



The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ORTHOPAEDIC TECHNOLOGISTS (NAOT)

is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence through education of orthopaedic technologists, and other related allied health care professionals, and the general public. NAOT believes that the profession of orthopaedic technology can only reach full potential and universal acceptance through widespread educational opportunities. Certification of all orthopaedic technologists underscores NAOT's commitment to these professional goals.



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WHAT IS AN ORTHOPAEDIC TECHNOLOGIST?

The Orthopaedic Technologist (OT) is a specifically trained allied health individual who assists the orthopaedic surgeon in the practice of medicine. An OT is an expert in plaster and synthetic cast application and removal, is equipped with the general principles of traction techniques, prepares or sets up specific types of traction requested by the orthopaedic surgeon and is able to assess patients in traction, detect deficiencies in the apparatus and make adjustments as necessary. The OT may perform as a first assistant to the orthopaedic surgeon in the operating suite. The OT is able to fit and adjust canes, crutches and walkers, as well as giving patient instruction on the use of these walking aids. An OT can apply simple braces, prosthetics, perform minor adjustments and repairs, as well as fabricate splints for various conditions under the direction of the orthopaedic surgeon. An OT is familiar with routine office/departmental procedures and is able to perform certain basic nursing functions.



ANNUAL CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM

NAOT is currently planning its 35th Annual Clinical Symposium in San Diego, CA on August 16 - 19, 2017. The format of the Annual Clinical Symposium includes general sessions, popular "hands-on" workshops, an exhibit hall, networking receptions, and an awards banquet. Members receive significant registration discounts to the Annual Clinical Symposium (a \$100-150 savings).

ORTHOTIC FITTER COURSE AND CASTING & SPLINTING SKILLS WORKSHOPS

NAOT's Orthotic Fitter Course is an ABC and BOC approved, entry-level orthotics program. The course provides a basic knowledge of orthotic fitting and prepares them for obtaining an orthotic fitter certification. Completion of an approved course is one of the requirements before an individual is eligible to sit for the Orthotic Fitter Certification Examinations. The program is comprised of two components: a 16-hour web-based/Power-Point self-study component and a 16-hour live classroom/hands-on instruction component.

NAOT offers a series of regional Casting and Splinting Skills Workshops - both for beginners and for experienced techs - aimed at providing expert instruction for orthopaedic technologists and other allied health care professionals who require training in the fundamentals of casting and splinting. Each workshop features a lecture portion as well as a hands-on portion and is led by professionals who are certified orthopaedic technologists (OTC) with many years of hands-on experience, as well as prior teaching experience. NAOT members can register for these workshops at a considerable discount (\$50 savings). For an updated listing of dates and locations, please visit www.naot.org.

THE ORTHOTECH PROFESSIONAL

Perhaps the most valuable membership benefit is a subscription to the *Orthotech Professional*. Members can read about the latest case studies in the "Tip of the Month" column, where members with an OTC credential can earn valuable CEUs toward recertification by reading the article and answering related questions.

MEMBER-ONLY VIRTUAL SEMINARS

NAOT offers its members access to online continuing education. These Virtual Seminars, which can be attended from anywhere with a high-speed Internet connection and phone service, are offered on a quarterly basis, providing valuable education on a wide range of topics. Additionally, some virtual seminars offer OTCs the chance to earn valuable CEU credits for recertification.

Are you planning to take the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists (NBCOT) OTC Certification Examination? NAOT offers its members quarterly OTC Certification Examination Prep Webinars. Each session is designed to familiarize candidates with the format and types of questions presented on the exam.

SALARY SURVEY

NAOT's Salary Survey report provides a valuable "measuring stick" of average compensation based on years of experience, geographic region, type of employment, level of education and certification. In addition, valuable information on benefits, including health insurance, flex time and continuing education is analyzed.

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

Members enjoy a reduced fee (\$75 discount) to take the national examinations leading to the Orthopaedic Technologist Certified (OTC) or Orthopaedic Technologist - Surgery Certified (OT-SC) credential. For more information and an application, visit the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists (NBCOT) website at www.nbcot.net.



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND DUES

There are three categories from which a person may apply to become a member of the National Association of Orthopaedic Technologists (NAOT).

FULL MEMBER (\$100/year)

Full membership is open to any person actively pursuing a career in orthopaedic technology. This person will usually function under the supervision of an orthopaedic surgeon in a private office, clinic, or hospital setting. The individual may be an orthopaedic technologist, registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, physical therapist, orthopaedic physician's assistant, or x-ray technologist.

MILITARY MEMBERSHIP (\$50/year)

Military Membership is open to any active duty military personnel engaged in orthopaedic technology. Active status will be verified by NAOT's Military Liaison upon submission of application.

Note: Military reserves and National Guard are not eligible for the military category.

STUDENT/ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (\$30/year)

Student/Associate Membership is offered to any person actively participating in the field of orthopaedics, but not directly employed as an orthopaedic technologist providing patient care. Associate members are subject to membership dues and have a voice; however, they are not entitled to vote, hold office, or chair a standing committee.

To Join

To formally join NAOT, please fill out all relevant sections of the attached application form, indicate your membership category and send, with a check or money order in U.S. dollars (payable to NAOT), to:

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Applications can also be completed on-line at www.naot.org. Applications may also be faxed, along with a Visa or Mastercard payment, to NAOT at (317) 205-9481.

NAOT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

DATE

FULL NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE

FAX

EMAIL

NAME OF EMPLOYER/SCHOOL

NUMBER OF YEARS WITH CURRENT EMPLOYER

NUMBER OF YEARS IN ORTHOPAEDICS

ARE YOU A CURRENT MEMBER OF A NAOT STATE/LOCAL ASSOCIATION?

IF SO, NAME OF ASSOCIATION

REFERRED BY:

Membership Category & Dues

Please check category for membership for which you are applying:

- Full Member – \$100/year
 Military Member – \$50/year
 Student/Associate Member – \$30/year

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ Check Visa MasterCard

CREDIT CARD# _____ EXP. DATE _____

CCV Code _____ Billing Address _____

SIGNATURE _____

Send completed application and membership fee to:

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