

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY CE Fact Sheet

Every Licensee must complete **43** hours of continuing education per even numbered 2-year period.

The current CE period is from 7/1/14 – 6/30/16.

Every Licensee must have:

- At least 12 hours of CE in pharmacology or therapeutics,
- No more than 6 hours in practice management,
- No more than 10 hours by Internet or correspondence.

Every licensee must complete the Drug Diversion Requirement.

- Each license who prescribes controlled substances must take a 3-hour course in Drug Diversion and Best Practices Prescribing available from the WVAOP.
- The licensee who does not prescribe controlled substances has one of two choices to meet the Drug Diversion Requirement:
 - Take the Drug Diversion Course for 3 hours of CE credit;
 - Sign a waiver stating the he has not prescribed a controlled substance during the CE period. Please be aware that there is **no** CE credit for signing the waiver.

Injection Certified CE

- The licensee who holds injection certification (IOD or IOD1) must take at least 2 hours of CE in administering injections.
- The injection certified licensee must keep his CPR from the American Heart Association or the Red Cross up to date.

Pre-Approved Sponsors for WV CE Credit

All CE must be sponsored or approved by the following organizations:

- The American Optometric Association or its affiliated organizations,
- The WV Association of Optometric Physicians or other state AOA organizations,
- The Academy of Optometry,
- Post-graduate courses offered by accredited optometry schools,
- SECO,
- Approved by COPE.

The Board may approve courses not sponsored or approved by the above organizations using the pre-approval process outlined in §14-10-6. Check with the Board regarding any course that is not sponsored or approved by the list above before taking the course.