

Program	Eligibility Requirements
Certified Paraoptometric (CPO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent, and - Minimum of six (6) months full-time optometric eye care experience.
Certified Paraoptometric Assistant (CPOA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum of six (6) months additional employment in the optometric eye care field as a Certified Paraoptometric (CPO™); or - Be a graduate (within the last 5 years) or *student currently enrolled the last semester of study of a CPC approved optometric assistant program; or - Have *three years or more work experience in the optometric eye care field and receive approval from the CPC to bypass the CPO™ exam prior to submitting exam application. The employer must attest to this experience by completing the CPOA™ Reference Form. *Effective March 2017
Certified Paraoptometric Technician (CPOT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum of six (6) months additional employment in the optometric eye care field as a Certified Paraoptometric Assistant (CPOA™); or - Be a graduate (within the last 5 years) or student currently enrolled in the last quarter of study of an Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) approved optometric technician program. - All candidates attempting to earn the CPOT credential must successfully complete the CPOT Written and Clinical Examinations within a period of 18-months before the CPOT credential will be awarded. <p>**Note the CPOT examination is a two-part examination. All candidates must pass both the written and the clinical examination within an 18-month period before being recognized as a CPOT.</p>
Certified Paraoptometric Coder (CPOC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent, and - Minimum of two (2) years' experience in the optometric coding and billing field.