



**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD**
Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison
Contact: Tom Ryan (608) 266-2112
July 6, 2023

The following agenda describes the issues that the Board plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a description of the actions of the Board.

AGENDA

9:00 A.M.

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

- A. Adoption of Agenda (1-3)**
- B. Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2023 (4-6)**
- C. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
- D. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns
- E. Administrative Matters – Discussion and Consideration**
 - 1) Department, Staff and Board Updates
 - 2) Board Members – Term Expiration Dates
 - a. Clark, Jeffrey J. – 7/1/2023
 - b. Jinkins, Mark A. – 7/1/2016
 - c. Schulz, Robert C. – 7/1/2020
 - d. Slaby, Lisa L. – 7/1/2027
 - e. Sorce, Peter I. – 7/1/2023
 - f. Wilson, Emmylou – 7/1/2027
- F. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussions and Consideration (7-9)**
 - 1) Discussion of AB 317 | SB 143
- G. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (10)**
 - 1) Scope Statement: Opt 8, Relating to Continuing Education Requirements (11-18)
 - 2) Pending and Possible Rulemaking Projects (19)
- H. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Overviews and Updates (20-22)**
- I. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) Annual Meeting Report**
- J. Discussion and Consideration of Items Added After Preparation of Agenda
 - 1) Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
 - 2) Nominations, Elections, and Appointments

- 3) Administrative Matters
- 4) Election of Officers
- 5) Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates
- 6) Delegation of Authorities
- 7) Education and Examination Matters
- 8) Credentialing Matters
- 9) Practice Matters
- 10) Legislative and Policy Matters
- 11) Administrative Rule Matters
- 12) Liaison Reports
- 13) Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentors
- 14) Informational Items
- 15) Public Health Emergencies
- 16) Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters
- 17) Presentations of Petitions for Summary Suspension
- 18) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
- 19) Presentation of Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
- 20) Presentation of Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
- 21) Presentation of Interim Orders
- 22) Petitions for Re-Hearing
- 23) Petitions for Assessments
- 24) Petitions to Vacate Orders
- 25) Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
- 26) Motions
- 27) Petitions
- 28) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
- 29) Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports

K. Public Comments

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.).

L. Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda

- 1) Education and Examination Matters
- 2) Credentialing Matters
- 3) DLSC Matters
- 4) Monitoring Matters
- 5) Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Matters
- 6) Petitions for Summary Suspensions
- 7) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
- 8) Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
- 9) Proposed Interim Orders
- 10) Administrative Warnings
- 11) Review of Administrative Warnings
- 12) Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
- 13) Matters Relating to Costs/Orders Fixing Costs
- 14) Case Closings
- 15) Board Liaison Training

- 16) Petitions for Assessments and Evaluations
- 17) Petitions to Vacate Orders
- 18) Remedial Education Cases
- 19) Motions
- 20) Petitions for Re-Hearing
- 21) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed

M. Consulting with Legal Counsel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

N. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session, if Voting is Appropriate

O. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session

P. Delegation of Ratification of Examination Results and Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

MEETINGS AND HEARINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND MAY BE CANCELLED WITHOUT NOTICE.

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**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2023**

PRESENT: Jeffrey Clark, Mark Jinkins (*arrived at 9:03 a.m.*), Robert Schulz, Lisa Slaby, Peter Sorce, Emmylou Wilson

STAFF: Tom Ryan, Executive Director; Jameson Whitney, Legal Counsel; Dana Denny, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Katlin Schwartz, Bureau Assistant; and other DSPS Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Schulz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with five (5) members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Emmylou Wilson, to adopt the Agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2023

MOTION: Lisa Slaby moved, seconded by Emmylou Wilson, to adopt the Minutes of January 26, 2023 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Jinkins arrived at 9:03 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MATTERS

Opt 8, Relating to Continuing Education

MOTION: Mark Jinkins moved, seconded by Robert Schulz, to authorize the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to approve the preliminary rule draft of OPT 8, relating to continuing education for posting of economic impact comments and submission to the Clearinghouse. Motion carried unanimously.

