According to the National Institute Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Health, there are an estimated 23.6 million people in the United States living with diabetes. The Certified Fitter of Therapeutic Shoes program was created to help satisfy the great need for competent, reliable and ethical conservative foot care for people with diabetes - and to hold those responsible for their care to a higher standard.

National Pedorthic Services is proud to be able to offer the Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Course as the first step in helping you obtain certified fitter status. This course has been approved by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) as a primary education course.

It has also been approved for up to eight (8) continuing education credits through the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics (ABC). (Full participation is required to be eligible for the full amount of credits).

An ABC certified fitter of therapeutic shoes is an individual trained and qualified in the provision of non-custom therapeutic shoes and non-custom diabetic multi-density inserts. A certified fitter of therapeutic shoes is competent to practice within the scope of non-custom therapeutic footwear only.

Topics covered during this one-day course include:

- Certified Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Scope of Practice
- Shoe Anatomy
- Professional Shoe Fitting
- Foot Orthosis Insert - Materials and Objectives
- Patient Evaluations and Performing Physical Exams
- Determining Diabetic Foot Risk Categories
- Documentation
- Medicare’s Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes Benefits
- Case Studies
- Professional Ethics

In addition to the lecture sessions, participants will have the opportunity to enjoy several hands-on workshops including:

- Direct Molding of Orthoses
- Fitting Orthoses
- Foot and Shoe Measurement and Evaluation
- Using Floor Reaction Imprints
This is a live program providing the kind of hands-on experience and interaction that you just can’t get with similar online courses. The program will be lead by Dennis Janisse, C.Ped.. Your registration fee includes the course and all course materials, lunch and break-time refreshments.

We look forward to meeting you and getting you on your path to certification! If you have any questions, please contact Jenny at (800) 949-6771.

ABC Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Eligibility Criteria
(See ABC Website abcop.org)

1. Completion of an NCOPE approved Therapeutic Shoe Educational Course
2. 250 hours of patient contact which includes fitting of therapeutic shoes
3. An attestation form verifying the shoe fitting experience. This form must be signed off by the candidate’s supervisor, a referral source or a coworker who is familiar with the candidate’s work experience.
4. Successful completion of an ABC administered exam

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