

Board-Approved Continuing Education Courses

LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENT

Continuing education credits are required for renewal of ophthalmic dispenser and limited license renewal.

Ophthalmic Dispenser License

- 14 units of Board-approved continuing education credits, including at least 7 contact lens credits*
- Maximum of 7 online or magazine/home study credits per year
- Maximum of 7 continuing education credits may be carried over from the previous year

*If you passed your optical exam or the exam to upgrade to an ophthalmic license in March or September of this year, you do not need to provide continuing education credits until your 2013 renewal.

Limited License

- 12 units of Board-approved continuing education credits
- Maximum of 6 online or magazine/home study credits per year
- Maximum of 6 continuing education credits may be carried over from the previous year

APPROVED COURSES

The Nevada State Board of Dispensing Opticians has approved these courses for continuing education credit:

- Any continuing education course approved or sponsored by the American Board of Opticianry, the National Committee of Contact Lens Examiners, the National Academy of Opticianry the Contact Lens Society of America, and any ophthalmic accredited program of education (for example, the College of Southern Nevada's Ophthalmic Dispensing Program)
- Meetings of the Nevada Board of Dispensing Opticians—a maximum of seven credits per year—up to four for contact lens credit, and up to three for spectacle credit.
- Accredited CPR courses for spectacle/contact lens credits (each instructional hour equals one credit).
- College of Southern Nevada ophthalmic education program courses—one three-credit CSN course equals six spectacle/contact lens credits (only if not taken as part of a degree or certificate program required for apprenticeship).

Individuals and organizations other than those listed above who wish to request Board approval of continuing education courses must complete and submit an *Application for Continuing Education Credit Approval* for consideration by the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting.

The following applications for continuing education credit were approved by the Board for 2014:

- Davis Optical Center, Smithridge Plaza, Reno 89501; courses will be hosted by Wayne Davis and Robert Olds
 - January 8, 2014: Scleral Contact Lenses (2 hrs)
 - January 15, 2014: Trouble-shooting Rigid Gas Permeable Lenses (1 hr); Ultrahealth Hybrid Contact Lenses (2 hrs)
 - January 22, 2014: Current Concepts of Contact Lenses (1 hr), Instrumentation for Contact Lens Fitting and Verification (2 hrs)
- Arizona Charlie's – Diamond Lilly Ballroom – on Decatur, Las Vegas Nevada; hosted by: Scott Helkaa and Dale Roveri
 - January 19th, 2014: Fun with Optics– 2 Hour workshop – Eyeglasses/Contacts Optical Jeopardy – 2 Hour Glasses / Contacts

IMPORTANT REMINDER

All licensees are responsible for knowing and meeting the requirements of Chapter 637 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). NAC 637.200 (see next page).

*****If a licensee submits a renewal application that does not meet these requirements, the Board will notify the individual that unless the requirements are met before January 31 of each year, the individual's license will be delinquent, and the licensee will be placed on the agenda for Board review.*****

NAC 637.200 Continuing education: Subjects; approval of and credit for courses; minimum hours. ([NRS 637.070](#), [637.121](#), [637.135](#))

1. Subjects for continuing education in ophthalmic dispensing include: (a) Mechanical and geometric optics;
(b) The measurement, fitting and adapting of eyeglasses, contact lenses and optical prosthetics;
(c) Optical materials and their design and uses as visual aids;
(d) The nature and properties of light and its refraction by lenses; (e) The anatomy and physiology of the eye and its appendages;
(f) The principles of management relating to ophthalmic dispensing;
(g) The principles of ophthalmic dispensing and the wearing of contact lenses related to ophthalmology and optometry;
(h) Refractometry;
(i) Anatomy, physiology and health of the eye; (j) Ethics in ophthalmic dispensing;
(k) Ophthalmic products;
(l) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training; and
(m) The provisions of this chapter and [chapter 637](#) of NRS.
2. The Board will approve each course of continuing education and determine the number of credits to be given for each course. A sponsor of a course shall submit to the Board an outline of the course, and any other related materials that the Board may require, for approval of the course before the course is offered.
3. A licensee is not entitled to receive credit for a course of continuing education unless the course is approved by the Board. A licensee may seek approval of a course before attending the course to receive credit towards his hours of continuing education by submitting to the Board an outline of the course and any other related materials that the Board may require.
4. A licensee who attends the same educational lecture more than once every 3 years is entitled to count only his original attendance as credit toward his hours of continuing education.
5. A dispensing optician with a limited license may not receive more than a total of six credits each year towards his hours of continuing education for completion of self-study courses or courses offered over the Internet.
6. A dispensing optician may not receive more than a total of seven credits each year towards his hours of continuing education for completion of self-study courses or courses offered over the Internet.
7. A dispensing optician with a limited license shall complete at least 12 hours of continuing education each year. The dispensing optician with a limited license is entitled to receive credit for not more than 6 additional hours of continuing education completed during a year and may apply those hours of continuing education to the requirement for continuing education for the following year.
8. A dispensing optician shall complete at least 14 hours of continuing education each year, including 7 hours of instruction related to the practice and theory of fitting contact lenses. The dispensing optician is entitled to receive credit for not more than 7 additional hours of continuing education completed during a year and may apply those hours of continuing education to the requirement for continuing education for the following year.

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