

**National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists, Inc.  
Receives Re-Accreditation of its Orthopaedic Technologists Certified Program  
from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)**

During its recent meeting in July of 2011, The NCCA re-accredited the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists, Inc. Orthopaedic Technologists Certified Program for a five-year period, expiring 2016.

Founded in 1982, The NBCOT is a professional certification organization acting in the public interest by establishing and enforcing education, examination, experience and ethics requirements for certification. Currently, over 1500 Orthopaedic Technologists are certified to use the OTC® designation.

The NBCOT received renewal of NCCA accreditation of its Orthopaedic Technologists Certified Program by submitting an application demonstrating the program's compliance with the NCCA's *Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*. NCCA is the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (formerly the National Organization for Competency Assurance). Since 1977, the NCCA has been accrediting certifying programs based on the highest quality standards in professional certification to ensure the programs adhere to modern standards of practice in the certification industry. To view the standards visit <http://www.credentialingexcellence.org/ncca/ncca.htm>.

There are 254 NCCA accredited programs that certify individuals in a wide range of professions and occupations including nurses, financial professionals, respiratory therapists, counselors, emergency technicians, crane operators and more. Of ICE's more than 330 organizational members, over 100 of them have accredited programs.

ICE's mission is to advance credentialing through education, standards, research, and advocacy to ensure competence across professions and occupations. NCCA was founded as a commission whose mission is to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs that assess professional competence. NCCA uses a peer review process to: establish accreditation standards; evaluate compliance with these standards; recognize organizations/programs which demonstrate compliance; and serve as a resource on quality certification.

ICE and NCCA are located in Washington, DC.