Opt 1, 5, and 6, Relating to Telehealth

MOTION: Robert Schulz moved, seconded by Lisa Slaby, to designate Jeffrey Clark to serve as liaison to DSPS staff for drafting OPT 1, 5, and 6, relating to telehealth. Motion carried unanimously.

Possible Scope – ARBO Definition Changes and Opt CE Requirements

MOTION: Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Emmylou Wilson, to request DSPS staff draft a Scope Statement revising OPT 8, relating to continuing education requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Robert Schulz, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Robert Schulz, Chairperson, read the language of the motion. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Jeffrey Clark-yes; Mark Jinkins-yes; Robert Schulz-yes; Lisa Slaby-yes; Peter Sorce-yes; and Emmylou Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board convened into Closed Session 9:27 a.m.

DELIBERATION ON DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE (DLSC) MATTERS

Administrative Warning

21 OPT 013 – M.K.K.

MOTION: Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Mark Jinkins, to issue an Administrative Warning in the matter of M.K.K., DLSC Case Number 21 OPT 013. Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Robert Schulz moved, seconded by Peter Sorce, to reconvene in Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:31 a.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Robert Schulz moved, seconded by Peter Sorce, to affirm all motions made and votes taken in Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

(Be advised that any recusals or abstentions reflected in the Closed Session motions stand for the purposes of the affirmation vote.)

**DELEGATION OF RATIFICATION OF EXAMINATION RESULTS AND
RATIFICATION OF LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES**

MOTION: Lisa Slaby moved, seconded by Jeffrey Clark, to delegate ratification of examination results to DSPS staff and to delegate and ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Peter Sorce moved, seconded by Robert Schulz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

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2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

2023 SENATE BILL 143

March 23, 2023 - Introduced by Senators CABRAL-GUEVARA, ROYS and WANGGAARD,
cosponsored by Representatives MAGNAFICI, DITTRICH, MURPHY and ROZAR.
Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 448.03 (3m) of the statutes; **relating to:** the use of certain
2 words and terms that refer to a physician.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill restricts the words and terms that may be used to designate certain medical professionals in titles, advertising, and descriptions of services. Under current law, no person may use or assume the title “doctor of medicine” or append to the person's name the letters “M.D.” unless the person possesses the degree of doctor of medicine or the person is licensed as a physician by the Medical Examining Board. Similarly, only individuals who possess the degree of doctor of osteopathy may use or assume the title “doctor of osteopathy” or append “D.O.” to their name.

This bill restricts persons, except licensed physicians, from using certain words, terms, letters, or abbreviations that represent a person as a physician. Those restrictions under the bill apply to a person's title, advertising, or description of services, and the bill provides an extensive but not exclusive list of the words and terms covered by the bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1 .** 448.03 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 448.03 **(3m)** USE OF TERMS REPRESENTING PHYSICIANS. Except as otherwise
5 provided in this chapter, no person, except a licensed physician, may use or assume

1 the following words, letters, or terms in the person's title, advertising, or description
2 of services: “physician,” “surgeon,” “osteopathic physician,” “osteopathic surgeon,”
3 “medical doctor,” “anesthesiologist,” “cardiologist,” “dermatologist,”
4 “endocrinologist,” “gastroenterologist,” “gynecologist,” “hematologist,”
5 “laryngologist,” “nephrologist,” “neurologist,” “obstetrician,” “oncologist,”
6 “ophthalmologist,” “orthopedic surgeon,” “orthopedist,” “osteopath,” “otologist,”
7 “otolaryngologist,” “otorhinolaryngologist,” “pathologist,” “pediatrician,” “primary
8 care physician,” “proctologist,” “psychiatrist,” “radiologist,” “rheumatologist,”
9 “rhinologist,” “urologist,” or any other words, letters, or abbreviations, alone or in
10 combination with other titles or words, that represent that the person is a physician.

11 **(END)**



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**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 143**

May 22, 2023 - Offered by Senator CABRAL-GUEVARA.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 4: after "PHYSICIANS." insert "(a)".

