

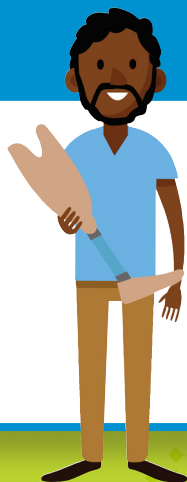


Prosthetists and Orthotists' roles are **VARIED** and **VERY REWARDING**...

A prosthetist designs and fits artificial replacements – or prostheses – for upper and lower limbs, for people who have lost or were born without a limb.

Somewhere today a prosthetist has:

- Enabled someone to stand on two legs for the first time in months
- Provided a running blade so a child can now join in with their friends in the playground
- Enabled someone to walk without pain
- Helped someone participate in sport with confidence
- Enabled someone to walk upstairs and sleep in their own bed
- Provided an arm which has improved a patient's confidence and body image
- Enabled someone to cook
- Enabled someone to live independently
- Supported somebody to return to work



An orthotist will use a range of orthoses, including splints, braces and footwear, to enhance mobility, prevent falls, reduce pain and facilitate healing.

Somewhere today an orthotist has:

- Prevented limb amputation as a complication of a diabetic foot wound
- Enabled someone to stand for the first time in a long time
- Helped someone to manage physical fatigue and enjoy lunch with their family
- Enabled a child to play with their friends in the playground
- Helped someone recover from an injury to play sport again with confidence
- Enabled someone to walk following a stroke
- Provided protective headwear so a child can attend nursery
- Enabled someone to live independently without being frightened of falling
- Enabled someone to walk to the shop



WHAT ARE THE EDUCATIONAL ROUTES INTO PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS?

DEGREE ROUTE: The UK has two fulltime BSc programmes:

BSc (Hons) Prosthetics and Orthotics | University of Salford
www.salford.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/prosthetics-and-orthotics

BSc Prosthetics & Orthotics Bachelor's Degree | University of Strathclyde
www.strath.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/prostheticsorthotics/

APPRENTICESHIP: There is a level 6 apprenticeship that requires employment in the sector

Prosthetics and Orthotics Degree Apprenticeship - University of Derby
www.derby.ac.uk/apprenticeships/prosthetics-and-orthotics-degree-apprenticeship/

POSTGRADUATE ROUTE: There is an MSc route to qualification for those who already hold a suitable degree

Prosthetics and Orthotics - Keele University
www.keele.ac.uk/study/postgraduatestudy/postgraduatecourses/prostheticsandorthotics/

If you're interested in learning more about how you could help make a huge difference to people's lives with a career in prosthetics or orthotics talk to BAPO for more information.

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