

Society of Chiropractic Orthospinology

Instructor Certification Policy Statement

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy Statement is to establish uniform standards and procedures for the certification, mentorship, approval, and maintenance of Orthospinology Instructors by the Society of Chiropractic Orthospinology (the “Society”).

The Instructor Certification program exists to ensure that doctors and students are instructed by individuals who have demonstrated competency, professional integrity, and mastery of the Orthospinology Technique, including Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Advanced Clinical Considerations & Case Study Seminars.

2. Instructor Certification Eligibility Requirements

1. A minimum of five (5) years of full-time chiropractic practice, or the equivalent in part-time practice.
2. Continuous full dues-paying membership in the Society for the previous five (5) years. In the event of membership lapses, eligibility shall be determined at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
3. Demonstrated teaching experience, which may include prior professional teaching experience, conference presentations, or prior participation in Orthospinology seminars as an instructor or presenter.
4. Attendance at a minimum of two (2) full Orthospinology seminar series conducted by two (2) different Certified Orthospinology Instructors.
5. Board Certification held for a minimum of two (2) years.
6. The applicant must hold the DCCJP credential, have previously held Instructor status within the Society, or have been Board Certified in Orthospinology for a minimum of 5 Years, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
7. The applicant must possess Orthospinology-approved X-ray or CBCT equipment and analysis software, as well as an Orthospinology-approved adjusting table including KH2 and CL-25 Precision Table.

3. Application Procedure

8. Submit a written request via email to the Society Secretary at admin@orthospinology.org.
9. Provide documentation confirming attendance at all required seminars, including seminar dates and names of instructors.
10. Submit a current Curriculum Vitae (CV) and a one-page letter explaining the applicant's interest in becoming a Certified Instructor.

11. Pay the Instructor Certification registration fee as listed on the official Society website.

4. Mentorship and Evaluation Process

12. Upon acceptance of an application, the applicant shall be provided with a list of Active Mentor Instructors and must select and contact a Mentor to begin the mentorship process.
13. The applicant must assist with one complete Orthospinology seminar series (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Advanced Clinical Considerations) under the supervision of the same Mentor Instructor. In justified circumstances, assistance under more than one Mentor may be permitted.
14. Following completion of the required series, the Mentor Instructor shall evaluate the applicant's teaching competence and technique proficiency and may recommend certification or require additional mentorship.
15. Successful completion of the mentorship process shall be forwarded to the Head of Curriculum and Instruction and the Board of Directors for final determination.
16. Upon Board approval, the Instructor Certificate shall be issued directly to the applicant or formally awarded at the Annual Society Symposium.

5. Maintenance of Instructor Status

17. Attend at least one (1) Orthospinology seminar or the Annual Orthospinology Conference each calendar year.
18. Maintain active, full dues-paying membership in the Society.
19. Uphold exemplary professional ethics consistent with the standards of the Orthospinology Technique and the Society.
20. Register and conduct all Orthospinology seminars through the official Society website.

6. Revocation or Inactivation

Failure to comply with this Policy or deviation from established Orthospinology instructional guidelines may result in inactivation or revocation of Instructor Certification. Classes taught without active Instructor Certification will not be approved by the Society and will not qualify toward certification requirements for attendees. The Board of Directors retains authority to review and determine disciplinary action.

7. Grandfathered Instructors

- Dr. Julie Hunt
- Dr. Ken Humber
- Dr. Bo Rochester
- Dr. Nate Berner
- Dr. Ryan Klopfer
- Dr. Bill Lordan
- Dr. Chad Billiris
- Dr. Travis Hunt
- Dr. Tyler Charette
- Dr. Craig York

- Dr. Mark Baker