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The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC), with the assistance of Professional Testing Corporation (PTC), will be conducting a job task analysis (JTA) or role delineation survey in 2023. A JTA or role delineation survey is a tool that is used to analyze which tasks within a job role are the most important and the most frequently performed. Survey recipients are urged to provide thoughtful responses to each survey question. The purpose of the survey is to assist a certification program in constructing and validating an examination and to determine that the questions that are being asked on the examination are relevant to the job or role. The certifying body, in this case the CPC, must demonstrate to the accrediting organization and its stakeholders that the examinations are testing the right group of people as determined by eligibility criteria and that relevant knowledge, skills and competencies are being assessed.

This information is obtained by analyzing the responses received from survey respondents, while the resulting data serves as the blueprint for construction of the paraoptometric examinations. The response of a broad geographic and demographic pool of paraoptometrics is critical and invaluable in guiding the content of the paraoptometric examinations over the next few years. When you receive the survey in your email inbox in the next few months, please be sure to respond.

The CPC is seeking certified paraoptometrics and doctors of optometry to serve on three different JTA task forces, one for each certification level (CPO, CPOA and CPOT). The task forces are working committees whose role is to develop the survey to determine what a paraoptometric needs to do when offering services to clients and to provide feedback once the survey data has been analyzed. Members must be able to commit to independent and group blocks of time to complete the assignment beginning in February. This project will last several months.

Paraoptometric participants will earn CPC continuing education credits for their participation.

Contact cpc@aoa.org for more information.
Call for CPC Commissioners

The CPC is accepting nominations for two openings on the commission for three-year terms that begin July 1, 2023. Members of the Commission assist the chair and vice chair in carrying out the mission of the CPC, assist in the development and maintenance of CPC programs and policies, and participate in the review and assist in enforcement and governance of CPC policies. Each commissioner must attend a monthly conference call and be assigned to participate in at least one CPC committee and other projects as needed. Nominations may be made by emailing cpc@aoa.org or by completing a volunteer interest form here.

2023 Paraoptometric Awards Nominations

We are thrilled to announce that nominations are currently being accepted for the 2023 AOA Paraoptometric of the Year Award, Community Service Award and the newly redefined Paraoptometric Lifetime Achievement Award. Nomination details can be found on the Paraoptometric Awards page on the AOA website. Help us honor the role of paraoptometrics in optometry by nominating a deserving paraoptometric. Nominations must be submitted by Feb. 13, 2023.

Para Speaker Series continues

The AOA Education Center kicks off the 2023 Para Speaker Series in January, Glaucoma

EyeLearn non-member access

Recently, the AOA Education Center announced that select courses have been made available to
Awareness Month, by featuring a new, live webinar about glaucoma. Katie Rachon, O.D., will be the speaker for this webinar on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, at 7 p.m. CT. Enrollment through your AOA EyeLearn Professional Development Hub account will open later this month. Be sure to join us each month as new topics are explored. Contact educationcenter@aoa.org for more information.

Non-members for a fee. Non-members will log in to EyeLearn using their AOA username and password, then navigate to the browse new content section on the EyeLearn homepage. Select available courses from the course catalog. Some courses have been approved for CPC continuing education credit. Email educationcenter@aoa.org for assistance or more information.

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