

CAREER PATHWAY FOR ORTHOPAEDIC TECHNICIANS

Orthopaedic **Technicians/Practitioners** work in the field of Trauma & Orthopaedic Outpatients, Accident & Emergency Departments and Operating Theatres.

It is their job to apply casts to patients, at the doctor's request following an accident, for elective orthopaedic conditions and / or following surgery.

Casting materials used today are varied. As well as Plaster of Paris, we use a wide range of resin based materials based on fibreglass, polypropylene and polyesters.

To be a qualified technician you have to hold the British Casting Certificate (BCC) **This certificate is Validated by the British Orthopaedic Association (BOA) and the Association of Orthopaedic Practitioners - UK (AOP) and is supported by the Society of Orthopaedic and Trauma Nursing (SOTN) of the Royal College of Nursing**

Interested In Becoming A Trainee Orthopaedic Technician?

We remain committed in progressing towards a recognised training pathway. Negotiations continue through a joint working party, exploring the possibility of Orthopaedic **Technicians Practitioners** being regulated by the Health Professions Council and to be recognised as a professional body.

Meanwhile, should you wish to pursue a career in Orthopaedics as a technician then primarily you should gain experience of working in a casting room.

You cannot attend an approved course to Qualify as an orthopaedic technician until you achieve the following criteria:

Working in a casting room for a **minimum of one year**

A good standard of education

Excellent interpersonal skills

Be able to demonstrate some manual dexterity

The course / examination can be undertaken in the following ways;

5 week residential course held at Stanmore, London.

Or you can undertake one of the several day release courses held over 20 weeks at: -

Bradford

Newport

Glasgow

or Belfast

Details can be found on <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/orthopaedics/casting/welcome.htm>

It is not common to see an advertised post for a trainee orthopaedic technician.

We recommend that you seek a post as a Health Care Assistant. In time, visit the casting room, talk with the staff, and demonstrate an interest in applying casts.

You are welcome to access the AOT / AOP web site

Read our Notice Board; review job vacancies, or simply post your questions to us.

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