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**Surgical Assisting for Paraoptometrics** – This four-hour workshop is one of two parts of the Surgical Assisting Micro Credential. To earn this micro credential, participants will also need to complete a second component and assessment in EyeLearn before or after completing this workshop.

**Electronic Health Records (EHR)** – Presented by leaders in the industry, learn the ins and outs of EHR.

**Experience Vision Loss and How You Can Help** – A unique opportunity to gain insights into providing compassionate care to those with vision impairment.

**Getting Started with Intense Pulsed Light (IPL)** – An introductory course designed for paras and doctors of optometry with the goal of making each comfortable in their role in this dry eye disease treatment.

**Mastering the Slit Lamp** – Enhance your skills through live demonstrations and interactive learning.

**Basic Frame Adjustment Workshop** – Explore various types of eyeglass frames and gain an understanding of the importance of proper fit to enhance patient comfort and visual clarity.

**Scleral Lens Hands-On Workshop** – Offers invaluable experiences for refining techniques and advancing proficiency.

**Ocular Pathology** – Learn how changes in eye anatomy can lead to vision disruptions, and the available treatment options.

**Contact Lens Complications** – Gain in-depth knowledge and strategies for addressing challenging clinical scenarios.

## Call for Courses 2025

The [call for courses](#) for Optometry’s Meeting 2025 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is now open. All application submissions must be submitted online by **July 21, 2024**.

### What’s new in EyeLearn?

Access the full Paraoptometric Catalog in [EyeLearn](#).



# Don't just take our word for it—you need a CPOC!

*“CPOC (credential) tells insurance companies I have some credibility when I am contesting their decisions. It lends the same credibility to our patients when they have insurance questions, disagreements with billing and other similar situations.” – Joy Stiles, CPOC*

*“The CPOC certification that I earned verifies my competency to perform in the specialty of optometric billing, coding and auditing. My certification is a document representing that as a CPOC professional, I've been trained, educated and am prepared to meet a specific set of criteria for this profession. This certification is awarded only after I've passed the proper assessments administered by my peers in the American Optometric Association, a trusted credentialing body.” – Karen Koch, CPO, CPOC*



## One more chance to obtain your CPOT

For paraoptometrics who have only passed one portion of the CPOT or who will take both parts this year, the last time the two-part examination will be offered is during the November 2-16 testing period. Candidates will need to pass both parts of the examination by the end of the year to earn the CPOT credential. Beginning in May 2025, the CPOT examination will be a one-part examination. For more information, contact [cpc@aoa.org](mailto:cpc@aoa.org).

## Testing in 2024: Check out the new study resources

Make sure you reference the [AOA Paraoptometric Examination Study Resource](#) checklist, which can also be found in the [2024 Paraoptometric Examination Candidate Handbook](#). View the newly compiled **2020-2024 Paraoptometric Exam: Study Resources** book in [EyeLearn](#) within each comprehensive CPO, CPOA and CPOT Review Course. Please note that these resources replace the *2015 CPO Study Guide* and the *Self-Study Course for Paraoptometric Assistants and Technicians* binder. Additionally, if you purchased the self-assessment quiz, as stated in Marketplace there is no credit issued for this assessment. Scoring of the assessment will be discontinued after Oct. 31, 2024.



## November examination applications temporarily unavailable



PTC will be rolling out a new application system this summer. To have a smooth transition, the CPO, CPOA and CPOC applications for the November testing window are temporarily unavailable. Any candidates who currently have applications started for the November testing period can expect to receive a notification from PTC stating they will need to start new applications in the system when it becomes available. The estimated launch of the new CPC applications is sometime in late June to mid-July.

The CPOT applications will not be affected.

## 2024 certification renewals

The second renewal invoice is set to go out shortly to those due to renew a CPO, CPOA or CPOT. Only certifications that are due for renewal in 2024 should be submitted. Contact [cpc@aoa.org](mailto:cpc@aoa.org) if unsure of your renewal year. Start your 2024 renewal submission [here](#).



Contribute to the paraoptometric examinations – updated item writing course

Certified paraoptometric have an opportunity to contribute to future examinations and advancing the role of certified paraoptometric, all while earning continuing education (CE) credits. The [CPC Item Writing Training Course](#) in EyeLearn has recently been updated with new information and content outlines for exams that will be given over the next several years. New test items (questions) in all areas are needed for future exams, with new items being accepted year-round. Items are added to a bank for review by subject matter experts and processed by Professional Testing Corporation before they can be placed on an examination. Help us build a robust bank of test questions! Anyone interested in learning this skill and earning CE should contact [cpc@aoa.org](mailto:cpc@aoa.org).



## 2024 Paraoptometric examination schedule

The [registration deadline](#) for the August paraoptometric examinations is June 26! Utilize the many excellent study resources that are available to AOA associate members for free in EyeLearn or that may be purchased by non-members. Review the [candidate handbook](#) for information on upcoming examinations, live remote proctored testing opportunities, and all the recommended study resources.



## Coming soon! Paraoptometric Appreciation Month

September is Paraoptometric Appreciation Month—a time to recognize the staff for their role in practice success. They are normally the first and last faces a patient sees during their visit, and they often play a vital role in all aspects of patient care. It's not too early to begin planning ways to show them they matter and to recognize their contributions to the practice.

## AOA membership has benefits

Access examination prep materials, continuing education, attend live webinars, receive discounts on materials and meeting registration. All for free to paraoptometric who are employed by an AOA member optometrist. Paraoptometrics can now enroll themselves! All you need is your employer's AOA ID number.

[Read more](#)



## Paraoptometric Newsletter archive

Catch up on paraoptometric news you may have missed in the [newsletter archive](#).

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