3 **2.** Page 2, line 10: after that line insert:

4 "(b) The board may, in consultation with the department, the veterinary
5 examining board, or any credentialing board, as defined in s. 440.01 (2) (bm), as
6 applicable, grant an exception to par. (a) to a health care provider who is not a
7 licensed physician and allow the health care provider to use or assume words, letters,
8 or abbreviations excepted by the board under this paragraph in the health care
9 provider's title, advertising, and description of services, notwithstanding par. (a). If
10 the board grants a health care provider an exception under this paragraph, the board
11 shall inform the department, the veterinary examining board, or any credentialing
12 board, as applicable, that the health care provider was granted an exception under
13 this paragraph and may use or assume those words, letters, or abbreviations in the

1 health care provider's title, advertising, and description of services. An exception
2 granted under this paragraph is effective until revoked by the board or until the
3 health care provider's credential is no longer valid.

4 (c) The board, in consultation with the department, the veterinary examining
5 board, and any credentialing board, as defined in s. 440.01 (2) (bm), shall develop
6 criteria for granting exceptions under par. (b). The board shall publish the criteria
7 on its website.


8 (d) Notwithstanding s. 227.10 (1), exceptions granted under par. (b) and criteria
9 developed under par. (c) need not be promulgated as rules under ch. 227.

10 (e) This subsection shall not prohibit any person from using or assuming any
11 words, letters, or abbreviations in the person's title in their communications and
12 correspondence with the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services if the use
13 or assumption of the words, letters, or abbreviations in the person's title is relevant
14 to the reimbursement rates that the person is eligible for or receives under the
15 Medical Assistance program.”.

16 (END)

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Dana Denny, Administrative Rules Coordinator		2) Date when request submitted: 6/23/2023 Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Optometry Examining Board			
4) Meeting Date: 7/6/23	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration 1. Scope Statement: Opt 8, Relating to Continuing Education Requirements 2. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects a. Rule Project Chart	
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <Appearance Name(s)> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable: N/A	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: Attachments: 1. Scope Statement Opt 8, relating to Continuing Education Requirements 2. ARBO/COPE Definition Document 3. Rule Project Chart (Board Rule projects can be Viewed Here if Needed: https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/RulesStatutes/PendingRules.aspx)			
11) Authorization			
		6/23/23	
Signature of person making this request		Date	
Supervisor (Only required for post agenda deadline items)		Date	
Executive Director signature (Indicates approval for post agenda deadline items)		Date	
Directions for including supporting documents: 1. This form should be saved with any other documents submitted to the Agenda Items folders. 2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director. 3. If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a meeting.			

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Optometry Examining Board

Rule No.: OPT 8

Relating to: Continuing Education – ARBO/COPE Requirements

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of the proposed rule is to clarify the number of continuing education hours and instructional format required to renew an optometry license according to the updated standards adopted by the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) and the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE).

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Updating the continuing education requirements will better clarify the number of synchronous in-person, synchronous virtual, and asynchronous continuing education hours required to renew an optometry license. COPE has updated synchronous and asynchronous the course formats and hours to align with modern education terminology, and provided new definitions to guide state regulatory boards.

The alternative to making these updates is that continuing education requirements will continue to use outdated technology inconsistent with ARBO/COPE best practice standards for optometrists currently within and interested in entering the profession.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

15.08(5)(b) Each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the profession to which it pertains and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the profession.

449.06(2m) The examining board shall promulgate rules requiring a person who is issued a license to practice optometry to complete, during the 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal date specified in s. 440.08(2)(a), not less than 30 hours of continuing education. The rules shall include requirements that apply only to optometrists who are allowed to use topical ocular diagnostic pharmaceutical agents under s. 449.17 or who are allowed to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents or remove foreign bodies from an eye or from an appendage to the eye under s. 449.18.

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

Approximately 80 hours.

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Licensed Wisconsin optometrists and those looking into entering the profession.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

None to minimal. This rule is not likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

Contact Person: Dana Denny, 608-287-3748, DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov.

