Newington Certificate Program announces new Distance Learning Program

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Now accepting applications for the Fall 2008 semester

Newington, CT – The Newington Certificate Program in Orthotics & Prosthetics is pleased to announce the launch of a new Distance Learning Program (DLP) for students interested in earning their First Discipline education from afar. This fully accredited program offers qualified individuals nationwide the opportunity to obtain their orthotic and / or prosthetic education without relocating to Connecticut. Applications are currently being accepted for Fall 2008, the first semester of Newington's First Discipline DLP.

“The success of Newington's Second Discipline DLP prompted the development and launch of this new First Discipline DLP,” Newington Curriculum Coordinator Matt Parente said. “It's a proven model that has cultivated successful clinicians whose talent and expertise are consistently recognized throughout the industry. We are confident this new distance learning program will do more than simply maintain the strong reputation of a Newington education. It will serve as an efficient and effective means of attracting new talent and advancing our profession.”

The new First Discipline DLP is a nine-month, two-semester, post-baccalaureate certificate program in orthotics or prosthetics that utilizes a unique e-learning delivery system comprised of video-based classes, real-time webinars, conference calls, access to the Newington web-based library, and one-on-one interaction with instructors via phone, email, and video communication. The flexible classroom coursework is combined with critical hands-on clinical experience at a host or sponsor patient care center within the student's hometown. This combination of practical clinical care and sound academic education prepares students for all facets of orthotic and prosthetic patient care without relocation.

Previously, Newington students were required to earn their First Discipline education on campus in Connecticut before being eligible for the Second Discipline DLP. Now with the launch of this new program, Newington students can earn their comprehensive O&P education entirely from their hometown.

“While we anticipate many students who are just beginning their academic and clinical journey into O&P, we also recognize this First Discipline DLP is the perfect way for practicing orthotists and prosthetists to earn the formal education necessary for state licensure requirements,” Parente said.

Applicants are required to have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with prerequisite college coursework that meets the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) admission standards. Scholarship opportunities are available. Those interested in learning more should visit www.NCPschool.com or call 860-667-5304.