

The mission of the American Society of Orthopedic Professionals (ASOP) is to enrich the quality of orthopedic health care and to further promote the professional advancement throughout the orthopedic discipline.

ORTHOPEDIC PHYSICIAN EXTENDER (OPE) - Certified

EXAM FORMAT AND CONTENT:

The Orthopedic Physician Extender (OPE) examination is a 150 question online, objective assessment comprised of the knowledge and skills representative of the Athletic Trainer (AT) functioning in clinical orthopedics.

DOMAIN TASK AREAS:

The OPE examination will be weighted in approximately the following manner:

- I. Orthopedic Examination and Clinical Assessment**
- II. Orthopedic Casting, Splinting and Bracing**
- III. Diagnostic Imaging & Intervention Strategies**
- IV. Wound Care and Infection Control**



Successful completion of the OPE exam will indicate the knowledge and skills in the following competency areas within orthopedic practice: (1) Evidenced-based reasoning in the assessment and management for specific musculoskeletal injury/pathology; (2) Appropriate fracture immobilization and identifying the fundamental goals relative to patient care/safety; (3) Understanding of musculoskeletal imaging techniques in orthopedic practice; and (4) Knowledge of aseptic techniques and wound management considerations in orthopedic care.

*Board of Certification for the Orthopedic Physician Extender (BOCOPE) will be credentialing agency providing the OPE certification program who in turn, shall function in practice under the authority of the supervising medical physician. Member organizational services will be facilitated through the American Society of Orthopedic Professionals (ASOP)



Once the appropriate criteria has been met, ASOP will be seeking NCCA accreditation for professional certification programs which provides impartial, third-party validation that the OPE credential has met recognized national and international credentialing industry standards for program development, implementation, and maintenance.