

# Orthotist and Prosthetist



## What does an Orthotist and Prosthetist do?

- An Orthotist designs and fits devices, known as orthoses, to provide care to patients who have disabling conditions of the limbs and spine.
- A Prosthetist designs and fits devices, known as prostheses, for patients who have partial or total absence of a limb.
- The Orthotist and Prosthetist work directly with the physician and representatives of other allied health professions in the rehabilitation of the physically challenged.

## What kind of Education would I need?

- Orthotists and prosthetists need at least a master's degree and certification before entering the field.
- Both orthotists and prosthetists must complete a 1-year residency before they can be certified.

## Where would I work?

- Private facilities
- Hospitals and clinics
- Colleges and universities
- Medical schools

## Job Outlook?

The job outlook is excellent. A national shortage of trained Prosthetists and Orthotists has created a strong demand for these professionals.

## Site:

<http://swz.salary.com/salarywizard/Prosthetist-Orthotist-Hourly-Salary-Details-Sioux-Falls-SD.aspx>

## Salary?

Orthotics and Prosthetics earn an average of \$57,773 per year!

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