

**WAC 246-850-140 Continuing competency requirements for orthotists and prosthetists.** (1) The continuing competency reporting cycle begins with the first full three-year period after initial licensure. All orthotists and prosthetists shall attest to completion of continuing competency activities every year at renewal and shall comply with WAC 246-12-170 through 246-12-240.

(2) All licensed orthotists and prosthetists shall complete continuing competency hours as follows:

(a) Licensed orthotists shall complete a minimum of 45 continuing competency hours every three years in the area of orthotics.

(b) Licensed prosthetists shall complete a minimum of 45 continuing competency hours every three years in the area of prosthetics.

(c) Individuals who are licensed as both an orthotist and as a prosthetist shall complete a minimum of 60 continuing competency hours every three years.

(3) For individuals licensed in one discipline, a maximum of eighteen Category 2 continuing competency hours may be earned in any three-year reporting period.

(4) For individuals licensed in both disciplines, a maximum of 24 Category 2 continuing competency hours may be earned in any three-year reporting period.

(5) Licensees may alternatively meet the continuing competency requirement if they hold a current certification from the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics. The required documentation is proof of certification during the three-year cycle.

(6) Orthotists and prosthetists must complete a minimum of two hours in health equity continuing education training every four years by complying with WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

(a) Individuals licensed as both an orthotist and prosthetist only need to meet the requirements once every four years.

(b) This training must be completed by the end of the second full continuing education reporting period after January 1, 2024, or the second full continuing education reporting period after initial licensure, whichever is later.

(c) The hours spent completing health equity continuing education under this section count toward meeting applicable continuing education requirements in this section.

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