



Date: _____

School: _____

City/State: _____

Survey Questions

Circle one

- 1) Had you ever heard of the orthotics and prosthetics profession before today? Yes No
- 2) Do you know anyone who uses an orthopedic brace or artificial limb? Yes No
- 3) Have you ever considered a career in healthcare? Yes No
If yes, did you ever consider a career as an orthotist or prosthetist*? Yes No

*An orthotist is specifically trained and educated to provide custom-designed, external orthopedic braces and related patient care. A prosthetist is specifically trained and educated to provide custom-designed artificial limbs and related patient care.

- 4) Where do you think an orthotist or prosthetist might work? *(Please check all that apply)*
 _____ College/University _____ Private Practice _____ Hospital _____ Nursing Home
 _____ Manufacturer _____ Rehabilitation Center
- 5) How much education do you think is needed to become an orthotist or prosthetist?
(Please check all that apply)
 _____ High School _____ Junior College _____ Technical/Vocational School
 _____ Bachelor's Degree _____ Post-Bachelor's Certificate _____ Master's Degree
- 6) How many orthotists and prosthetists do you think there are in the U.S.?
 _____ 1,000,000+ _____ 500,000 _____ 100,000 _____ 25,000 _____ about 5,000
- 7) What do you think is the average starting salary of an Orthotist or Prosthetist?
 _____ \$65,000 _____ \$55,000 _____ \$45,000 _____ \$35,000 _____ \$25,000
- 8) How many educational programs do you think there are in the U.S. where you can train to be an Orthotist or Prosthetist?
 _____ 500+ _____ 100 _____ 50 _____ 25 _____ 10 or less
- 9) What do you think is the chance of getting a good job once you complete your schooling and residency in orthotics and/or prosthetics?
 _____ 100% _____ 85% _____ 75% _____ 65% _____ 50% or less
- 10) Who has the most influence on you when you are deciding on which college to go to?
(Use a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most influential and 1 having no influence.)
- | | No influence | | Moderate influence | | Most influence |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------------|---|----------------|
| _____ Parent or Relative | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| _____ Guidance Counselor | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| _____ Teacher | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| _____ Friends | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| _____ College Admissions Counselor | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| _____ Other _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

11) When choosing a career, how important are the following factors:
(Use a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most influential and 1 having no influence.)

	No influence		Moderate influence		Most influence
_____ Salary	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Employment Outlook	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Education Required	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Prestige/Status	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Ability to help others	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Opportunities for Advancement	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Personal Satisfaction/Enjoyment	1	2	3	4	5

12) How influential are the following people in choosing a career:
(Use a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most influential and 1 having no influence.)

	No influence		Moderate influence		Most influence
_____ Parents or other relative	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Guidance Counselor	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Teachers	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Friends	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Other _____	1	2	3	4	5

13) What resources do you or would you use to research a career? *(Please check all that apply)*

_____ Federal Occupational Outlook Handbook _____ Guidance Counselor
 _____ Teacher _____ Brochure about field _____ Career fairs _____ Job shadowing
 _____ Interest Inventory Tests _____ Websites (*which ones?* _____)

14) How would you describe your interest in learning more about a potential career in orthotics and prosthetics? *(Use a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being interested and 1 having no interest.)*

Not interested		Neutral		Interested
1	2	3	4	5

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PRESENTERS:

Have students complete the survey immediately following your presentation.

Return completed forms in bulk to:

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