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### Brittany Curcio Transcript

#### **Background:**

Natalie Mecklenburg: Tell me about your background and where you went to school.

Brittany Curcio: I lived in Connecticut, so I went to the University of Hartford and that is where I got my Bachelor of Health Science. Then, I continued and also got my master's to become an orthotist/prosthetist at the University of Hartford. From there I completed my residency in New Jersey.

N: Emily mentioned there aren't many schools here in the U.S. that offer prosthetic programs? Is that true?

B: Yes she is correct. Hartford is only one of a couple programs in the United States.

N: What is your job title?

B: I am both a prosthetist and orthotist and a clinician here at Hanger. I work with patients at both the Greenville office, Anderson office, and Spartanburg office.

#### **Work Life:**

N: What is your favorite part of this job?

B: I really enjoy the balance of being able to work with patients, but also spend some time alone down in the lab. I also really enjoy Hanger as a company and the clinicians I work with.

N: What is your least favorite part of this job?

B: I would have to say having to tell patients when insurance won't cover their device. It is a really hard conversation, and I never like to break that news when people rely so heavily on insurance to cover the costs and features of their prosthetics.

N: How do you stay up to date with technology in this field?

B: We all have to complete ongoing credits throughout the years, so that is the main way we continue our requirements. Some clinicians also stay up to date with technology on their own however. Like I am certified to work with the WalkAide, and every year at Hanger Live, companies will present products and technology like this to inform clinicians.

N: Why did you choose to work at Hanger specifically?

B: Because they paid for my exams. No but that is a part of it. I really like Hanger's values, and they do offer so many resources, like paying for exams and a great education program.