Approved for publication:

Approved for implementation:

Authorized Signature

Authorized Signature

Date Submitted

Date Submitted



COPE Announces New Synchronous and Asynchronous Course Formats

October 2022

Over the past few years, the COPE Governing Committee has completed a thorough review of COPE's course format options and the effectiveness of these formats within optometry and the healthcare continuing education system. The committee also completed an extensive literature review and research into CE/CME formats in numerous healthcare professions.

COPE has determined that the overall quality of continuing education is more important than the location of the course. Continuing education delivery methods changed during the pandemic and technology now allows for immediate interaction with a course instructor regardless of learners being present in the same room. In February 2022, COPE proposed updating its course formats to Synchronous and Asynchronous to align with modern educational terminology. Feedback from stakeholders was overwhelmingly positive. Stakeholders requested clarification on monitoring attendance and measuring outcomes for the new formats and in response, COPE developed clear, streamlined guidance to ensure that COPE's requirements and standards will remain intact with the format changes.

COPE will be implementing the new Synchronous and Asynchronous course formats with all new course and activity submissions on January 1, 2023. To prepare for this change, the following information/guidelines have been created to ensure a smooth transition among stakeholders:

- NEW COPE Synchronous/Asynchronous Format Chart (including definitions and examples)
- Attendance Monitoring and Outcomes Measurement Guide (includes definitions and examples)
- New COPE Format FAQ

It is also important to note that individual State and Provincial Licensing Boards may limit the number of Synchronous Virtual and Asynchronous hours optometrists can take for license renewal. COPE advises optometrists to contact the State or Provincial Board where they are licensed for verification of what is acceptable.

Please review the attached information and feel free to contact Sierra Powell, Manager of Accreditation Services, at spowell@arbo.org, with any questions.



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2023 COPE Course Formats

NEW COURSE FORMAT	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES
<p>SYNCHRONOUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>SYNCHRONOUS IN-PERSON</u> FORMERLY "LIVE" <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>SYNCHRONOUS VIRTUAL</u> FORMERLY "INTERACTIVE DISTANCE LEARNING" 	<p>INTERACTIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION <i>For Synchronous In-Person and Virtual:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecturer and learner are together at the same time Real time communication between the instructor and the learner Learners can receive immediate feedback Fixed schedule; learning takes place only once at a specific date and time <p><i>*NOTE: Post-course tests will NOT be required for courses presented in a synchronous format <u>unless the course is for CEE credit</u>. See CEE definition below.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>SYNCHRONOUS IN-PERSON:</u> -Face-to-face -Hands on workshop -Interactive posters with authors presenting in real time <u>SYNCHRONOUS VIRTUAL:</u> -Interactive webinars in real time -Videoconferences -Interactive posters with authors presenting in real time
<p>ASYNCHRONOUS FORMERLY "ENDURING DISTANCE LEARNING"</p>	<p>NON-INTERACTIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecturer and learner are not together at the same time No real time communication between the instructor and the learner Learners do not receive immediate feedback Content is created and made available for attendance at a later date No fixed schedule, learner-paced <p><i>*NOTE: Post-course tests will be required for ALL courses presented in an asynchronous format.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded webinar without instructor interaction Journal article Webcast/podcast

Continuing Education with Examination (CEE) is also known as Transcript Quality (TQ) or Certified CE. This type of continuing education is required to be in-person, be a minimum of 2 hours in length and include a post-course test to verify learning. Learners must score a minimum of 70% on the post-course test to receive CEE credit.

IMPORTANT: Individual State and Provincial Licensing Boards may limit the number of Synchronous Virtual and Asynchronous hours optometrists can take for license renewal. **COPE advises optometrists to contact the State or Provincial Board where they are licensed for verification of what is acceptable.**



COPE Attendance Policy Requirements

Attendance monitoring is required for COPE-Accredited CE and must be an active process that is conducted with integrity and impartiality. **COPE Administrators/Providers MUST monitor attendance at all activities and ensure that CE credit is provided only to those individuals present during the instructional time.** No partial credit is permitted in any circumstances. Attendees should only receive credit if they have been present for the entire scheduled time.

