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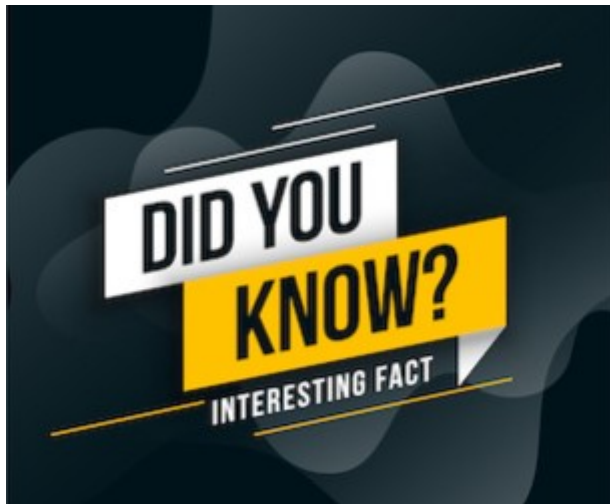


2023 Job Task Analysis Survey

The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification continues to collaborate with Professional Testing Corporation and many paraoptometric and doctors of optometry in creating the newest Job Task Analysis survey.

The survey will be emailed to certified and uncertified paraoptometric as well as doctors of optometry this summer. It is vital that you as stakeholders in the field of optometry respond to the survey.

The purpose of this survey is to collect data regarding the tasks that paraoptometric nationwide perform as well as how these tasks are ranked in accordance with importance and frequency. These responses will form the basis for development of the updated paraoptometric certification examinations that will be released in 2025.



CPC to move to single CPOT examination in 2025

The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC) will be moving from a two-part written and clinical examination for the Certified Paraoptometric Technician (CPOT) to just a written examination starting in 2025. Candidates who have completed one portion of the CPOT examination already must pass both portions of the CPOT examination by November 2024. For more information, contact CPC@aoa.org.

Coming soon! Paraoptometric examinations to be offered remotely

The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC) anticipates offering live remote proctored testing (RPT) later this year. Paraoptometric who select RPT when registering for an examination and who meet the technical requirements of remote testing may complete their examination from the comfort of home or office. Prometric is in the final stages of preparing the examination for this type of testing and once completed, Professional Testing Corporation will begin accepting applications for RPT. More information will be coming soon.



Optometry's Meeting® 2023 registration

Advanced registration ended June 2. **On-site registration will be available!** Don't miss your opportunity to attend world-class education, network with your peers, catch up with old friends and make new ones as the optometric community gathers in Washington, D.C., June 21-24.

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Optometry's Meeting – Paraoptometric highlights

Paraoptometric Awards Luncheon and Idea Exchange: Support your peers by attending this event on Thursday, June 22. The luncheon 11 a.m. to noon is free and open to all paraoptometrics. Registration is required. After a delicious meal, enjoy fun activities that include role-playing learning experiences, networking with other paraoptometrics and raffle prizes at the Idea Exchange immediately following the luncheon (noon to 2 p.m.).

Optometric Surgical Procedures is a four-hour course for paraoptometrics who are interested in earning the new surgical procedures micro-credential. This course is offered from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. Registration is required and includes a \$25 workshop supplies fee.

Para Speaker Series Panel Discussion is among the top recommended courses to attend on Saturday, June 24. Panelists will review and answer questions about the five most popular Para Speaker Series courses of 2022. Ask your questions directly to the speakers who created these courses.

Ring of Silence course on Saturday includes a screening of the feature film "Ring of Silence" followed by a panel discussion on human trafficking and the reporting responsibilities of medical professionals. Registration is not required, and free breakfast will be provided.

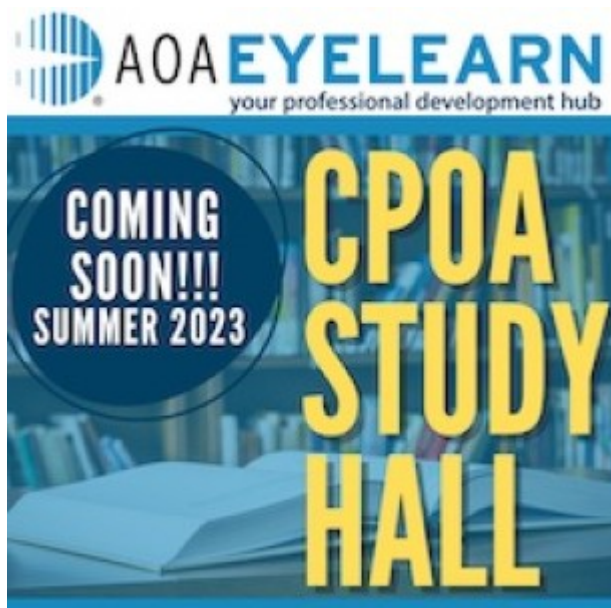


Optometry's Meeting 2024 – Call for courses is open

The AOA has opened the call for courses for the continuing education (CE) program for Optometry's Meeting® 2024. This meeting will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, Wednesday, June 19, through Saturday, June 22. Paraoptometrics who are interested in presenting a course or courses at the meeting must submit their [application](#) online by July 23, 2023.

Para Webinar Series

The Education Center continues to develop more courses as part of the Para Webinar Series and panel discussions that will be offered monthly to AOA members. The next session will be presented in July with Tamara Petrosyan, O.D., discussing optic nerve diseases.



CE in the office and group training

It seems many paraoptometrics struggle when it comes to earning continuing education (CE) credits needed to maintain their paraoptometric certification. And while many offices present training monthly or quarterly to their employees, they don't offer CPC-approved CE credits to their staff. New courses can be developed and approved for in-office training at a minimal cost, or the staff can participate together in group training with courses that are already available in EyeLearn.

For more information on group training and how to get your office involved, email

Volunteer with CPC and earn CE

The CPC has openings on the Continuing Education Review Committee. This committee is a very active committee mainly in the fall and spring as states and national organizations gear up for annual conferences. Committee members who participate in the review of course submissions throughout the year will receive CPC-approved CE that can be used toward their next certification renewal. CE is awarded in June each year and is based on participation. Complete an interest form [here](#).

EducationCenter@aoa.org. To develop and submit new courses, review the 2023 Education Review Guidelines [here](#) or contact CPC@aoa.org for more information.

Para Certification Study Hall (CPOA Specific) Coming Soon – Please use this [link](#) to submit any questions you may have about the content covered on the exam to be answered live during the study hall.



2023 Paraoptometric Examination Schedule

August exam registration deadlines are quickly approaching! Be sure to utilize the excellent study resources that are available to AOA associate members for free in EyeLearn or that may be purchased by non-members.

AOA's Education Committee volunteer paraoptometrics and doctors of optometry continuously strive to ensure quality education and exam prep materials are developed and made available to paraoptometrics who want to start or continue their career as a certified paraoptometric.

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AOA Membership has benefits

Access examination prep materials, continuing education, attend live webinars, receive discounts on materials and meeting registration. All for free to paraoptometrics 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](#).



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