OPP_Rules_Link.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

Document Type	Document
Public Health and Safety	Questionnaire_07.15.2025_Occupational_Review_OPP.pdf

PEDORTHIST

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Health Facility Services

Scope of Practice: A pedorthic provider engages in science and practice of providing or managing the provision of a pedorthic device based on clinical assessment and technical judgment.

Statutory Requirement(s): Arkansas Code § 17-107-302 provides the licensure requirements for pedorthic providers in Arkansas.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Initial and Renewal Licensure Fee	\$300.00	Biennially

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	OPP_Rules_Link.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

Document Type	Document
Public Health and Safety	Questionnaire_07.15.2025_Occupational_Review_OPP.pdf

PERFUSIONIST

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Health Facility Services

Scope of Practice: A perfusionist is licensed in the practice of the support, treatment, measurement, or supplementation of cardiovascular, circulatory, respiratory systems or other organs, or combination of those activities, and to ensure the safe management of physiological functions by monitoring and analyzing the parameters of the systems when the patient is undergoing cardiopulmonary bypass, extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation, or ventricular assist device.

Statutory Requirement(s): Arkansas Code § 17-104-301 provides for the licensure requirements for perfusionists in Arkansas.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from

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accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Initial Licensure Fee	\$150.00	Once
Fee	Renewal Licensure Fee	\$100.00	Biennially

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	Perfusionists_Rules_Link.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

Document Type	Document
Public Health and Safety	Questionnaire - Perfusionist_07.15.2025.pdf

ALC – Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee

Occupational Entity Questionnaire

Responses to the following questions are due via email to Subcommittee staff no later than the 15th of the month immediately preceding the month the occupational authorization is scheduled for review by the Subcommittee.

1. Would consumers be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas did not have this occupational authorization? The General Assembly found as such in Act 174 of 1999, codified as Ark. Code §17-107-102:

“Since the professions related to orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics significantly affect the lives of the people of this state, it is the purpose of this chapter to protect resources available to the Arkansas Medicaid Program and the public in general by setting standards of qualification, training, and experience for those who represent themselves to the public as orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists and by promoting high standards of professional performance for those engaged in the practice of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics.”

What instances of specific and substantial harm have been documented in the past year? In the last two years, an unlicensed practitioner improperly fitted an individual with a prosthetic which caused harm to the individual.

2. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by unauthorized practitioners? 1 What specific action was taken by the occupational entity? Consent agreement for the licensee that hired an unlicensed provider.

3. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by authorized practitioners? None What specific action was taken by the occupational entity? Not applicable

4. Were any applicants who otherwise met authorization requirements denied an authorization in the past year? No, any denial of licensure was on the basis of the individual not meeting the required education, training or clinical residency. If so, why?

5. How much does the occupational entity collect annually in fees, \$20,000 and what are annual expenses? The duties for this occupational license are conducted by an Arkansas Department of Health; Health Facility Services staff member that has additional job duties. Approximately 25% of the staff members' time is devoted to this scope of work. The cost of staff time and supplies is approximately \$22,000 How much money does the occupational entity have in reserves? There is no reserve for this scope of work.

6. If the occupational entity has a positive amount in reserves, when was the last time reserve funds were used? Not applicable For what purpose? Not applicable

7. Does the occupational entity have any other sources of revenue? No Could occupational authorization fees be reduced without causing the occupational entity to be underfunded? No

8. How many applicants for the occupational authorization fail each year? 4-5 fail to meet statutory requirements. Does the occupational entity track how many applicants that do not progress are veterans, women, or minorities? The Department reviews application for licensure under the Arkansas Occupational Licensing of Uniformed Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses Act of 2021, but does not have any records of those that fail to obtain an occupational license. The Department does not track applicants by those specific foregoing categories.

9. Can applicants complete the training requirements for this occupational authorization with vocational or non-traditional education (e.g., apprenticeships)? No What percentage of applicants complete apprenticeships? Not applicable

10. In what ways would removal of the occupational authorization or reduction of occupational authorization requirements be harmful to current authorization holders? As stated by the General Assembly: "Since the professions related to orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics significantly affect the lives of the people of this state, it is the purpose of this chapter to protect resources available to the Arkansas Medicaid Program and the public in general by setting standards of qualification, training, and experience for those who represent themselves to the public as orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists and by promoting high standards of professional performance for those engaged in the practice of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics."