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Quarterly Paraoptometric Email Newsletter



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CPC accreditation

The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC) is pleased to announce that the Institute for Credentialing Excellence has granted approval of accreditation for three paraoptometric certification programs. The Certified Paraoptometric (CPO), Certified Paraoptometric Assistant (CPOA) and Certified Paraoptometric Technician (CPOT) programs will remain accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies for another five years. The CPC is a member of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence.



Volunteer with CPC and earn CE

The CPC has openings on the Item Review



The all-new EyeLearn

The AOA's member-exclusive, centralized

Committee and is particularly in need of CPOs who would like to be involved. Committee members participate in a series of two-three calls with Professional Testing Corporation and other committee members to review questions that may be included on upcoming exams. This committee is active only in the first quarter of the year. CE is awarded based on participation. Complete an interest form [here](#).



education portal, EyeLearn, offers an expanding online catalog of educational modules, webinars and resources to support the practice of contemporary optometry. A new and improved platform launches Monday, Feb. 7, with curated content that's easy to access anytime, anywhere. Check out the [user guide](#) to familiarize yourself with the new platform and [get learning](#).



Paraoptometric awards nominations

The AOA [Paraoptometric of the Year Award](#) recognizes a deserving individual paraoptometric who has made outstanding contributions to the profession of optometry, patients and the public. The [Paraoptometric Community Service Award](#) recognizes a deserving AOA paraoptometric individual who has generously donated their time and talents to the profession of optometry, patients and the public. The deadline to submit nominations is Feb. 18, 2022. [Learn more](#).

2022 examination dates

The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification determines the schedule for the 2022 examinations. The CPO, CPOA, CPOT and CPOC examinations are administered during an established two-week testing period four times yearly, Monday through Saturday excluding holidays, at computer-based testing facilities managed by Prometric. [Learn more](#).



Item-Writing course & committee

The CPC is collaborating with Professional Testing Corporation to offer a live, item-writing webinar to teach people how to construct new test questions. Interested paraoptometrics and doctors of optometry are invited to attend this one-hour session on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. CT. Following this training is the opportunity to work with experienced item writers to hone this new skill and for paraoptometrics to earn continuing education credits that may be used toward their certification renewal. Contact CPC@aoa.org by Tuesday, Feb. 15, to receive an invitation.

Optometry's Meeting®

[Optometry's Meeting®](#) delivers relevant, impactful education and collaborative opportunities for all levels of paraoptometrics, not only equipping you for a successful career but also helping your practice meet the primary eye health care needs of your patients—now and into the future. [Register now](#).



Certification renewals

CPOC renewals are due by May 31; all other renewals are due by Nov. 1. All renewals may be submitted online through [2022 CPC Certification Online Renewal Submission Form](#). Invoices were emailed on Jan. 24. If you are due to renew and did not receive an invoice, please contact CPC@aoa.org.

New! Wear your certification to work!

A new batch of certification lapel pins are in and available to [order](#)! Patients will see it and may ask what it means. Celebrate your achievement when explaining that you have achieved a nationally accredited and recognized certification by demonstrating competency in eyecare



Para Speaker Series

The Education Center will continue to offer the Para Speaker Series and panel discussions throughout the year. Below are some of the topics we hope to cover in 2022. Dates will be announced as they become available.

- Contact lenses (part 2 of 2021 bootcamp)
- OCT imaging
- Optical dispensing
- Children's vision exam
- Scribing/understanding tests
- Ocular surface diseases
- Glaucoma
- Diabetic retinopathy
- Myopia
- Patient centric service
- Various retinal conditions

AOA membership has benefits

Access examination prep materials and continuing education, attend live webinars, receive discounts on materials and meeting registration—all for free to paraoptometric who are employed by an AOA-member doctor. [Read more.](#)

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