COPE credit hours/units are defined in the following increments:

- 0.25 credit hours/units = 15 minutes of instructional time
- 0.50 hours/units = 25 minutes of instructional time
- 1.00 hours/units = 50 minutes of instructional time

To assist COPE Administrators/Providers in ensuring accurate attendance, COPE has provided a list of examples of acceptable attendance monitoring options. **Please note that this list may not include all attendance monitoring options available. COPE Administrators/Providers are welcome to contact ARBO to discuss other potential options.

Attendance Monitoring Options for COPE Accredited CE

Virtual Roll Call

Message Boards/Chats or Discussion Forum- Ask learners to post comments/something they learned at various times

Interactive Polls- Ask questions throughout the course to ensure learner participation

Quizzes- Pre-and post-course quiz or post-course quiz only

(Reminder: Post-course tests are required for Asynchronous and CEE courses.)

Post-Course Surveys or Evaluations

Lecture Questions asked throughout Course for learners to respond in chat

Meeting Platform/Software Attendance Tracking of attendees' sign-in and sign-out time





COPE Outcomes Measurement Requirements

COPE Administrators/Providers are required to conduct a post-activity educational evaluation which includes gathering data or information on the changes in the learners based on the stated goals of competence, performance or patient outcomes as identified in planning the activity. This is extremely important for Synchronous Courses that no longer require post-course testing. (Note: Courses submitted for CEE credit require a post-course test.) COPE has provided a list of outcomes measurement options for COPE Administrators/Providers to use. **Please note that this list may not include all outcomes measurement options available. COPE Administrators/Providers are welcome to contact ARBO to discuss other potential options.

Outcomes Measurement Options for COPE Accredited CE

Short Pre-Test and Post-Test- Ask the same question or different questions to measure change

Simple Question at End of Course asking what learners plan to change in practice

Interactive Poll at the end of the course asking outcomes measurement questions

Open-Book Test Questions based on speaker's handout at end of the course

Self-Assessment Question(s) given at the beginning and end of the course to measure change

Pre-Course Checklist of Skills- Ask "Are you doing this activity in your practice now?" Areas not checked off can be addressed in the speaker's presentation and reported at the conclusion.

Required/Strongly Recommended Pre-Reading - Ask questions related to pre-reading and course content at the end of the course

Post-Course Surveys or Evaluations



COPE Synchronous/Asynchronous Format FAQ's



What is the difference between “Synchronous In-Person” and the previous “live” format?

There is no difference. The Synchronous In-Person format (previously “live”) is when the instructor is in the same room with the participants, even if other formats are used as audiovisual aids for teaching the course. The instructor is face-to-face with the audience and can touch the participants.

What is the difference between “Synchronous Virtual” and the previous “Interactive Distance Learning” format?

Synchronous Virtual is the same as the previous Interactive Distance Learning format as far as the course presentation. There must be immediate interaction between the instructor and the learner. The only difference is that post-course tests will no longer be required for courses presented in the Synchronous Virtual Format. Required attendance monitoring and other methods of outcomes measurement are now available for COPE Administrators/Providers to ensure accurate attendance and evaluate their stated goals of competence, performance or patient outcomes.

What is the different between “Asynchronous Distance” format and the previous “Enduring Distance Learning” format?

There is no difference. Because there is no real time communication between the instructor and the learner during these courses, a post-course test for learners will continue to be required for this format.

Have the post-course test requirements changed for Asynchronous Distance courses?

