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PLEASE NOTE: Due to CAAHEP policy change, initial accreditation no longer expires. The initial accreditation for this program remains in place until another status is granted, at which time the status for the program will be updated on the CAAHEP website.

If you have any concerns about the accreditation of the program, don't hesitate to contact our office at 727-210-2350.



May 22, 2017

Judy Mitchell
Interim President
Joliet Junior College
1215 Houbolt Rd
Joliet, IL 60431

Dear President Mitchell:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) would like to inform you of a policy change affecting the status of the CAAHEP-accredited Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician program at Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL.

CAAHEP policy calls for CAAHEP to work in cooperation with each of its Committees on Accreditation to establish a time period of either 3 years or 5 years as the length of initial accreditation. NCOPE previously established an initial accreditation time period of three years, which the program was awarded in July 2015.

In the time since your program received CAAHEP accreditation, NCOPE requested from the CAAHEP Board of Directors (BoD) a change in the length of time for initial accreditation from 3 to 5 years. The CAAHEP BoD recently approved this change. So as to not penalize the program at your institution, CAAHEP is extending the expiration date of initial accreditation from July 31, 2018 to **July 31, 2020**.

If you have any questions regarding the status of the orthotic and prosthetic technician program or any other questions pertaining to accreditation, please don't hesitate to contact the CAAHEP office at 727-210-2350.

Sincerely,

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Thomas K. Skalko, PhD, LRT/CTRS
President

cc: Peter Linden, PhD, Dean, Career & Technical Education
Michael Brncick, MEd, CPO, Program Director
Charles Kuffel, MSM, CPO, FAAOP, Chair, NCOPE
Robin Seabrook, Executive Director, NCOPE



July 20, 2015

Debra Daniels, EdD
President
Joliet Junior College
1215 Houbolt Rd
Joliet, IL 60431

*All citations have been resolved;
the accreditation status and next
evaluation date remain in place.*

Dear Dr. Daniels:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **July 16, 2015** to award **initial accreditation** to the Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician program at Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL.

The recent peer review conducted by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The initial accreditation status will expire on **July 31, 2018**.

The NCOPE will regularly monitor the program's compliance with the outcomes assessment thresholds through the program's Annual Report as well as other documentation that may be requested (Standard IV.B.).

The following citation merits your institution's attention and resolution in order to strengthen the program's compliance with the Standards (for a complete copy of the Standards, check the CAAHEP website at www.caahep.org, or call the office at 727-210-2350):

III.C. Resources-Curriculum

The curriculum must ensure the achievement of program goals and learning domains. Instruction must be an appropriate sequence of classroom, laboratory, and practicum activities. Instruction must be based on clearly written course syllabi that include course description, course objectives, methods of evaluation, topic outline, and competencies required for graduation.

The program must demonstrate that the curriculum meets or exceeds the content of the latest edition of the Core Curriculum for Orthotic/Prosthetic Technician. See Appendix B.

C.1.5 Hip-Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses, Standing Frames/Parapodiums

e. Demonstrate knowledge of spinal control devices that may be incorporated in HKAFO designs

Spinal orthoses incorporated into HKAFO was not met. This is a minor over site easily rectified and does not represent an appreciable deficit in the curriculum.

Submit evidence this has been added to the curriculum.

CAAHEP requests that a progress report be sent **NCOPE, 330 John Carlyle Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314** by **January 1, 2016** indicating the manner in which this citation has been resolved.

Failure to respond satisfactorily to the citation above may result in a withdrawal of accreditation.

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Dr. Daniels

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, NCOPE, American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP), and American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics (ABC).

The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation. Questions concerning the submission or content of the progress report should be directed to the NCOPE Executive Office.

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