

Job Summary

Orthotist and Prosthetist Series GS-667

Job summary Orthotist and Prosthetist positions involve designing, fabricating, or fitting orthotic or prosthetic devices to preserve or restore function to patients with disabling conditions of the limbs and spine or with partial or total absence of limbs.

***Note: Candidates can qualify based on experience only.

Education: Depends on which GS level. Read below:

For GS-3: Successful completion of 1 academic year of post-high school study that included a course appropriate to the work such as orthotics, prosthetics, anatomy, psychology, nursing, biology, medical terminology, handicrafts, physical education, or industrial arts education.

For GS-4: Successful completion of 2 academic years of post-high school study that included courses as described above for GS-3.

Successful completion of apprenticeship training in such trades and crafts as plastics and sheet metal work, machinist, patternmaker, or similar trades and crafts that provided knowledge of the practices, procedures, techniques, and use of the equipment and tools meets the educational requirements on a year-for-year basis up through GS-4.

For GS-5: A full 4-year course of study at an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor's degree with major study in prosthetics and orthotics.

For GS-6: A full 4-year course of study at an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor's degree with major study in prosthetics and orthotics, and subsequent successful completion of the clinical affiliation training prescribed by the school to assure professional competence to practice the occupation.

A successfully completed Orthotist-Prosthetist apprenticeship in a facility approved by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics meets in full the requirements for grade GS-6 positions.

Licenses or Certificates GS-6 level -Certification by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, & Pedorthics meets in full the requirements for grade GS-6 positions.

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