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| **Certified Paraoptometric (CPO)**          | - Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent, and  
- Minimum of six (6) months full-time optometric eye care experience.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| **Certified Paraoptometric Assistant (CPOA)** | - 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)** | - Minimum of six (6) months additional employment in the optometric eye care field as a Certified Paraoptometric Assistant (CPOATM); 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. **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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| **Certified Paraoptometric Coder (CPOC)**    | - Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent, and  
- Minimum of two (2) years’ experience in the optometric coding and billing field.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |