

AOA CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS PROGRAM

The decision to offer AOA CE Hours came after discussions with state leaders, notable and respected speakers as well as other associations. The need for more diverse learning environments and education techniques has been the catalyst behind this movement. AOA CE Hours are not intended to be a revenue generator for the AOA.

MISSION



AOA CE Hours serve to enhance the type of CE and professional development content that can be provided related to topics that don't typically fit into standard, traditional third-party requirements.

COURSE SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION



The AOA Education Center Committee (ECC)—comprised of doctors, educators, state affiliates and paraoptometric—launches a Call for Courses annually. The ECC uses a multi-step course evaluation process: entailing a course being evaluated by multiple members of the committee, a scoring system that allows for the committee members to provide analytical feedback, small-group review discussion to conduct course critiques, and then a full-group review of the suggested approved courses before a course is granted final approval. All course speakers will remain anonymous during this process.

COURSE CONTENT CATEGORIES & SUBCATEGORIES



The ECC will assign the course topic designation and subcategory:

- Clinical Education (Surgical Procedures, Laser Procedures, Injections)
- General Optometry (Anterior Segment, Posterior Segment, Systemic Disease, Glaucoma, Pharmacology, Contact Lenses, Refractive, Binocular Vision/Vision Rehab)
- Professional Development

TERMS OF APPROVAL AND USE



Course approvals will be given on a sliding scale ranging from one to three years. AOA-approved learning experiences will be offered in a variety of formats (panel discussions, problem-based learning scenarios, hands-on and experiential opportunities, small-group discussions and self-paced learning in either a face-to-face or virtual setting). Hours will be eligible for AOA approval only if the course is used through an AOA or AOA affiliate venue.

AOA COURSE CATALOG



Speakers can consent to allow their approved AOA course to be listed in the AOA Course Catalog available on the AOA's website. This complementary catalog will be available for AOA affiliates to use as a source for speakers and courses for their own meetings and education events.

AOA CE HOURS ACTIVITY/EVENT APPROVAL



Affiliates will be able to request approval, at no cost, and will be given an activity number to include on certificates/transcripts associated with the event in question.

