

Determining What Qualifies for Pharmacology Credit

CPR

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation refresher training is acceptable for up to three hours credit for any one continuing education period once every two years. The three hours can be utilized for pharmacology continuing education compliance.

COPE Approved Courses

The Board automatically accepts courses approved by The Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE). COPE divides the courses they approve into four specific categories. These categories are broken down further and utilize identifiers consisting of two alpha characters.

Optometric only credit for these courses:

CLINICAL OPTOMETRY

Contact Lenses (CL)
Functional Vision/Pediatrics (FV)
General Optometry (GO)
Low Vision (LV)
Public Health (PB)

(OPTOMETRIC) BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Practice Management (PM)
Ethics/Jurisprudence (EJ)

(Maximum 2 hours credit permitted per C.E. period in either PM or EJ or 1 hour in each category)

Pharmacology credit for these courses:

OCULAR DISEASE

Glaucoma (GL)
Injection Skills (IS)
Laser Procedures (LP)
Peri-Operative Management of Ophthalmic Surgery (PO)
Refractive Surgery Management (RS)
Surgery Procedures (SP)
Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease; Anterior Segment (AS)
Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease; Posterior Segment (PS)

RELATED SYSTEMIC DISEASE

Neuro-Optometry (NO)
Oral Pharmaceutical (OP)
Pharmacology (PH)
Principles of Diagnosis (PD)
System/Ocular Disease (SD)

Board Approved Courses

Board approved courses will have an approval number that starts with the year-001. If the approval number ends year-001P then it means that the course contains pharmacology hours.