No. Courses presented for COPE review under the Asynchronous Distance format must comply with the following requirements:

- A. Courses must include a post-course test to verify learning.
- B. Post-course tests and answer keys must be reviewed by an accredited school of optometry, medicine, pharmacy or osteopathy.
- C. Tests must be in multiple-choice question (MCQ) and should conform to the National Board of Examiners in Optometry’s (NBEO) Item Writer’s Manual.
- D. Post Course tests must receive a score of at least 70% or better for a certificate of completion to be issued.
- E. Post-course tests must include a minimum number of questions based on the length of the course.
 - 0.25 hours/units require a minimum of 3 questions
 - 0.50 hours/units require a minimum of 5 questions
 - 1.00 hours/units require a minimum of 10 questions
- F. The post-course test and answer key must be uploaded with the application materials to COPE.
- G. Tests may accompany a course as part of the delivery mechanism (i.e., an internet-based course may allow test candidates to take the test online; or a correspondence course may include the test in the same publication as the article, etc.)
- H. Post-course test grading may be done by the sponsoring school or other impartial method. The sponsoring school is responsible for ensuring that the test and answer key are valid and that the grading process is objective. The school must ensure the administration and grading of the test is unbiased if they are not grading the test themselves.



Will my licensing board award “Live” credit for a Synchronous Virtual course?

Individual State and Provincial Licensing Boards may allow Synchronous Virtual courses to count as “live” credit for license renewal, while others may not. COPE advises optometrists to contact the State or Provincial Board where they are licensed for verification of what is acceptable for license renewal.

Why did COPE remove the post-course test requirement for Synchronous Virtual Courses?

COPE has determined that there are other effective tools to both monitor attendance and measure the success of a CE activity outside of a multiple-choice test. A full list of acceptable attendance and outcomes measurement options is now available for all COPE Administrators/Providers to utilize based on the nature of each individual CE activity.

If I have a course that was approved under one of COPE’s previous formats will I have to resubmit it as synchronous or asynchronous in order to present it in 2023?

You will not have to resubmit a course as long as it hasn’t expired and the delivery method of the course hasn’t changed. As of January 1, 2023, all new course submissions will be in the synchronous and asynchronous formats.

Are there any changes in the Course Qualification Periods?

The course qualification period for each course qualified by COPE depends on the format of the course. These time periods will not change with the new formats. They will remain as follows:

- Synchronous In-Person Courses: 1 Year Qualification Period
- Synchronous Virtual Courses: 1 Year Qualification Period
- Asynchronous Distance Courses: 3 Year Qualification Period

Optometry Examining Board
Rule Projects (updated 6/23/23)

Clearinghouse Rule Number	Scope #	Scope Expiration	Code Chapter Affected	Relating clause	Current Stage	Next Step
Not Yet Assigned	080-21	07/10/2024	OPT 8	Continuing Education	EIA Comment Period.	Clearinghouse Review.
Not Yet Assigned	018-23	08/20/2025	OPT 1, 5 and 6	Telehealth	Currently drafting rule.	Rule Drafting
Not Yet Assigned			OPT 8	Continuing Education	Scope Requested.	Rule Drafting.

