

GRACIE RINK

Prosthetist-Orthotist Assistant



Gracie first learned of Prosthetic/Orthotic Care as a patient. She needed orthotics for flat feet and in talking with her clinician, she realized that a lot of what she wanted to do post-college lined up with the P&O field. By the following week, she was shadowing in a P&O office. She feel in love with the field and has never looked back.

What do you find most rewarding about your work?

The most rewarding part of this job is seeing the amputee patient's face when they stand straight up for the first time and look at themselves in the big mirror. This is most likely the first time they have been able to stand straight up in a long time and to be able to witness that moment is truly special.

What's the most stressful part?

The most stressful part of my job is just making sure the patient has everything they need.

How does your work make a difference?

When most of our amputee patients come to us, they are stuck in a wheelchair or not fully ambulating due to their amputation. Watching patients' personalities come back and watching them light up when they start to connect the dots that they will be able to do what they love again after their first fitting with us, is probably the most important part. To be a part of their team cheering them on during this journey is a privilege and reinforces that idea that we really are doing something to change life in a positive way!

How do you unwind?

I love to watch movies, read or take a nap hahaha.

What's the best vacation you have taken?

The best vacation I've ever been on would have to be when I went camping in Arizona and New Mexico, or going to Tulum, Mexico with my family.

What's the vacation you want to take but haven't?

I would love to go see the tulip fields in Amsterdam when they are in full bloom!