



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas K. Skalko'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

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
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