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Marjorie Liu Program Lead, PDMP		2) Date when request submitted: <p style="text-align: center;">06/22/2023</p> <small>Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting</small>																
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Optometry Examining Board																		
4) Meeting Date: 7/6/2023	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Overviews and Updates																
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:																
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WI PDMP Overview <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recent and Upcoming Enhancement b. Gabapentin and Upcoming NPI Requirement 2. PDMP Data Updates: Optometry 																		
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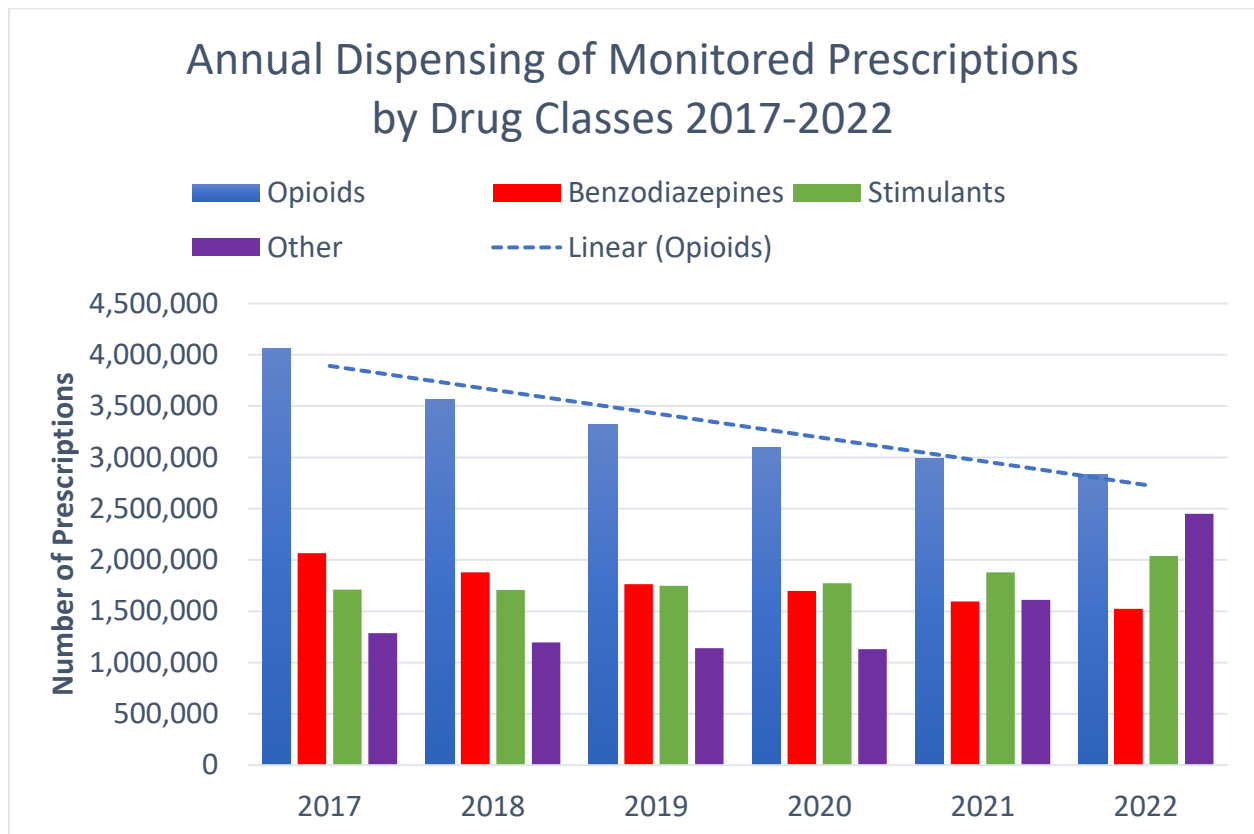
Wisconsin Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Overview

738,000 Dispensing Records Submitted per Month

80,800 Data-Driven Patient History Alerts per Month

30,000 Active Healthcare Professional Users

786,000 Patient Queries per Month





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Wisconsin Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Updates- Optometry

ePDMP Registration (As of 3/31/2023)

Total Number of Licensed Optometrists	1,303
Total Number of Licensed Optometrists Registered with the WI ePDMP	211
Number of Licensed Optometrists who have logged in to the ePDMP in the past 12 months	54

ePDMP Usage (Q1 2023)

Number of Optometrists with Rx Required of PDMP review	5	
Total Queries by Optometrists (including delegates)	0	
ePDMP Usage/Prescribing Compliance Rate	ePDMP Usage	Number of Prescribers
	100%	0
	99-50%	0
	49-1%	0
	0%	5

Prescribing of Monitored Drugs Q1 2023 (Optometrists)

	Total Unique Prescribers	Total Prescriptions
Optometrists with Monitored Drug Prescriptions	7	10
Optometrists with Opioid Prescriptions	3	3
Optometrists with Benzo Prescriptions	1	1

Opioid Prescribing Trend 2022-2023 (Optometrists)

	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023
Opioid Prescriptions/ Number of Licensees	3/3	0/0	2/2	3/2	3/3
Change from Prev. Q	200%	-300%	200%	100%	0%